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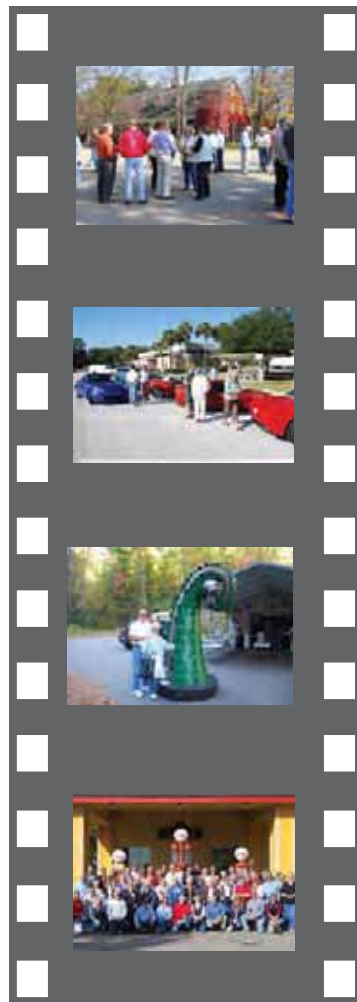
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From the President



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



National Council of
Corvette Clubs

53rd Annual Convention



Corvette Family Members.....

West Region is looking forward to hosting you at the 53rd NCCC Convention. Yes, we are talking about the 53rd annual, and yes, 1953 was when the first Corvette was assembled and started a "Love Story" between sports car enthusiasts and the Corvette.

We in NCCC really have a "thing" for our cars, and like being with others who enjoy their Corvette and/or Corvettes. It's for this reason that NCCC has an annual Convention – a time to get together for fun! Come to Topeka, Kansas, June 23-29 and have fun with your Corvette family.

Do you like autocross? Competition events will be held at Heartland Park Topeka. The low-speed autocross will take place on a 23-acre pad with a course designed to challenge your driving skills. If it's high speed autocross you prefer – sign up now and look forward to a well-designed 2.3 mile course. Oh, you say you prefer drags, bring your best car because you're going to have a great time on Heartland's first-class drag strip. This NHRA track has seen some of America's best drag racers blast down this strip and now it's your turn to enjoy the thrill. If you love drag racing then Heartland Park has your Christmas tree in June!



Maybe racing isn't your choice; don't worry, we have a lot of things planned for our non-racing family. The Concours and People's Choice Car shows will be held on Sunday. It will be a time to show off the best you've got...wax her up and show her off! Enter your tow rig into the Concours judging.

How about a parade! There will be one *huge* parade on Wednesday evening. We will travel south approximately 5 miles down Topeka Blvd to Heartland Park, drive around the track and make our way back to the State Capitol grounds for a summer picnic. Close your eyes and imagine up to 250 gorgeous Corvettes all in a row – now that's a parade! You'll want to be a part of this!

You want more...how about the Rallye that will introduce you to some historic information about Topeka. The fun doesn't stop there; enjoy a Wizard of Oz themed Funkhana! Have you started working on your

Valve Cover Racer? Not only will you go for speed and distance, but your car will be entered in the Valve Cover People's Choice Car Show!

West Region is offering four exciting guided day-trips. One will introduce you to some of what Topeka has to offer including a delicious lunch at the Top of the Tower restaurant, one of Topeka's finest and the one with the best 16th floor view in town. How about bus trips? West Region will have two for you to pick from on Wednesday. One will take you to the Harley-Davidson Plant near Kansas City where you'll go to the factory floor and witness all kinds of assembly excitement - frame-bending, robotic welding technology, laser-cutting.....and more. Then on to view the "Arabian", a Steamship that spent 132 years buried in the earth of Missouri. The other will give you a narrated historical tour of Independence, Mo., the site of the beginning of the Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails. Hear about the bloody Kansas Border Wars and the outlaws who rode the area. Tour the Harry Truman Presidential Library and have lunch at the world famous Country Club Plaza.

With so much to do it will hard to choose?

Want more...West Region will give you an opportunity to view first-hand the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas. Spring will be an awesome time for you to drive the winding roads, view the rock fences and enjoy the beauty. You will make your way to Manhattan's Colbert Hills Golf Course for lunch in their club house decorated with Kansas limestone. From there you will see the Blast of the Past Museum, a private collection of band organs, juke boxes, carousel horses, restored gas pumps and more. You'll even have a chance to purchase wine with a Wizard of Oz label and tour a city of antique stores before returning to Topeka in time to take part in the parade.

This is just a sample of what West Region has to offer at the, NCCC's 53rd Annual Convention....it's all about fun with the family. Remember registration opens February 1, 2012!

See you there,

LARRY BEEBE, CONVENTION DIRECTOR
LINDA SIECGRIST, CO-DIRECTOR

Friday, June 22

Hospitality Room -- Opens at Noon
 Corvette Mall Setup -- Opens at Noon
 Registration -- Opens at Noon
 Tech -- Opens at Noon

Saturday, June 23

Track Day – Tech at track
 On Track Experience - 20 Minute Sessions
 Hotel Registration & Day Pass Open
 At the Hotel - Tech Inspection
 Hospitality Room Open
 Corvette Mall Open
 RE, RMD, RCD & Steering Committee Meetings
 NCCC's Salute to Our Military

- Military Theme Table Decorating
- "Topeka Santé Fe Band" Opening Ceremony
- Dinner
- Band "Legacy" will entertain

Sunday, June 24

E-Board Meeting
 Concours & People's Choice - Move In & Set up
 Registration & Day Pass Open
 Tech Inspection Open
 Participants' Meeting
 Tech Closed during Participants' Meeting
 Hospitality Room
 Corvette Mall
 Governor's Meeting
 Tech Inspection Open
 Concours & People's Choice - Judging
 2011 Competitor's Awards Dinner

- Band "Grapes of Wrath" will entertain

Monday, June 25

Day Pass Registration by Appointment
 Tech Inspection by Appointment only
 Drivers' Meeting for Rallye
 First Car leaves
 Corvette Mall Open
 Hospitality Room Open
 Valve Cover Competitions
 Dinner on your own
 Land of Oz - Costume Party Judged 7:00-9:00

- Band "Rural Route 4" will entertain

Tuesday, June 26

Day Pass Registration by Appointment
 Heartland Park Gates Open
 Drivers' Meeting- High Speed – Group 1
 Drivers' Meeting- Low Speed – Group 1S

Start – Groups 1 & 1S - High & Low Speed
 Funkhana - Day One - Scheduled Times
 Guided Tour of Topeka Area with Lunch
 Hospitality Room Open
 Corvette Mall Open
 NCCC's Official "Senior Prom" For Seniors

- Plated Dinner
- "Senior Prom" - Judged Costume Party
- Band "Bop Daddies" will entertain

Wednesday, June 27

Day Pass Registration by Appointment
 Heartland Park Gates Open
 Drivers' Meeting – Group 2 Low Speed
 Drivers' Meeting – Groups 3 & RP - High Speed
 Start – Groups 2, 3 & RP - High & Low Speed
 Bus trip to Kansas City Harley Davidson assembly plant and Sunken Steamship "the Arabian"
 Bus Trip to Independence and Kansas City
 Funkhana - Day Two Scheduled Times
 Hospitality Room Open
 Corvette Mall Open
 Parade around Topeka to State Capitol

- Dinner at the State Capitol Grounds
- Concert with the "Steamroller Band" at Hotel

Thursday, June 28

Day Pass Registration by Appointment
 Heartland Park Gates Open
 NHRA Tech Inspection for ALL Drag cars
 Drivers' Meeting For Drags
 Preliminary Runs & Matching Times Drags
 Record Drags Start
 Bracket Drags Start
 Annual Convention Golf Tournament
 Guided Car Trip to Explore the Flint Hills & Area
 Hospitality Room Open
 Corvette Mall Open
 Dinner on your own
 "Wicked Sin-sations" - Wine & Chocolate

- Club Wine Tasting Competition
- Dessert Bar
- Entertainment and Dancing with "Complete Music"

Friday, June 29

Day Pass Registration by Appointment
 Convention Awards Breakfast
 Convention Awards Presentation
 Hospitality Room Open
 Corvette Mall Open
 NCCC Charity and National Awards Dinner



Toto... We're back in Kansas!

National Council of
Corvette Clubs

53rd Annual Convention

*Hints for completing the
2012 NCCC Convention
Registration Form*



- The best way to fill out the registration form is to do it **online**. Please go to **Convention2012@corvettesnccc.org** for complete details.
- **Hotel reservations** MUST be made through the Convention Treasurer.
- **Prices** for Adult, Dependent or Youth Registration are per person and date sensitive.
- **Name on Convention Badge:** This is the name that will appear on the Badge that you will wear all week. It can be your first and last names, first name only or your nickname.
- **Youth Registration:** Children 3 to 16 may go into the Hospitality room and get soft drinks as well as snacks and accompany you to all of the functions except for the evening Adult parties. There will be no child care provided by the Convention staff.

Capitol Plaza - Topeka, KS

Room rate \$92.00 (*this rate is available one week prior and 3 days after*)

All hotel reservations will be made through the Convention Treasurer

In order to guarantee your room reservation, please enclose a one-night room deposit, including tax, or provide your MasterCard or Visa card number, expiration date and your authorization to bill you for the deposit. Any reservation reserved without a deposit will not be confirmed. To reserve a guest room, reservations must be received by June 1, 2012 (rooms are based on group room availability). A one night charge of \$92 plus \$13.75 tax totals \$105.75 will be charged at the time reservation is made.

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State: _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Type of Credit Card MasterCard Visa
 Credit Card # _____ Security Code ____ _
 Expiration Date _____ Signature _____
 Special Request: _____

Number of rooms required: _____
 1 King bed 2 Double beds

Do you require a Confirmation Letter sent to you? Yes No
 Email address (for Confirmation Letter) _____

(Email will be the only method of confirmation)
 Make checks payable to: **2012 NCCC Convention**

Send completed registration form and payment to: Peg Quine,
 70 South Alling Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278-2425
 No Refunds after June 1st, 2012. 10% surcharge on all refunds or NSF checks.

Check-in time is after 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 11:00 am
Capitol Plaza Hotel • 1717 Southwest Topeka Boulevard
Topeka, KS 66612 • (785) 431-7200





2012 Registration

Adult Registration (From Feb 1 to Mar 31: \$190
Apr 1 to Apr 30: \$210 • May 1 to May 31: \$225)

FIRST ENTRANT NCCC # _____ Registration \$ _____
 Last Name _____ First Name _____ Badge Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Club Name _____

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 Last Name _____ First Name _____ Badge Name _____

NCCC YOUTH REGISTRATION (Under 16) \$60 Includes meals and hospitality privileges, no child care will be provided
 Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____ Registration \$ _____
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Competition Entry Deadline is June 9th, 2012 (Convention Registration required to compete in the below activities)

If the "yes" box is unchecked, no ticket will be issued for that function

Choose the events you want to enter and fill in the appropriate space or circle. If fees are needed, fill in the \$\$\$ Column and total at the bottom.

Competition Events	1st Entrant		2nd Entrant		1st Dependent		2nd Dependent		Total
	Class	Year	Class	Year	Class	Year	Class	Year	
High Speed Autocross (\$60 per entrant)									\$ _____
Low Speed Autocross (\$60 per entrant)									\$ _____
Matching Time Drags (\$25 per entrant)									\$ _____
Bracket Drags (\$50 per entrant)									\$ _____
Record Drags (\$50 per entrant)									\$ _____
Judged Concours Car Show (\$30 per team)									\$ _____
Judged Concours Tow Rigs (\$5 per rig)									\$ _____
People's Choice Car Show (\$10 per team)									\$ _____
Rallye (\$20 per car, Driver Pays)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	\$ _____
Funkhana (\$20 per car, Driver Pays)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Nav	\$ _____
Overall Competitor (\$10 per competitor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Golf Tournament (\$60 per entrant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Guided Tour of Topeka Area (\$35 per person)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Bus Trip to KC Harley Davidson and the sunken Steamship "Arabian" (\$35 per person)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Bus Trip to Independence, MO, Truman Library and Kansas City (\$35 per person)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Valve Cover Competition (\$10 per car)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Parade Wednesday Evening - Included in Reg	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Welcome - Included in Reg	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Sunday 2011 Comp Awards - Included Choice of Pork, Chicken or Veggie Write in your choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Tuesday Dinner, Choice of Pork, Chicken or Veggie (\$10) Write your dinner choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Wedday Picnic at the Capitol Grounds - Inc Reg	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Thursday "Sin-sations" - Included in Reg	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Friday Competition Breakfast - Included in Reg	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Friday Charity Banquet (\$30) - Choice of Beef, Chicken, Fish or Veggie Write in your choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ _____

* Bus trips are contingent upon 35 signing up for each trip
 * For food functions included in Reg - indicate Yes/No for count.
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Congratulations, Patrick Dolan !!



The National Corvette Museum announced on December 8, 2011, the four candidates who are to be recognized at the Museum's 18th Anniversary event as part of the 15th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2012. Among the four is NCCC's very own **PATRICK DOLAN**, who has been very active in NCCC, serving as VP-Competition, President and Director of Charity. He is a founding member of the NCM and was present at the first general meeting in Cypress Gardens, FL in January, 1989. Patrick is the Hall of Fame Inductee in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian.

The other three 2012 NCM Hall of Fame candidates are: **Gary Claudio** in the category of GM/Chevrolet, **Bob McDorman** also in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian and **Andy Pilgrim**, a champion drive for Corvette Racing.



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BOONE TRAIL CC DONATES MORE THAN 200 TEDDY BEARS TO CMN



21 December, 2011

Members of the Boone Trail Corvette Club, a St. Charles County, Missouri based Club, deliver more than 200 teddy bears and stuffed animals to the Children's Miracle Network of Greater St. Louis. The bears were collected and donated by club members and offered to the Children's Miracle Network to help comfort children during the upcoming Christmas.

The Boone Trail Corvette Club supports several local charitable organizations each year. The club's emphasis is to provide support to those organizations that keep the funds and gifts in the local St. Louis and St. Charles markets.

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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	Delores Bamcord	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 Burgess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
DPC	7.66	7.89	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LDPC	11.30	11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.57	10.78	Sylvia Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
RPB	9.97	10.27	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRPB	10.60	10.92	Loretta Spruad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
A	9.98	10.28	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LA	10.31	10.63	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
B	10.10	10.40	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	08/10/06	LB	11.09	11.42	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
E	11.05		Scott Matthesen	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LE	11.42	11.42				01/01/97
H		11.42				01/01/97	LH	11.42	11.42				12/10/05
K		11.42				12/10/05	LK	10.30	10.30				05/01/09
N		10.30				05/01/09	LN	10.99	11.32	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
CLM	10.12	10.42	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.32				
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.23	Stan Detrickson	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	Patty 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	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.24				01/01/93	LF	12.24	12.24				01/01/93
G		13.26				01/01/93	LG	13.26	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 Loehthead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LM	11.42	11.42				12/10/05
N		10.81				05/01/09	LN	10.81	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 Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07
F		12.75				01/01/93	LF	12.75	12.75				01/01/93
G	13.43	13.56	Paul Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LG	13.41		Jeanie Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-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	Tin 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	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.26		Bernyce Molenda	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
M		11.73				12/10/05	LM		11.73				12/10/05
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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	Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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FROM THE OUTGOING VP COMPETITION

The time has come to say "Good bye." My term of office has ended. The past four years as your Vice President of Competition has gone quickly. The dedication and support of the Competition Committee has been key to our fulfilling the objectives that were committed to you in my campaign four years ago. As I have said before, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." The members of NCCC deserve the best service that can be provided.

I extend my congratulations to PAUL HAACK, on being accepted as the new VPC for 2012/2013. Communication in all directions and at all levels will be essential in support of the Competition Program and Committee for the future.

I would like to thank all the past and present RCDs who served on the Competition Committee during my term for their support and dedication. I would also extend my appreciation to the Executive Board, Regional Officers, Governors and members for your support during my term of office these past four years.

Jack Wilson

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes 11/11/11

Sheraton Westport Conference Center St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 11 RCDs & 1 Proxy representing 12 of the 15 Regions, which were EO Chuck Stephens, FL Manny Montgomery, MI Dave Johnson, IN Mike Godfrey, MW Paul Haack, RM Walt Jenkins, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Craig Kamradt, WR Jerry Koraleski, WO Jim Asbury, and Dave Alciatore (Proxy) for WC Joe Orrico.

Introductions:

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

VPC Comments:

High Speed and Novice cards were made available to the RCDs. A period of silence as observed in recognition for all of our past and current veterans who have and are serving our country for "Veterans Day."

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Paul Hamersly made a motion to accept the 9/9/11 STL Competition Minutes. Walt Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

2011 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

Jack announced an updated Points Status was just published 11/10/11. 1126 events have been received and posted.

Jack asked for all the RCDs to review their Regional Sanction Log and turn in all outstanding results if they have any. If they are not received by the Tentative Final Standings being published, then those events will not be counted. There are some that are already so late that their points have already been lost for those events per the NCCC Rulebook. That RCD has been notified.

2011 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

All schools have been completed for the year.

Drag Records:

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

There were no new drag records set since that update.

The 2012 Record Drag Schedule has two already scheduled:

- 5/27/12 -- Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.
- 10/21/11 -- Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.

Clarification(s):

There were no clarifications submitted.

Convention Steering Competition Representative Report:

Jerry Koraleski reported the 2012 West Region Convention in Topeka, KS. is still coming together as planned.

Walt Jenkins asked about classifications to be validated prior to registration for the "Wheel to Wheel" competition. Jerry and those WR audience representatives present explained there is no such competition offered. Jerry and Jack would confirm with Larry Beebe and Deb Murphy. NOTE: Confirmation after the meeting concluded there is no "Wheel to Wheel" competition being offered.

Old Business:

Manny Montgomery reported as the Competition Committee Rep. from the Finance Committee. There will be a presentation at the Sat. Governors Mtg. from the Treasurer regarding the IRS audit and an amount of money we owe at this point. There will be no discussion as this is in the audit stage and is being handled with the IRS.

Walt Jenkins asked to have the current specifics on how the point system is developed so he can look into how to tie that to the results form that is on the web so it will be easier for the regions to do results. There was discussion as what the specific issues were that are problems with the results being done. Paul Haack asked Walt to provide him with specific issues and he will work with Walt to try to improve those concerns. It was decided to table that discussion until Feb. Jack asked Walt to prepare a listing of concerns at the results preparation end and bring to the Feb. Mtg. for discussion.

New Business:

Jack announced that Jim Tripilone is no longer the Brown & Brown Rep for NCCC. In the interim, until someone permanent is identified, Christy Bahrenburg is our contact at 719-387-2209 and

her fax is 719-471-2889.

Jack asked who will be new RCDs in 2012. Paul Haack announced Bill Docherty will replace him for the Midwest Region. Manny Montgomery announced Denny Murphy will replace him for the Florida Region. Everyone else will be returning.

Jack passed around a listing of email addresses for the Competition Committee to confirm or change. That list was confirmed as correct for all the returning RCDs.

Debbie Lindsey asked Jack to have anyone who had someone who was an active person on the "social network, i.e. Corvette Forum, etc." to give her their name and email address immediately as she is working with Michelin on a communication networking initiative.

Steve Johnson from the ER had handed Jack a letter through Brian Gallagher (ER/NE RCD) regarding the Teen Driving School Program that has been so successful with saving lives of Teenagers across the country since it began in 2004. This is done through the Northern Virginia Corvette Club and they are asking NCCC to become more involved with supporting these types of programs for our Teenagers. Jack is taking this to the Executive Board and Brian will discuss more on this with the Competition Committee next year.

Since there weren't many subjects submitted for discussion at this meeting, it was decided to continue the meeting without a break and not having a closed session. Therefore, we went directly into a round table discussion and one 2013 Rulebook Change that was submitted.

(NOTE: Mtg. continued as Open Session for this mtg.) Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

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

Roundtable Discussion:

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

One specific concern expressed the number of classifications are so many that one event recently had 18 entrants in 16 single car classes. Even though no one plans to come to an event to be in a single car class, it is occurring more frequently. Though a difficult issue to resolve, maybe future discussion can occur regarding how this might be addressed.

2012 Rulebook Discussion Items:

At the September Governors meeting a concern was expressed from the floor that the Rulebook should be voted on as "Line Item Voting" vs. "Package Voting". There will be a Standing Rules Change presented from the floor to vote on the Rulebook as a "Package Vote". There were two inputs from members within the past week expressing two specific items of concern that could cause people to vote against the Rulebook. It was suggested the

Competition Committee review and possibly modify the language so it would be more palatable to people. The Committee discussed and decided if we changed anything from the proposal we presented to the Governors in Sept. it would legally cause a change which would have to go back to the Regions for discussion and therefore negate any vote for a 2012 Rulebook change. Therefore, the 2011 Rulebook would have to continue until a new Rulebook change proposal was presented to the Governors next September for a 2013 Rulebook. It made more sense to pass the 2012 Rulebook and have a formal Rulebook Change Request submitted to address these two concerns for the 2013 Rulebook, which is an advantage of an annual Rulebook vs. a multiple year Rulebook.

2013 Rulebook Discussion Items:

There was one item submitted and discussed regarding the change on language allowing new street tires be purchased with a 2/32" or more tread depth with a 110 wear rating vs. minimum 8/32" tread depth with a 110 wear rating. There were pros and cons discussed. It was decided to table this until the Feb. Mtg. with the new Committee members in place.

Protest & Appeals:

None to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Jack C. Wilson, Outgoing VP Competition

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FROM THE INCOMING VP COMPETITION



It is an honor and a privilege to have been elected as your Vice President of Competition for 2012-2013. It's a responsibility I take very seriously, and I sincerely appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in me. As I indicated during my campaign, NCCC is a great organization with a strong history. I look forward to building on this history and

actively contributing to the future of NCCC.

I would like to thank Jack Wilson for his service as VP of Competition and his tremendous dedication to the competition program over the past four years. He has done an outstanding job. I would also like to thank Alan Moore for stepping up as a candidate this year. It is great to see multiple candidates run for National office and interested in serving NCCC in leadership capacities.

While the VP of Competition leads the competition committee, each of the Regional Competition Directors (RCDs) plays a critical role in the success of our competition program. Their efforts and hard work throughout the year must not be overlooked. From issuing sanction requests, reviewing flyers, checking results, updating regional points standings, making decisions and rulings at events as needed, presenting rulebook change requests, and on and on, the RCDs are the backbone of the competition program. They are dedicated to ensuring that competition is safe and fair for everyone, along with identifying ways to continuously evolve and improve the competition program. We have a great group of knowledgeable and dedicated RCDs who will be serving on the competition committee in 2012; I look forward to working with each of them.

If you have a question, comment or concern about the competition program or would like to propose a rulebook change, please work with your RCD who will make sure it is brought to the attention of the competition committee and discussed. Each region brings different viewpoints and perspectives on the competition program that one would expect in a large organization, and there is a well-defined process in place to make sure all input is given due consideration.

Safety is an area on which I will continue to focus in 2012. We have strong safety procedures in place; however, everyone who is chairing, working or attending an event, whether a Concours, Rallye or Speed Event, has a responsibility for safety. If you see anything that is of concern or that may compromise safety, please bring it to the attention of the event chairperson, club Governor, RCD or me. Safety concerns must and will be taken seriously.

Here's to a safe and fun 2012 competition season! I'm looking forward to it, and hope you are too!

Paul Haack

FROM THE VP MEMBERSHIP



As I am writing this, December is almost here which means most Corvettes are put away. But you can start making plans for all you want to do in 2012. One thing that should be on your must do list is to attend the NCCC Convention in Topeka, KS. I know Larry Beebe and everyone who is working on

it have a great week planned for us. Registration for the 2012 NCCC Convention will open February 1 and will be ready for you to register. This will be the 53rd NCCC Convention and is being held in Topeka, KS, June 23rd to 29th. Many things are being planned for all different type of interests, so plan on attending. I know you will have an enjoyable week; Ellouise and I always do.

The membership renewals are about 60% complete and those have been sent to Distribution with most having been mailed out. Thank you, Larry Higgins and your staff, for all the hours you put in to get the membership packets out to the renewing NCCC members in a timely fashion.

FCOA membership continues to grow, but we need more new members because we are losing quite a few who are turning 16 years old. Pat Kelly does a fantastic job and deserves thanks and praise from all of NCCC. Next time you see her give her a pat on the back and tell her how much you appreciate everything she does. Thanks, Pat, for all you do for FCOA. Remember FCOA is the future of NCCC, because I don't know of any of us who are getting any younger.

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

Until next time,

Larry Morrison

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
November 11, 2011

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	14	260	18	20	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	60
East Ohio	17	889	33	166	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	187
East Region	27	2382	72	311	CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	228
Florida Region	20	1131	46	274	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	227
Indiana Region	17	950	16	118	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	138
Michigan Region	15	1145	16	290	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	253
Midwest Region	33	2315	38	529	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	178
Northeast Region	5	180	15	43	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	67
Northwest Region	1	130	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	130
Rocky Mountain Region	13	660	21	66	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	148
Roadrunner Region	13	813	22	96	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	145
Southeast Region	16	1233	22	123	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	288
Southwest Region	20	1368	34	156	TULSA VETTE SET	448
West Coast Region	26	1891	28	147	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	204
West Ohio	7	338	17	71	CORVETTE TROY	115
West Region	24	1628	24	435	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	341
TOTALS	268	17318	422	2846		
TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MAL'S AND 7 HONORARY MEMBERS						
NCCC HAS 290 LIFETIME MEMBERS						



Carolina Region				Northwest Region			
CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	CA-174	60		TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	NW-483	130	
CAROLINA CORVETTES	CA-014	28		Rocky Mountain Region			
CARO-VETTES, INC.	CA-356	26		COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	RM-183	148	
East Ohio Region				TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	RM-176	122	
BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	187		CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTES	RM-497	65	
CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	EO-005	92		Roadrunner Region			
KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE, INC.	EO-223	88		DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	RR-303	145	
East Region				TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	RR-331	139	
CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	ER-001	228		SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	RR-452	94	
CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-098	210		Southeast Region			
BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	ER-263	203		NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-073	288	
LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-266	190		EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-253	270	
FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-038	188		CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	102	
YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-108	168		Southwest Region			
KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-093	121		TULSA VETTE SET	SW-248	448	
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	ER-196	105		COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	162	
BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	ER-366	102		SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	SW-063	124	
Florida Region				OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	109	
CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	227		LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	SW-207	104	
CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	FL-032	131		West Coast Region			
GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	FL-076	105		LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	WC-202	204	
Indiana Region				CORVETTES LIMITED	WC-447	130	
FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	138		POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WC-434	122	
CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	IN-281	130		PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	WC-336	120	
TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-133	108		CORVETTES WEST	WC-302	116	
HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	IN-513	106		O.C. VETTES, INC	WC-325	115	
Michigan Region				CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	WC-500	115	
AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-488	253		PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	WC-340	112	
CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	205		RED LINE CORVETTES	WC-420	105	
GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	MI-041	135		West Ohio			
Midwest Region				CORVETTE TROY	WO-027	115	
WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	178		GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-039	87	
MIDWEST CORVETTES	MW-054	154		FOUNTAIN CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-132	33	
WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	MW-075	147		West Region			
CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	MW-109	145		CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	341	
SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	MW-051	139		CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-015	191	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	132		SIoux FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-126	111	
SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	MW-277	123		NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WR-192	106	
MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-391	116					
MAD CITY VETTES	MW-465	102					
Northeast Region				Listed are the clubs with 100+ members or the top 3 clubs of that region			
CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	NE-030	67					
SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB OF N Y, INC.	NE-254	35					
ADIRONDACK CORVETTES	NE-373	30					

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per the NCCC Membership Database

Club Name	Club Number	Number of Members
CORNHUSKER CC	WR-095	305
TULSA VETTE SET	SW-248	249
NASHVILLE CC	SE-073	226
AMERICA'S CC OF MICHIGAN	MI-488	225
EAST TENNESSEE CC	SE-253	225
CUMBERLAND VALLEY CC	ER-098	216
CC OF AMERICA	ER-001	199
CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	196
BEL AIR CC	ER-263	182
CC OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	180
CEDAR RAPIDS CC	WR-015	180
LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSN	WC-202	173
FREE STATE CC	ER-038	171
BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	171
SAN JACINTO CC	SW-063	168
WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	165
MIDWEST CORVETTES	MW-054	154
YORK COUNTY CC	ER-108	150
SUBURBAN CC OF MINNESOTA	MW-051	147
COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	145
LANCASTER COUNTY CC	ER-266	137
TUCSON CC	RR-331	136
CORVETTES LIMITED	WC-447	135
COLORADO SPRINGS CC	RM-183	135
CC OF ILLINOIS	MW-109	129
GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSN	MI-041	129
PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	WC-336	128
WISCONSIN CC	MW-075	126
CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	WC-500	123
FORT WAYNE CC	IN-115	123
TOP OF THE ROCKIES CC	RM-176	118
KEYSTONE STATE CC	ER-093	115
MAD CITY VETTES	MW-465	115
POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSN	WC-434	114
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CC	MW-167	112
O.C. VETTES, INC	WC-325	111
LONGHORN CC	SW-207	110
TACOMA CC	NW-483	109
HOOSIER CC	IN-513	109
CORVETTE TROY	WO-027	109
SUNBURST CC	MW-277	109
CAPE KENNEDY CC	FL-032	108
CIRCLE CITY CC	IN-281	107
DESERT CORVETTE ASSN	RR-303	107
TRI-STATE CC	IN-133	106
SIoux FALLS CC	WR-126	104
CORVETTES WEST	WC-302	103
PALM SPRINGS CC	WC-340	99
NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSN	WR-192	98
CHICAGO CC	MW-004	98
OKLAHOMA CITY CC	SW-131	97
MID-ILLINOIS CC	MW-391	96
CORVETTES ON THE GULF	FL-515	95
ROUTE 66 CC	MW-470	92
CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	92

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BEACHCOMBER CC	ER-366	91
KALAMAZOO CC	MI-047	91
GULF COAST CC	FL-076	89
CC OF IOWA	WR-022	88
CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	EO-005	86
COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSN	EO-257	86
CORVETTE, INDY, INC.	IN-342	85
SCOTTSDALE CC	RR-452	83
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CC	ER-196	83
VALLEY VETTES	SE-348	83
BOONE TRAIL CC	WR-040	82
ST. LOUIS CC	MW-522	82
AIR CAPITAL CC	WR-267	82
CC OF KANSAS CITY	WR-045	82
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CC	ER-357	81
RED LINE CORVETTES	WC-420	81
CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	WC-326	81
ALLENTOWN AREA CC	ER-118	77
SONORAN DESERT CORVETTES	RR-530	77
CAPITAL CITY CC	MI-003	76
CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CC	EO-147	76
EL PASO CORVETTES	RR-241	75
KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE, INC.	EO-223	74
ANDERSON CORVETTE ASSN	IN-092	73
LAKE SHORE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-083	72
ARCHWAY CC	WR-523	72
GLASS CITY CC	WO-039	72
SOUTHWEST CORVETTES	WC-398	71
CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	NE-030	71
BAY AREA CC	FL-233	71
TIRETOWN CC	EO-068	69
KETTLE MORAINES CC	MW-084	69
JACKSON CC	MI-046	67
CC OF NORTHEASTERN PA	ER-025	66
MICHIANA CC	IN-008	66
THE VETTE SET	WC-401	64
CORVETTES OF SAN DIEGO	WC-514	64
LANIER CORVETTES UNLIMITED, INC.	SE-418	64
TOPEKA CC	WR-128	62
CC OF TEXAS	SW-074	61
ANTELOPE VALLEY CC	WC-394	60
CENTRAL ILLINOIS CORVETTES	MW-278	59
CORVETTE CRUISERS OF ATLANTA, INC	SE-551	59
VICTOR VALLEY VETTES	WC-507	58
CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS	ER-372	58
G-BURG VETTES	ER-190	57
CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTES	RM-497	57
COUNTY CORVETTE ASSN	ER-031	56
NEW MEXICO CORVETTE ASSN	RR-154	56
FLINT CC	MI-037	54
LITTLE EGYPT CC	MW-380	53
OZAUKEE CC	MW-578	53
BADGER STATE VETTES	MW-246	53
UNIVERSITY of OKOBOJI CC	WR-463	53
CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSN	FL-186	52

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Club Name	Club Number	Number of Members
NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSN	FL-058	52
VETTES OF THE SMOKIES CC, INC	SE-563	51
INLAND EMPIRE CORVETTES	WC-552	51
CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	CA-174	50
MIRACLE STRIP CC	SE-239	50
BRAZOS RIVER CC	SW-540	47
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CC	FL-275	47
SOUTHERN COLORADO CC	RM-217	47
CC OF ARIZONA	RR-332	46
MIDWEST EARLY CC	WR-117	46
CEN-TEX CC	SW-200	45
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CC	SE-579	45
CHIPPEWA VALLEY CORVETTES	MW-359	45
THE VETTE SET	FL-370	45
CC OF NORTH DELAWARE	ER-172	45
CHICAGO CROSSROADS CC	MW-575	44
CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES	MI-548	44
USA-1 CC	ER-111	44
CYPRESS GARDENS CC	FL-113	43
NORTH EAST OHIO VETTE CLUB	EO-096	43
COLORADO CC	RM-536	43
SOUTH WINDS CC	WR-285	43
CROW RIVER CORVETTES	MW-565	42
EAST TEXAS CC	SW-577	41
POCONO MOUNTAIN CC	ER-390	41
4 STATE VETTES, INC	WR-564	39
MAHONING VALLEY CORVETTES	EO-052	37
MID-OHIO CC, INC.	EO-013	36
ROYAL CORVETTES OF WESTERN MICHIGAN	MI-062	36
LAKESHORE CC	MI-443	35
NORTHERN RAYS, LTD.	MW-135	35
COLORADO RIVER CC	RR-454	35
LAFAYETTE CC	IN-125	35
CAROLINA CORVETTES	CA-014	35
PERRY COUNTY CC	ER-050	34
NORTH MISSISSIPPI CC	SE-385	34
RIVER CITY CORVETTES	MW-122	33
DIAMOND VALLEY VETTES	WC-542	33
ADIRONDACK CORVETTES	NE-373	32
MILLENNIUM CORVETTES of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	WC-446	32
GLASS FAVORITES	MW-077	32
WILD WEST CORVETTES	WC-414	32
SUNSET VETTES OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA	SE-576	31
VOLUSIA COUNTY CORVETTE ASSN	FL-572	30
THE ORIGINAL CIRCLE CITY CC	IN-475	29
FOUNTAIN CITY CC	WO-132	29
ELKHART VETTE SET	IN-072	29
VETTE CITY VETTES	SE-562	29
STAR CITY CC	IN-189	29
VERDE VALLEY VETTES	RR-426	28
CC OF BATTLE CREEK	MI-019	28
MID COAST CC	SW-170	28
GREAT RIVER CC	MW-155	28
SUNSHINE CC	FL-292	28
GREAT PLAINS CC	WR-529	28

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FLORIDA CORVETTE RACING CLUB, INC	FL-496	27
MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP	MI-362	27
SOUTH CENTRAL INDIANA CC	IN-382	27
F.O.M. CC	MW-120	26
FLORIDA CC	FL-539	26
SPACE COAST VETTES OF MELBOURNE FL	FL-505	26
ROLLING PRAIRIE CORVETTES	MW-464	26
MIAMI VALLEY CC	WO-209	26
CORVETTES OF MINNESOTA	MW-315	26
HIGH SIERRA CORVETTES	WC-449	26
HEARTLAND CORVETTE ASSN	WR-427	26
CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.	SW-568	25
RIO GRANDE CC	RR-570	25
TRI-COUNTY VETTES	ER-323	25
PLAYGROUND CC	SE-270	25
ELECTRIC CITY CORVETTES	RM-490	25
CORVETTE OF CHOICE	WC-541	25
WEST TENNESSEE CC	SE-567	24
DENVER CORVETTE ASSN	RM-114	23
CENTRAL KANSAS CORVETTES	WR-056	23
SOUTHERN TIER CC OF N Y, INC.	NE-254	23
GLASS SOCIETY CORVETTE ASSN	WO-061	22
MIDWEST CORVETTE SOCIETY	WR-338	22
BAY STATE CC	NE-081	22
CHEVY'S UNDER GLASS	CA-203	22
VETTES-R-US	WC-395	22
CARO-VETTES, INC.	CA-356	22
COLORADO WEST CC	RM-294	21
BALTIMORE COUNTY CC	ER-547	21
PLASTIC CARS, LTD.	CA-238	21
DOWN-THE-ROAD CC	RM-150	20
NORTH IOWA CORVETTES	WR-509	20
GLASS MENAGERIE CC	IN-080	20
MEDINA CC	EO-116	20
CINCINNATI CC	WO-018	20
VAPOR TRAIL VETTES	WC-518	19
RIVER CITY CORVETTE ASSN	WR-193	19
CROOKED RIVER CC LTD.	EO-571	19
THUNDER VETTE SET	RR-328	19
CC OF SOUTH FLORIDA	FL-580	19
EASTERN CAROLINA CC	CA-444	18
CC OF INDIANA	IN-021	18
LAND OF LINCOLN CORVETTES	MW-195	17
CONFEDERATE CC	CA-182	17
LAKESIDE CORVETTES	MW-333	17
TOP FLIGHT CC	ER-573	17
HAMPTON ROADS CC	ER-343	17
CORNERSTONE CC OF CARROLL COUNTY	ER-535	17
TEXAS OUTLAWS CC	SW-198	17
TIDEWATER CC	ER-554	17
TEJAS VETTES, INC.	SW-163	16
MID AMERICA CC	WR-099	16
MID FLORIDA CC	FL-510	16
MOUND CITY CC	EO-057	16
TIN HALL TOYS	SW-392	15

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NORTH TEXAS VETTES	SW-555	15
NEWPORT HARBOR CORVETTES	WC-180	14
CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY	SW-468	14
TREASURE STATE CC	RM-314	13
SPARTANBURG CC	CA-177	13
ARIZONA COMPETITION CORVETTES	RR-543	13
INDIANAPOLIS CC	IN-103	13
CROSSED FLAGS CC	MW-205	13
CLASSIC CC OF MARYLAND	ER-546	12
REVOLUTION CC	ER-574	12
TITUSVILLE CC	FL-199	12
FASS GLASS COREVETTE CLUB	MW-538	12
TEXAS COMPETITION CC	SW-569	12
DELCO ELECTRONICS CC	IN-107	11
BLENNERHASSETT CORVETTE ASSN	EO-033	11
CAROLINA AUTOCROSS TEAM	CA-469	11
TRI-VETTES, LTD.	NE-090	11
FUN SEEKERS CORVETTE & YACHT CLUB	RM-313	10
TOWN & COUNTRY CC	SE-102	10
NORTHWEST INDIANA CC	IN-477	10
CORVETTE CANTON, INC	EO-258	10
GREAT LAKES CC	MI-381	9
CC OF MANDARIN	FL-502	9
HURON VALLEY CC	MI-043	9
SHIAWASSEE CC	MI-145	8
MUSCATINE CC	WR-151	7
SUN CITIES CC	SW-085	7
FUN CENTER CC, INC.	EO-104	7
STEVENSON CC	SE-225	7
GLASS EXPRESS CC	WR-208	7
C.O.A.S.T.	SW-143	7
CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS	RR-415	7
CORVETTE CHARLESTON	CA-161	7
ANCIENT CITY CC	FL-412	6
CORVETTES UNLIMITED	WC-445	6
FREE WHEELING CC	CA-220	6
CC OF WEST VIRGINIA	EO-148	6
WEST FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSN	FL-250	6
GREENVILLE CC, INC.	WO-244	6
PLATTE VALLEY CC	WR-268	6
CC OF COLUMBIA	CA-334	6
SOUTHERN CC	CA-365	6

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Many thanks to Terry & Leslie Dunlap, Dunlap Photography, for providing Kennedy Printing with a hi-resolution photo for this issue's front cover...after I misplaced the photo CD that was given to me months ago.

Blue Bars

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE NONE OTHER!
(revised 8/1/11)

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

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

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

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

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Size	4/Color	Black/White
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Third Page (5 x 4-7/8)	\$375	\$325
Quarter Page (3-7/8 x 4-7/8)	\$350	\$300
Sixth Page (2-1/4 x 4-7/8)	\$325	\$275
Business Card (3-1/2 x 2)	\$200	\$150

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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

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September 30 for Fall issue	Published in mid-November
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



We hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends and we wish you all a prosperous and happy new year for 2012.

While we did make headway in the promotion of NCCC in 2011, the effort will continue just as strong in 2012. Promotion of NCCC is not a one-person respon-

sibility, nor simply a directive of the e-Board and/or regional officers, or something that only happens with use of the promotional displays, it is the responsibility of all NCCC members. Those of you that attended the November 2011 Nat'l Meeting will recall that I challenged every one there to get re-acquainted with the benefits of NCCC; to read thru the "Why NCCC" promotion flyer along with the expanded 4-page "Why NCCC" benefits document. If we, the members don't understand the benefits how can we discuss and promote it with our club and fellow Corvette owners, how can we sell it at events and functions that we attend outside of our organization? The newly updated "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 each 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.

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

This year, we will continue evaluating ways to determine how the ADs, flyers, displays, etc. are working for NCCC and striving not to be a bad return-on-investment (ROI). Keep in mind, if we

don't advertise and get our name in front of potential members (and clubs) we for sure won't have any sizable new growth in the future.

On a different tangent, how many of you utilize *Facebook* personally or as a club or region? Do you list the *National Council of Corvette Clubs* (NCCC) under "Activities and Interests" on your profile? It is good to see that several clubs and a few regions actually use Facebook for their activities; some are maintained as closed groups while others are public. Regardless of the method, they all help promote your club, your region and the NCCC organization – thank you!

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

- The "Why NCCC" promotion flyer was completed; actually it will never be done since we will always look for ways to tweak it, keeping it fresh and up to date with benefits as they change.
- ADs were traded with 12 issues of *Vette Vues* and 6 issues of the *America's Sports Car* (NCM).
- Our new ADs for 2012 will be taking on a new look which has yet to be finalized; in an effort to keep our image fresh so our ADs aren't overlooked or appear to be stale.
- We are evaluating utilizing the *Registry of Corvette Race Cars* (RCRC) email campaign again, which has a sizable mass mailing which targeted at Corvette owners which participate in events from concours to racing. Their last mass mailing we utilized recapped the *Corvette World Tribute*.
- Continued efforts with Membership developing a quick hitter promo flyer to help a prospective club understand the benefits and way to join with NCCC; something similar to the MAL membership form.
- We are continuing to analyze how we can partner with GM and Chevy Dealerships which sponsor many of our clubs; with a goal to help us reach all new Corvette owners from those dealerships. We have received responses from several clubs as a result of the email request however, we would appreciate hearing back from all of you – even if it states that you aren't currently sponsored.
- We continue the evaluation of various promotional display items which have become faded and dated, we are looking to keep these in top shape and current with the times; to represent NCCC the best they can. If you have some outstanding event photos we would welcome those – we need to keep the photos in the display fresh and the best quality possible.

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. While we will continue to work with several of the larger legacy events however we know there are other events which have slightly different audiences and potential members and clubs which 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 make it better 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 around how to better our NCCC organization, please feel free to contact myself and/or the Vision Committee.

Regards,

Douglas McMahan



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



Happy New Year, everyone! My wish to each of you is a year full of good health, happiness, lots of camaraderie with NCCC friends – old and NEW, and lots of enjoyment with your Corvette.

Now that NCCC's *Blue Bars* is mailed at the Periodical Rate,

I am receiving change of address notices, as well as No Forwarding Address, No Such Number, etc. from the U. S. Postal Service weekly. In order to make my job a little easier, along with the VP-Membership and your RMD, please notify your club Governor, RMD and/or the VP-Membership of your address change. The U. S. Postal Service will NOT return or deliver an issue of *Blue Bars* without a forwarding address. (NOTE: Only the back cover containing the member's name and address is mailed to me.) Since part of your annual dues goes to printing and mailing each issue of *Blue Bars*, it's important that you receive each issue.) Governors, please remind your club members of the following deadlines for updating the NCCC membership database prior to printing and distributing each issue of *Blue Bars*:

December 21, 2011 (for the Winter 2012 issue)

March 21, 2012 (for the Spring 2012 issue)

August 21, 2012 (for the Summer 2012 issue)

October 21, 2012 (for the Fall 2011 issue)

Articles and photos are always needed:

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

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

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

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

The deadline for submitting items for the remaining 2012 issue of *Blue Bars* are as follows:

February 28, 2012 – Spring issue

July 15, 2012 – Summer issue

(will contain Convention highlights)

September 30, 2012 – Fall issue

November 30, 2012 – Winter 2013 issue

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

I continue to stress that all emails sent for *Blue Bars* should have **BLUE BARS** in the subject line.

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

Sylvia Hoaldrige

2012 Blue Bars Staff

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[Editor's Note: Check out the various stories that have been written and submitted by Pat Clark and John Gibson in this issue. Both are hard at work creating more stories in inclusion in future issues of *Blue Bars*.]

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



Sponsorship Views
Winter 2012

A new year, a new beginning and time to put into perspective what was accomplished in 2011 and what we have to look forward to in 2012. First of all, NCCC is alive and well and continues to maintain its membership which, for some organizations, has been a challenge. As an all volunteer

organization, from the President to the club Membership Director, we all have a role to further this organization and to spread the news about what a great family we are and that the Corvette world, especially NCCC, is just that, a great family of Corvette owners. As the Director of Sponsorship, it has been my privilege in 2011 to develop support and interaction from the Corvette business world with our membership and I think we have had a successful year. The companies that lined up to support us deserve to be mentioned and listed in alphabetical order, they are **Borla Exhaust, Bridgestone/Firestone, Brown & Brown Insurance, Corvette America, Corvette Central, Corvette Mods, Excel, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Hagerty Insurance, Kumho Tire, Michelin North America, Mid America Motorworks, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, Southern Car Parts.com, S&K Consulting, and Zip Products.** All of these companies supported us either by advertising in print or on the website, participating as a Convention sponsor and/or a membership sponsor, supporting FCOA, our Charity Program, our website contest, or a combination of all the above. Hopefully, you, as a member, have supported them as well with your monies and input about their products. **Corvette Mods** is a new front page website link and they have a variety of specialty products for all Corvette enthusiasts.

The list of companies participating in the Discounts for Members program continues to grow.

The latest additions are **Streetsideauto.com** and **Excel Credit Union.** Streetsideauto.com offers a variety of products and you can receive a \$25 discount on a \$250 purchase. Excel Credit Union is ready to help you purchase a new or used car and for a low interest rate so make sure you look at their ad in *Blue Bars*, as well as their listing on the website. **Ventura** offers a great product, GRYPP, that will help you if you have a flat tire. **Carey Moving** is ready to help you with your moves anywhere in the country. **Car Art Work** has some great gift ideas that will please any Corvette enthusiast and will help you with that gift for someone who has it all. Planning a trip? Check out **Members on Vacation** to help you plan all aspects of your trip -- flight, hotel, car rental, cruise and total vacation plans. And, use that NCCC credit card to help with all of your purchases. You can earn points and NCCC receives a rebate. It is a win-win situation.

The "sponsorship chase for 2012" has begun and a few companies are already in the lead. **Michelin North America** will be a Convention sponsor, as well as working with us in some other activities. One

NCCC member will be attending the Detroit Auto Show as their guest and will have the opportunity to learn some new information. At Convention, they will sponsor the Corvette parade and barbecue on Wednesday during the week of Convention. They will also host a tech talk that is scheduled for Thursday evening. We are discussing other activities with Michelin, so stay tuned. **Zip Products** will be with us as a sponsor once again. They continue to support NCCC in a variety of ways and will also sponsor the website contest for 2012. **Kumho Tire** has agreed to sponsor our high speed event at Convention and we always welcome their participation. **Corvette America** has also made a commitment as a sponsor for next year, so you will be seeing them on the website, in *Blue Bars* and as a Convention sponsor. I am sure our other faithful sponsors will join the race very soon! I continue to look for new companies and new methods of sponsorship that these companies can work with us to provide benefit for both parties involved.

I hope you are making plans to "follow the yellow brick road" with us in Topeka, KS in June. "The Wizard of Oz" and "Wicked" are two favorite movies/musicals of all time, so attending Convention there brings a little more excitement. The West Region members are planning a variety of great activities that you will not want to miss, so get your registration in early. More details about sponsorship involvement in the next issue of *Blue Bars*.

Enjoy your Corvette if you have the opportunity this winter! Save the wave and stay safe!

Debbie Lindsey

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PAST FCOA MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW NCCC MEMBERS

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

Thanks for your help!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

2011 FCOA Membership Count by Region as of December 15, 2011

	REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-11	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 12-15-11	# MEMBERS 12-21-10	% INCREASE 12-10/12-11	CLUB WITH LARGEST FCOA # (12-15-2011)	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	547	30	577	-44	533	544	-2.02%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	216
WR	WEST	443	18	461	-24	437	443	-1.35%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	150
ER	EAST	310	13	323	-12	311	306	1.63%	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	43
MI	MICHIGAN	298	11	309	-19	290	298	-2.68%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	64
FL	FLORIDA	262	27	289	-17	272	262	3.82%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	107
EO	EAST OHIO	180	2	182	-16	166	180	-7.78%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	43
SW	SOUTHWEST	161	5	166	-10	156	161	-3.11%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	48
WC	WEST COAST	165	2	167	-20	147	165	-10.91%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	26
IN	INDIANA	122	11	133	-10	123	119	3.36%	IN-382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	25
SE	SOUTHEAST	130	4	134	-11	123	130	-5.38%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	57
RR	ROADRUNNER	104	2	106	-10	96	104	-7.69%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	47
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RM	ROCKY MTN	69	2	71	-5	66	69	-4.35%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	27
NE	NORTHEAST	47	0	47	-4	43	47	-8.51%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB	7
CA	CAROLINA	27	0	27	-7	20	27	-25.93%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	10
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MORE INFO



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

FCOA MEMBER #4700 ~~ GIA

Gia's application for FCOA membership landed in FCOA's mailbox just in time for her to be assigned FCOA #4700. Gia is the first FCOA 100th member who lives in Canada! Her Uncle Joe and Aunt Liese are members of America's Corvette Club of Michigan in the Michigan Region. They have a lot of fun with their club where Joe often dons his Elvis wig and is the entertainer at outings.



One-year old Gia has determined some likes and dislikes already. She has decided that **purple** will be her favorite color and her favorite toy is her Baby Adventure puppy. She's already developed a dislike for peas. Gia enjoys being outside and is always running around. She can also be found many times zooming around in her little car with a big smile on her face!

Gia has already learned that cruising in a C6 Corvette with the top down and the wind blowing in her hair is lots of fun! Uncle Joe and Aunt Liese have owned a gold 1980 coupe since 1984. When they wanted a new cruiser, they updated 25 years to a Machine Silver 2005 convertible with smoked rims and the Z51 package. After meeting Pam Dansbury, a member of ACC and Michigan's caravan captain, they became leaders for the 2003 50th Anniversary caravan to Bowling Green. They weren't even out of their area yet the first morning before they had trouble with their '80 Corvette. Liese jumped in another Vette and led the group to the Michigan meeting place while Joe went to Murry's Auto to get a fan belt with two other Corvettes following him. Murry's wasn't open yet but saw him and, knowing about the event, opened up. When he finally met the rest of the caravan in Monroe, MI as soon as Joe opened the hood five mechanics hurried over and the problem was fixed. It was then that they knew this was the start of a "wonderful friendship of friends in ACC and Vette cruisers," so they decided to join America's Corvette Club of Michigan in 2004.

Congratulations, Gia, for being FCOA member #4700!

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BACC Tames the Dragon or “I Have an App for That”

Eighteen fun-seeking souls set out Friday morning, October 15th, to tame the Dragon and wreck havoc on the Corvette Museum and Factory. The Carnells, Hildebrands, O'Briens, Rapragers, Schmidts, Steeles, Ed Weisdack & Roseann Nance, Tom Dooley & Cheryl Reed, plus friends of the O'Briens, the Mobleys, Russ & Karen.

A group was meeting at the Publix at Courtside and the “northern people” at the rest stop north of SR-50. Star & I met with Ed & Roseann for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel and headed to the rest stop where at exactly 10:00 AM, the Publix crew drove in. What a beautiful day! The weather co-operated the entire trip with only the temperature varying as we drove further north. As Dale & Mo had planned this trip, they headed up the caravan of eight Corvettes and one 350Z. During our drive north to our first stop south of Atlanta, I noticed that we must have a bunch of wealthy individuals in our club, Star & I were the only C-5; all the rest were C-6's! Our first stop was the Georgia welcome station for a needed potty break. I must have never driven thru Georgia at this time of the year as I couldn't help but notice the cotton fields in bloom. Somewhere along about this time, we picked up the Steeles. They left another way and said they would meet up with us somewhere in Georgia. With our radios set on channel 20, we told jokes and commented on the various items along the way. Star said that if I didn't quit



telling such god-awful jokes, she was going to take the radio away from me! Soon we arrived in McDonough, GA and the Hampton Inn for our first overnight stop. After checking in, some of us headed over to the Summit Racing Store to see what they had for sale. I had already looked up in their catalog some parts I needed for Baby, so I didn't need to “shop.” But some did, so our stay there was a little long. Afterwards, we met up with the crew and headed next door to Toribio's Mexican Grill. What a meal! I would have to rate their food as some of the best Mexican food I've ever eaten. If the music was a little softer, it would have been perfect! As the Hampton has breakfast to offer, we took advantage of that and by 9:00 AM we were back on the road headed to the Fontana Lodge in North Carolina. Heading northeast from Atlanta, it starts to get mountainous and, with the Corvettes weaving around the various curves and the leaves starting to turn, it was one of the greatest sights in the world. Curving roads and Corvettes, what more could you ask!

Arriving at the Fontana around 1:00 PM, it was time for lunch before we tackled the Dragon! Those with convertibles



wanted to dump their luggage as we wanted to drive the Dragon with our tops down! After lunch at the Fontana Grill, we grouped up and headed for the Tail of the Dragon. From the lodge to the start of the Dragon, it is about 15 miles and that road was almost as challenging as the Dragon. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, go to www.taleofthedragon.com and read up on it; then you will understand. Let me tell you, words cannot describe the road, the curves and the dappled (See, Mo, I knew I'd get that word in there.) sunlight shining down thru the leaves, were more breathtaking than I have adjectives to use. There are some sights I've seen throughout my life and these 11 miles of road will be one of them! Eleven miles with 318 curves and a 30-mph speed limit. Anybody trying to go over 30 is foolish. Not that you couldn't, but why? Enjoy the beauty of the road and the cool breeze while you twist and turn those 11 miles. At the end is a pull-off where we changed drivers, so they could drive the Dragon. At the start/end of the Dragon is a store where you can purchase souvenirs of the trip. T-shirts, mugs, stickers, cozies, etc., were seen heading out the door. As we started to head back to the Lodge, we ran into a Corvette

Club from Benton, AR. They had 18 Corvettes with them. We later ran into them again at the Museum. Back at the Lodge, we all checked into our rooms and later got together for dinner.

A little bit about the Lodge... Fontana Lodge is located next to the Fontana Dam that is situated on the Tennessee River. The



dam was one of the TVA projects back in the 30's to help us out of the Depression. It is the highest dam in the eastern US, 480 feet tall. The Lodge was built in 1974 and located off of SR-28 about 3,000 feet above sea level in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains. It is a true lodge with a large great room, fireplace and the required deer heads mounted on the walls. There are rooms located in the main lodge and cabins strewn around the grounds. Star and I had a cabin that even had a fireplace! Dinner left a bit to be desired. They tried to be a 5-star restaurant that should not have been. Carolina/mountain cooking would better suit this place. Star and I didn't really like anything on the menu, so we settled for the rib appetizer. After dinner, Star & I headed back to the Schmidt's room to watch Ohio State get their butts handed to them by Wisconsin. I dreaded breakfast as I knew Klaudia and Dave would never let me hear the end of that whipping! Breakfast was good; how can you screw up a buffet?

Back on the road and one more crack at the Dragon, as that was the way to get on I-40 to Bowling Green, KY. We made a gas and pit stop at a little grocery store/gas station where I encountered my first pump that didn't take a credit card! When I went in to the cashier, I handed her my credit card and she handed me a slip for \$11.00. I told her I was sure it would



take more, she looked perplexed. It seems that \$11.00 was someone else's. I hope she found the person who pumped that \$11. Needing to potty, she told me that it was around back. I asked her if the door had a crescent moon on the door. It didn't. No moonshine here either! Now I'm cussing at Dale as the "shortcut" we were on said "Bridge out ahead." "One mile to detour." As we passed the detour sign, Dale said, "Let's continue on and see what happens." Nothing did. We never did see the bridge or it being out. We need to learn to keep Ann away from coffee. About 30 minutes up the road, Ann said a pit stop was needed. Dale said we would keep looking. That wasn't good enough for Ann and, as Tom sped around us heading for 80 mph, they waved and said over the radio, "We will catch up down the road." They did. Mo wanted to stop and get a drink and I told her that Yoda said we would be at the Museum at 1:30 PM and we could eat lunch at the Corvette Diner. After all, it was approaching 1:00 PM on the clock, so make her wait. Little did I know that Yoda had switched to Central Time and we had over an hour to go! When we finally did arrive at the Museum, I offered to buy her a large iced tea as an offering. I know it will not fit up there, Mo. A great lunch was had at the diner where we ran into our Arkansas friends. David had a private tour of the Museum set up for 2:00 PM, so off we went. I've been on the tour twice, but it was nice to have a representative take you thru to offer insights one wouldn't know otherwise. It was



nice to see the NCCC booth and all the local club patches on the board. The Museum photographer grabbed us for a group photo and it's nice as it is the only time we were all together, but that day was not deemed a Club Shirt day, so we are all in our civvies. From the tour, it's off to the Corvette Store! A down payment on a new C-6 would be cheaper than stopping in the store! Now it's off to the Bryce Inn for our overnight stay. Bob & Jackie Lightfoot are the owners of the Bryce

Inn and are Corvette owners. They have a restored '65 Coupe. Bob had a hose, bucket, soap and towels out for us to wash our cars. Dale & Mo and Tom Dooley were the only ones with the energy to do so and gave them a real bath. Bob recommended a good place to eat in Bowling Green, but only Ed, Roseann, Dave, Klaudia, Star and I had the energy to go there. Rafferty's Grill boasted of a great prime rib that I can attest to! An employee of the Museum, Gary Cockrell, is friends with the Mobeys and they also ate at Raffertys.

David had our tour set up the next morning at 8:30 AM, so it was off to Mickey D's for breakfast and then on to the factory.

They always start off the tour in the auditorium and the gift shop. Another shirt for me! At the start of the tour, they go over the colors offered for the current year. Their most popular is black and the least popular is yellow. As we walked thru the factory,



I noticed that they are now “batching” colors together. They used to be all jumbled up, but now they say it’s less expensive to batch. So, all the blacks, reds, etc. were all in a batch. The factory has gone from over 120 cars a day down to just 80 or so a day. They used to employ 2,000 people and they are now down to 600. We need to start buying Corvettes, people! They had a



mag red convertible with oyster interior and a fawn top (I’m not sure of those names, but you get the picture.) going down the line that got my blood pumping! And it was a six-speed! I didn’t see any pigs flying around, so I guess it is not meant to be? Needless to say, seeing the factory for the second time was a real treat. There is nothing like bringing your Corvette to its birthplace. As we got to the end where they bring the completed Corvette into a lighted tunnel for final inspection, start up and run out, a fellow by the name of Mike Russel came over to our group (We all had on our club shirts, so it was obvious we were a Corvette Club.) and picked Star out and had her get into the next car in line and **START IT UP!** Our tour leader said this has only happened three times while she had been conducting tours. They didn’t let her drive it, only start it; but Star got a certificate that states, in part, “**Thank you for assisting in the**

birth of the World Famous Chevrolet CORVETTE.” What an honor! Her feet didn’t touch the ground for an hour! We are framing the certificate and looking for a place to hang it. I only wish they allowed cameras in the factory to picture the event, but



they don’t, so... The last time we were there, I got permission to drive Lil’brat up to the entrance and take some pictures. One of them is on the website as our membership picture. Anyway, I asked again if all of us could do the same. We all drove up to the entrance and took several pictures that are now on the club website. Cool! Afterwards, we drove back to the Museum for some final pictures in front with the club banner. Not all were able to be in the picture as some headed home, off to Mammoth



Caves and other parts. Tom & Ann decided to participate in the delivery experience that can be done to a used Corvette. As most of you know, Museum delivery is available from the dealer, but what a lot don’t know is that you can have the same experience with your used Corvette. For \$350, they will fully detail your car and park it along side of the new deliveries, roped off and all, a door sticker, plaque and other goodies. Afterwards, Tom & Ann’s car looked so good that Dale told them they should pay to have it shipped home! Then into the Corvette Diner for one last Museum meal and head for home. Dale, Mo, Tom and Ann decided to head thru Alabama and Dave, Klaudia, Star & I headed for home thru Georgia. I must be getting old



as I sure cannot put the miles on like I used to. We only got north of Atlanta before we all agreed to stop for the night at



Days Inn. After a great buffet at Shoney's (Yea, right, ugh.), we hunkered down for the night. Off at 6:00 AM, fighting the morning commute thru Atlanta, we arrived home around 2:30 PM. Lil'brat performed as she should garnering us 30.5 mpg overall and putting another 1,738 miles on her odometer. One more item off my "bucket list." For those of you who didn't get to go, maybe this will whet your appetite for a trip in the future?

Happy Vetting,

Article submitted by Jim & Star Hildebrand, club governor and members of BACC, Florida Region.

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The Mid-Illinois CC, located in Dunlap, IL, has a unique tradition that brings smiling faces, warm toes and joyous hearts to young people in their community. About eight years ago, the Club made the decision to share some of the good fortune that has come to the members of the Club. The question was, "How do we focus that sharing so that the maximum amount of good could be accomplished?" Recognizing there is so much need, especially in hard economic times, members thought "How do you choose?" Fortunately, the answer was right at their feet.

Eight years ago, one of their members, Mourina 'Moe' Sweet, was meeting with the Principal of Pleasant Hill Grade School. Several times during the conversation, a young boy attempted to interrupt the discussion, seeking help regarding his shoes which had completely fallen apart. 'Moe' observed the little boy and his predicament. She began thinking about how the local Corvette Club could help. The school's Principal shared with her that many of the students came from homes with financial issues. In fact most of them wore shoes that were the same or worse than that particular little boy. It started with a tug on the Principal's sleeve by this child and ended with a tug on the heart of the Mid-Illinois CC to make a difference in the lives of the children at this school.

Now an annual tradition, the Club sets aside funds each year for taking a group of the neediest children from Pleasant Hill to a local shoe store for the purchase of shoes, boots and socks. Approximately 300 children have received new footwear in the years the Club has been involved in this project. They have also provided hats, gloves and scarves for the school, as well as books for their library. One of their goals of this project is that every time one of these children sees a Corvette on the street, the youngster will look at their shoes or hats and gloves and think, "These are awesome people. They care about us."

This might not sound like a typical activity for a car club. Putting smiles on the faces of those who need it

most and restoring a child's pride with new shoes and socks exceeds the gratification of driving a Corvette from zero to sixty in a couple of seconds!

On December 8, 2011, several of the Club members had the privilege of escorting 38 children to buy new shoes and socks. The kids were so excited to get boots because snow was in the forecast that very evening. Once again, this proved to be another successful shopping trip and resulted in happy kids with warm, dry feet just in time for winter.

On the left, members gather at the shoe store before shopping with recipients of their 2011 Holiday Shoe Project. On the right, children model their new shoes and boots so everyone can see what they selected.

Story submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.



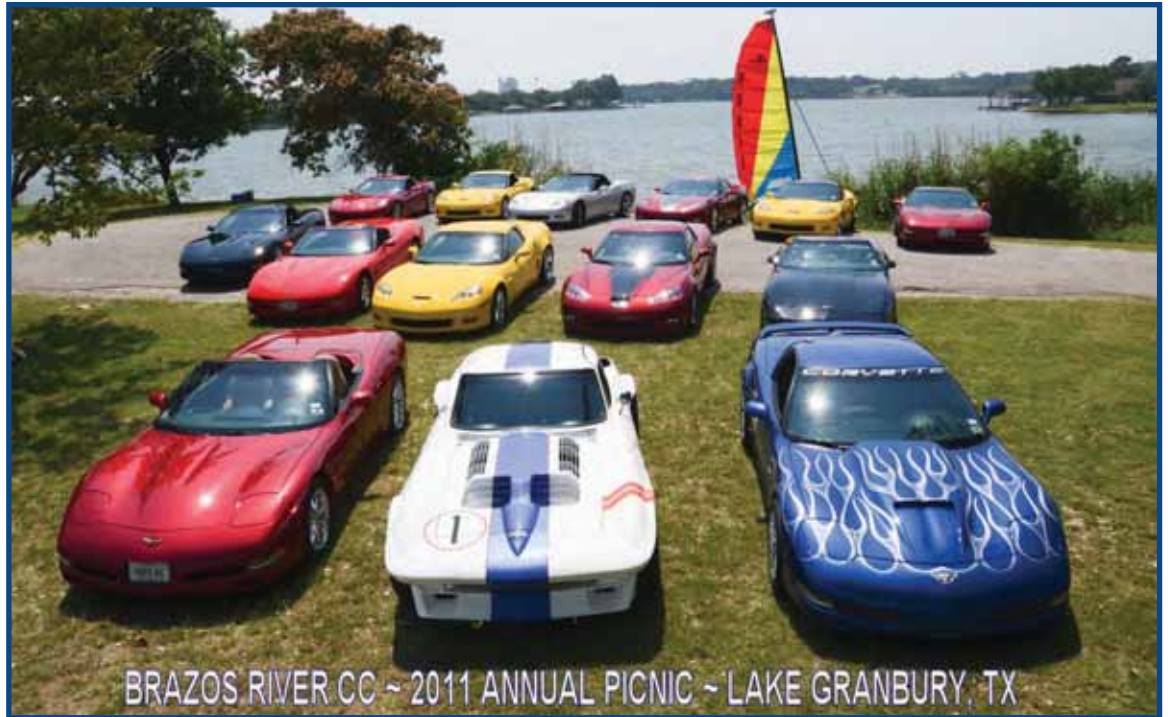
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Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day...
..I've got a beautiful feeling, everything's going my way.
(Rogers and Hammerstein Oklahoma 1943) That could have
been the theme song for our color tour this year. We just couldn't
have asked for a nicer day. It was sunny, we had a great turnout,
and with all the 29 corvettes and 1 Porsche, all lined up going
down the road, it was a beautiful sight.

We started this year's color tour in Oshtemo at Flesher
Field. The pavilion there made a great gathering spot for the
58 folks that joined us for the day. We had some coffee, cider
and donuts to compliment the nice fall weather. Folks received
their driving instructions, a bag of treats, and completed the
obligatory signing of the insurance waiver. Then we divided up
into two groups with Skip and Carol Knowles leading the first
group out at 11 AM. The second group helped with clean-up
at the pavilion and we were shortly behind the first group. We
wandered from the SW side of Kalamazoo to the NE side trying

to avoid as many
traffic lights as
possible which
lead us down
some nice hilly
and curvy roads.
It also meant
paying attention
as we made
frequent turns
and road changes
in the first part of



the travel. Although some of the peak color was past, there were
still some areas of nice color and pretty areas to see. Sometimes
it was the line of corvettes in front of you or the folks waving
from the homes that provided the best entertainment.



M a u e r ' s
had some car
issues with their
car not starting
at Flesher Field
which caused us
some concern,
but with the
many talented car
guys in the club,
they soon had the
car running. Not

wanting to take chances, Rick and Sharon headed home to swap
cars and rejoined us as Group 2 crossed Gull Road.

Our first break was at the Gilmore car museum. Group 2
pulled in around 12:30 and we did not see the Group 1 folks.
I made an assumption that they were so far ahead that they
came and left before we arrived. But a few minutes later in
they came. Apparently they added a "mystery" trip to their
itinerary. It was fun to have the whole group together again
and to share stories of our morning's escapades. Parts of the
stories were around, "where exactly did Group 1 go?" All the
blips are good memories for the stories that are always sure to
come when this color tour is remembered.

The Gilmore Museum staff was just wonderful. We needed to



check in with them to let them know of the arrival but apparently
that wasn't necessary as they knew when we entered the gate.
As the group gathered for a picture in front of the gas station,
one of the museum staff offered to help with the photography so
we all could be in the picture together. Of course that many cars
coming in and lining up also drew attention from the museum's
visitors who thought we were part of the museum exhibit for
the day. The museum is a beautiful spot and in just the short
time we were there many recognized what a gift we have with
the museum in
the area. It really
is a community
spot to be proud
of and we were
lucky to share
the site for a
break.

At 1:00 we
headed back out
to continue our
adventure on
Hickory road/



Mud lake Rd. It was very pretty winding around Fine Lake. Then we started heading North with our final destination being Hastings. The last half of the trip we had longer stretches on the same roads which allowed us to just play follow the leader and



not have to pay as much attention to the turns and road changes. The roads remained hilly and curvy but allowed opportunities to pick up speed which some did with much enthusiasm.

We arrived in Hastings at 2 pm and were promptly greeted by the Waldorf Bar staff. Most were quickly seated and were able to order promptly. With such a large crowd there were some delays in food delivery, but for most, the service and food was delightful. A few members took some time

to explore and were intrigued by the ballroom on the third floor. As I wandered through to visit with folks it was mentioned that there was an incident at the Herrick table. Ralph noted that



he had a "lemonade" spill. I was not totally convinced of the story that the puddle under his chair was a beverage. However that is his story and he is sticking to it. For most our time at the Waldorf was a good one and several folks noted they would come back again.

As we departed Hastings we lost a few members who headed back to home, but several others continued the journey which took us through Yankee Springs recreational area, and on to Plainwell. As a smaller group we traveled together once we were passed the city traffic lights. In the after dinner lull and the peaceful winding roads were almost mesmerizing enough that a majority of us were just playing follow the leader and not paying attention or really caring for where we were going. We were riding in corvettes with corvette friends and that was good enough. But that kind of latitude can get you into trouble and at some point the lead recognized we missed the turn at 3 mile.

You recognize that you weren't paying attention when a string of corvettes that you were once following, are now coming back at you. A few who were paying closer attention made the correct turn and besides being reorganized in a different line-up of those who were paying attention and those who were not, we proceeded to follow the new leaders into Plainwell. At Plainwell we stopped for ice cream at Dean's along the Kalamazoo River. It provided us one last time to mingle as a group and share a story or two. We were thankful for the time we spent together and the new friends we made. From there we all departed towards home, but now with fond memories of a beautiful day, and oh what a beautiful day it was.

Tom and I would like to thank Skip and Carol Knowles for helping with the trip, and we thank all the members and guests who were able to participate and make the 2011 color tour a favorite.

This article and photos were submitted by Arlene Matteson, 2011 President of Kalamazoo CC.



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- Each NCCC Club entering the contest must submit three (3) issues covering the period from January through May 2012. For monthly newsletters; this would be January, March and May. For a bimonthly, this would be the first three issues of the year. Each newsletter should be clearly marked "Contest Entry."
- We highly recommend that you place your newsletter in an envelope as several past entries have been damaged in mailing.
- All entries must be sent by standard mail. No registered, certified, return receipt, postage due type mailings will be accepted.
- Addresses of Judges are listed below.
- The entries should be sent out, one issue at a time as they are published.
- Please include your email address and the judges will notify you that your entry has been received.
- The first issue must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. The final issue must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2012.
- Awards will be presented at the 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS.
- A list of the Winners and all Entrants will appear on the NCCC Web Site and in Blue Bars.

Entries will be judged on content and completeness in the following categories:

Local News:

News of your club

Technical News:

Repair, Replacement, Restoration, Technical Information

Charity News:

Any and all contributions to Charity

NCCC News:

Items concerning National Council (NCCC)

Regional News:

Your Region news or other Regional news

Composition:

Structure and content of your magazine

Scoring will be on a 10-point scale with 10 being the highest.

2012 JUDGES

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2011 TOP 15 NCCC MEN, LADIES & CLUB CHAMPIONS

MEN			
Place	Name	Region	Points
1	RENE CARDENAS	MI	3967
2	WARREN SNYDER	MW	3432
3	HOWARD CURTIS	IN	3073
4	LARRY LICHTENWALD	WR	2935
5	BRUCE WENTZEL	MI	2348
6	THOMAS REITZ	MW	2313
7	GENE GAU	WR	2243
8	MILTON PRICE	MI	2209
9	DON PARKS	SE	2108
10	JON MANZ	WR	1971
11	JACK C. WILSON	MW	1882
12	JIM THOMAS	MW	1874
13	DAVE HEINEMANN	MW	1823
14	FRANCIS RICHMOND	MW	1723
15	GEOFFREY GOTT	EO	1637

LADIES			
Place	Name	Region	Points
1	CAROLYN MCLEMORE	MI	3447
2	MARY WENTZEL	MI	2455
3	KATHY GAU	WR	2429
4	CHRIS REITZ	MW	2352
5	BETTY PARKS	SE	2314
6	MARIE MANZ	WR	2228
7	JOAN HEINEMANN	MW	1830
8	TRACY GAUDU	SW	1723
9	JANET WILSON	MW	1675
10	LINDA GOEBEL	SE	1647
11	JOAN THOMAS	MW	1521
12	KARLA RICHMOND	MW	1425
13	BERNYCE MOLENDIA	SW	1396
14	DEBORAH HASKELL	CA	1153
15	LINDA FAIRLAMB	MW	1128

CLUBS			
Place	Name	Region/Club	Points
1	CORNHUSKER CC	WR-095	27,968
2	OKLAHOMA CITY CC	SW-131	13,718
3	MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP	MI-362	13,010
4	CC OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	10,714
5	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CC	MW-167	10,560
6	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	10,244
7	CC OF IOWA	WR-022	8,235
8	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC	EO-010	8,226
9	COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	7,920
10	NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSN	FL-058	7,269
11	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	6,884
12	ROUTE 66 CC	MW-470	6,485
13	FORT WAYNE CC	IN-115	6,276
14	NASHVILLE CC	SE-073	5,672
15	CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	5,560

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Well, we're into the New Year, 2012 and, hopefully, things are looking up. By the time you read this, we should be seeing springtime and our Corvettes will be shined up and out on the road. We are more fortunate here in the Carolinas than our neighbors to the north in that regard.

First of all, I would like to thank WAYNE JACKSON for stepping up to the plate as our new Regional Membership Director. Since he is learning the ropes, please give him your cooperation and patience. However, we did not find anyone willing to take on the Regional Competition Director responsibilities for 2012. Although the year has started, I am asking for your help. Let me know if you are willing to pick up any of the duties of this position, so we can have a competition season this year.

NCCC is a governing body of Corvette clubs. Clubs, through their governors, have a few duties as part of NCCC. We all know about membership, renewals, and dues. But sometimes we need reminders about a few other important responsibilities as well as benefits. All clubs, through representation, have a say (A VOTE) in how the council operates. Your governor is responsible for either attending regional and national meetings on behalf of your club, sending a proxy to me for the national meetings or sending another club member with his proxy to national or regional meetings. Without representation at national meetings, in person or by proxy, the club will no longer be "in good standing," which could have serious consequences as far as insurance coverage. Read the minutes posted in Blue Bars and on the website and ask your governor for information that the regional officers have provided through email and/or at regional meetings. You can always send emails, call, or even write a letter to any regional officer to offer suggestions, opinions or questions. In fact, we welcome your input.

Finally, prior to the final national meeting of the year, usually in November, there are elections and frequently changes to by-laws. These are voted on by the clubs, through their governor, using the online balloting system. Please be sure to review the candidates and issues and vote. The process is now automated and really easy.

Last, but not least, remember that this organization is made up people who want to enjoy their Corvettes with others who have similar interests. Get out, drive your Corvettes, and have fun.

Margaret Bohannon, Carolina RE

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I cannot count the number of times people have asked me "Why NCCC?". For those who ask such a question, I wonder whether their club governor is supplying the information members need to answer

this question for themselves. A recent life experience provides one more answer to the question.

For years, I have made promises to my wife, Michele, and then had to delay delivery due to work or organizational commitments. I retired in August, so I'm finally making good some of those promises. Since members of Michele's family live in Maryland, Florida, and Texas, Michele wanted to research Pigeon Forge as a potential central meeting place for a family reunion. So, we decided to take a detour through Pigeon Forge on our way to the national governors' meeting in St. Louis in September.

I have occasionally scanned the Special Discounts for NCCC Members on the national web page (<http://www.corvettesnccc.org>). I decided to research the discounts for Choice Hotels. Fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on your point of view), I qualify for a senior discount, and an AAA discount, among others. I obtained a price using each of the discount alternatives. AAA discounts from the rack rate are usually significant. The NCCC Choice Hotels discount provided an almost 20% discount over the AAA rate that we usually get. How much work was required to obtain the discount? Michele had to complete the standard application form, similar to ones most organizations require, and she had to provide the NCCC discount code. All told, perhaps 15 minutes effort. For that effort, we received discounts greater than we could have obtained through any of our other alternatives. In this short visit, we received discounts that exceeded our annual NCCC dues. Any additional traveling we do will be an added bonus.

There are many reasons that Michele and I have been NCCC members for more than a quarter of a century. This is just one of many. In exchange for our NCCC dues this year, we will receive much more in return in discounts that would otherwise not been available to us.

Were you aware such discounts were available? Have you taken advantage of the Choice Hotels discount? Did you think they were not large enough to justify the effort?

The Vision Committee has been discussing means to respond to members who continue to ask "Why NCCC?". DEBBIE LINDSEY, the Director of Sponsorship, has done an outstanding job of obtaining many discounts such as this one for NCCC members. The discounts available will change over time, so members need to view the NCCC web page regularly to determine what's available. DOUG McMAHAN, Director of Public Relations, developed a brochure to provide answers to the "Why NCCC?" question. If you are not aware of the discounts available to NCCC members, contact your governor to get more information. If your governor does not have this information, ask him why. Your governor is your access point to share information to and from the national organization!

Joe Vasta, East Region RE

As I write this, Club and NCCC renewals are nearing completion within the East Region. Many of the clubs have done an outstanding job throughout 2011 hosting events and Corvette outings that have "gotten their motors running" and kept their members quite involved. From car shows to rallies and cruises, autocrosses and "Fridays at the Track," clubs across the East Region are keeping their members busy.

The East Region renewals are in excess of 95% member retention and many clubs have retained 100% of their membership, even adding new members on top of the "seasoned veterans." The Baltimore County CC, ER-547, is one of the exemplary clubs within the East Region that has retained all of its members going into 2012 and has experienced an almost 25% increase in new members.

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One of the important tasks with all of clubs has been to broaden the “Corvette event opportunities” to new members. Attending other clubs’ events has let the new members enjoy the new-found friendships that go along with competition. We look forward to continued growth in the East Region as we head into 2012 and a lot more Corvette fun.

Steve Johnson, East Region RMD

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With Christmas and New Year’s behind us, it’s time for us to start thinking about uncovering our Corvettes, dusting them off, and either activating new or reactivating old friendships. I know that the people who live down South don’t have to uncover their cars or dust them off!

Anyway, the new year of competition for 2012 has begun. Are you looking forward to getting involved in Low or High Speed events, Drags, Funkhanas, Rallyes, Concours, Economy Runs, and Caravans? If not, why not? Getting out there amongst your fellow Corvetters can be so much fun, because it isn’t just about the push, push, push for points. It’s about the friendships we make and the good times we have. It’s about enjoying what you are doing. So get on out there, have a good time and, who knows, you might even earn enough points to win an award.

Chuck and I hope to see several of you out and about during this competition season....save the wave!!

Peggy Stephens, East Ohio RMD

Club Spotlight

Buckeye Corvettes, Inc., Canton, Ohio – Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Fifteen Charter members formed the group in March of 1960. Today, the Club proudly boasts 170 members who promote charity work, attend social gatherings and compete in several competition events throughout the year. Known for giving back to its community, the Club has proudly supported the Kidney Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy and Spina Bifida Associations for several years. The Club has hosted Halloween and Christmas parties and other events for children and adults impacted by these diseases as part of their philanthropic efforts to give back to the community. Corvettes belonging to Club members are pristinely displayed at area car shows and parades. Note: Blue Bars readers can see Club members in the nationally televised Pro Football Hall of Fame parade.

This Club Spotlight was written and submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.

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Hi, Gang,

By the time you get this, our new year will be at full speed with the new season of Autocrosses, Concours, Rallyes, and many social events. I hope to see you at our regional meetings in 2012. Come and represent your club and give the regional offices your input on what you would like for the upcoming season of events. We are always looking for fresh new ideas of things to do.

This year, please report ALL of your charity donations in monetary value and man hours to us, so we can send that info in to national and they can record what our region has accomplished. Your club deserves the credit for all the work they have done.

Remember to sign up all of your kids, grandkids, etc. in the FCOA. It only costs \$10.00 from birth until they turn 16 years old. What a deal!! They will receive age- appropriate items and have their own FCOA ID #.

Let’s Vette Together Soooooooon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE

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This article is being written in December and, by the time you are reading it, it will be well after the Holidays and into 2012. So it is my hope your holidays have all been safe and wonderful.

Today one of the commonly heard buzz words is “Social Media.” As we go into 2012, there are a couple areas the Indiana Region is going to be working on to take advantage of this new trend. The first is our Website; we are in the process of updating the tools used to host the site. The new tool will make it easier for the Webmaster to provide current content to the Region in a timely manner. This change should also make it easier for a new Webmaster to pick up the task as people change. Our hope is to not only provide the required Region information, but for it to also be like a newspaper giving the current headlines. I can see the site better helping with recruitment and helping the prospective members to find a club that best suit them; clubs can even have their own page on the Region site. A new feature will be a community page where clubs can easily post upcoming social events to which they would like to invite members of other clubs. There are going to be a lot of other features, such as a memorial page and pictures. The Prototype is currently being developed and Bill Lapham, the new Webmaster, should be able to show it at the governors’ meeting in February. I’m sure he will be asking for your ideas and input at the meeting. Jim Krebs and I are working with Bill during the transition and reviewing the prototype as it is developed. We cannot mention Social Media and not say something about Facebook. After getting

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the Website updated, the intention is to have the Indiana Region Facebook page.

Our friends at the Anderson Corvette Association will again host the Indiana Region Banquet on April 28. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is a great venue and has been well attended in the past. The Indiana Region will again host the events at Putnam Park on June 2nd and 3rd, with your choice of seven high speed or seven low speed events. This is a great event weekend and one that the Indiana Region can feel proud about hosting.

It is also time to think about the NCCC and Indiana scholarships for 2012. The forms and rules will be available on the respective NCCC and Region Websites soon. With the potential to get a \$1000 NCCC and or a \$500 Indiana Region scholarship, it is well worth the effort of applying.

In closing, I cannot but help mention the loss of a dear friend, Tim Harless, from the Anderson Corvette Association. Tim, we will miss you.

Please let me know if I may be of assistance.

Jim Walton, Indiana Region RE

Club Spotlight

Fort Wayne Corvette Club – Looking for ways to help defray your club's newsletter? The Fort Wayne CC has successfully published their newsletter with the support of area businesses. Advertising from business card size ads up to full page layouts enable the club to meet their monthly expenses while sharing local, state and national Corvette news with their members. Recent newsletters have included news of trips to area venues: Shipshewana, IN home to the Amish Community and antiquing in Larwill, IN. A highlight for members was a trip to Nashville Opryland in August. Members enjoyed a Corvette plant tour, admission to the Grand Ole Opry which included a backstage tour, a river boat cruise and self guided tour to the Ryman Museum.

During 2011, the Club focused on military families in the Indiana National Guard and Army National Guard needing assistance. As part of their efforts, members adopted a needy family and contributed to the Fort Wayne Associated Churches military assistance program which provides both financial assistance and help with employment.

This Club Spotlight was written and submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.

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I would like to congratulate the following competitors for the 2011 Michigan Region Championship Trail Season:

MICHIGAN REGION 2011 POINTS RESULTS		
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR		POINTS
Carolyn Mclemore		803
OVERALL - MEN		POINTS
Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	889
Robert Hall	Flint CC	779
Bruce Wentzel	CC of Michigan	754
Gordon McCann	CC of Michigan	751
Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	740
Jim Sweet	Shiawassee CC	662
Roger Schaefer	Michigan Autocross Group	631
David Johnson	Michigan Autocross Group	610
Milton Price	Michigan Autocross Group	596
Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek	475
Richard Shatkosky	Michigan Autocross Group	404
Paul Yuska	CC of Michigan	370
Michael Sprague	Capital City CC	321
Ted Godett	CC of Michigan	266
OVERALL - LADIES		POINTS
Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	803
Mary Wentzel	CC of Michigan	787
Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	564
Elizabeth Antos	Flint CC	208

MICHIGAN REGION 2011 POINTS RESULTS		
CONCOURS		POINTS
Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	27
Milton Price	Michigan Autocross Group	27
Mark Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes	27
Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	27
Angela Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes	24
Michelle O'Neil	Calhoun County Corvettes	21
Randy O'Neil	Calhoun County Corvettes	21
Chris Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	18
Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	18
Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek	18
SPEED - MEN		POINTS
Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	755
Gordon McCann	CC of Michigan	740
Bruce Wentzel	CC of Michigan	718
Robert Hall	Flint CC	699
Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	647
David Johnson	Michigan Autocross Group	610
Roger Schaefer	Michigan Autocross Group	596
Jim Sweet	Shiawassee CC	537
Milton Price	Michigan Autocross Group	479
James J. Sweet	Shiawassee CC	444
Richard Shatkosky	Michigan Autocross Group	401
Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek	401
Paul Yuska	CC of Michigan	361
Michael Sprague	Capital City CC	321
Ted Godett	CC of Michigan	250
SPEED - LADIES		POINTS
Mary Wentzel	CC of Michigan	747
Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	669
Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	514
RALLYE		POINTS
Jim Sweet	Shiawassee CC	119
James J. Sweet	Shiawassee CC	119
Mark Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes	108
Angela Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes	98
Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	98
Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	98
Milton Price	Michigan Autocross Group	83
Robert Hall	Flint CC	77
Mary Hall	Flint CC	77
Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	68
Chris Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	68
Donna Janos	Flint CC	68
Randy O'Neil	Calhoun County Corvettes	66
Michelle O'Neil	Calhoun County Corvettes	66
Dick Krogel	Kalamazoo CC	57
Gloria Krogel	Kalamazoo CC	57
Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek	54
Dan Macdonald	CC of Battle Creek	46
Denise Macdonald	CC of Battle Creek	46
Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	44
TOP CLUB		POINTS
Michigan Autocross Group		5827
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Dave Johnson, Michigan RCD

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I'm Back...It has been ten years since I last filled the role of Midwest Region Executive and I want to say that I am excited to again have the opportunity to fulfill this role. I want to thank the region's governors for their support and I really look forward to working with the other regional execs as we move NCCC into 2012 and beyond. Since 200, I was focusing heavily on my club's NCCC and charity activities when Dave Heinemann and I decided that we should give something back to NCCC for all of the great times we had at previous conventions. Planning and preparing for the 2011 Convention in Tinley Park had me again involved at the regional and national level, and I found that I missed a lot during the years since leaving the RE position. So, when it became available this time, I jumped at the opportunity.

A big Thank You to Calvin Camp, Warren Snyder and Gary Kelly...I want to thank the RE's who followed me during the past ten years: Calvin, Warren and Gary. They collectively ensured that the region ran well and set a solid financial foundation. The region has never been stronger and that is attributable to the leadership of the officers, committee leads and the Region's Governors. You all made it very easy for me to move back into the RE position. Thank you.

2012 Regional Officers...I would like to introduce our 2012 regional officers. Joining me will be Bill Docherty, our new RCD replacing Paul Haack. Paul will be moving on to the NCCC VP of Competition position. Congratulations to Paul and I am sure he will be equally successful in this position as he was leading our region's competition program. Diana Haack will be replacing Sue Puksich as our Regional Membership Director and Nancy Bailey, Chris Reitz and Joan Thomas will be returning as our Regional Treasurer, Regional Secretary and Regional Webmaster, respectively. We have a great team going into 2012.

Looking Forward within the Midwest Region...2012 looks to be a very busy year in the Midwest Region. The Governors have submitted 180 sanctioned event requests covering dates from the first of April through mid-October. We will again hold a Regional Fund Raiser, which was very successful in the past. We are accepting bids for the 2012 MWR Championship series and I do hope that by the time you read this that the MWRCs details will have been determined. I also want to promote the 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS. The nation came to the Midwest Region in 2011 and I would ask the region's members to return the favor in 2012. I am really looking forward to the 2012 season, to again participating at the national level and rekindling friendships both in and outside of our region. Thanks again for the support.

Larry Pagliaro, Midwest Region RE

As the new RCD for the Midwest Region, I look forward to a safe and busy competition year. With the additional three sanctions per club this year, the competition calendar will be full of exciting events from March to October. Please support your region's clubs by attending. As a competitor, a worker, or just stopping by to see what's happening, club events are really friendly get-togethers. You'll be sure to have a good time! Check out our schedule and flyers at www.mwregion.com.

Thanks to PAUL HAACK for his service as RCD and congratulations on his successful run for VP of Competition. I look forward to working with him and all the Regional Competition Directors in 2012.

My dad told me, "You get out of life what you put in," and it took a long time for that to sink in. Since joining NCCC, I have been an avid competitor, both on the national and regional levels, event chairperson, club secretary, member of the Convention Steering committee, and now Midwest RCD. I have made many new friends, visited new places and seen many beautiful Corvettes in a really short period of my life. I hate to admit it, but my Dad was right!

Bill Docherty, Midwest Region RCD

Club Spotlight

Mid-Illinois Corvette Club – MICC is revving up with a full calendar of 2012 activities. Members will visit the 104th edition of the Chicago Auto Show. First held in 1901, this show is the largest auto show in North America at McCormick Place. Members will gather at Conklin Dinner Theatre Barn II in Goodfield, IL to enjoy Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn." One of the Club's spotlight events will be a motor tour May 17-19th to the 32nd Annual Corvette Beach Caravan and Car Show. Over 100 Corvettes will caravan from Dothan, AL to Panama City Beach, FL for a fun and exciting weekend of friendship, dining, entertainment, special guests, Corvette Seminars and auction to benefit The National Corvette Museum.

The Wisconsin Corvette Club, Inc. – Member Jim Heindl discovered the meaning of the expression "it's a small world" recently while attending a Corvette event at Road America. While talking to a group from Finland, Jim shared that the new owner transported a Corvette he owned to Finland. It turns out that the Finns knew of his car. To his delight, they told him that it was in Sweden undergoing restoration.

The Milwaukee area group enjoyed their annual Fall Color Run to the Monroe, New Giarus and Mineral Point, WI area. Known as the beautiful uplands, the area's nickname held true as members enjoyed fall colors, great meals and tours of local points of interest including a brewery tour. Warming up for the holidays, a cookie exchange, tubing and Christmas Party rounded out their calendar.

While many Corvette owners in the Midwest Snow Belt store their cars from the harsh winter elements, the Wisconsin CC in Milwaukee, WI does not let the weather keep them from having fun and enjoying the friendship of other Corvette owners. Members bundled up and braved the elements at their annual WCC Tubing Event followed by a Polar Plunge at Bradford Beach to ring in the New Year, followed by a late winter Chili Cook-off guaranteed to take the chill off the outside winter air. Members balance out the calendar with weekend trips, dining out, movies, dances and other gatherings throughout the year.

Badger State Vettes, LTD Milwaukee Metropolitan area – the Wisconsin Humane Society was the real winner at the 19th annual Chili Cook-Off, 17th annual Chocolate Bake-Off and 10th annual Salsa Competition when the Badger State club challenged Brew City, Kettle Moraine, Muskego, Ozaukee and Wisconsin Corvette Clubs to join them for this annual event. With cold northerly winds blowing outside, participants and guests warmed up indoors with hot bowls of chili, tasty salsa dips and tempting chocolates guaranteed to satisfy

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everyone's appetites. Division winners: Jan Rose (Muskego CC) – Chili, Ed Cassel (Wisconsin CC) – Salsa, and Rita Mesu (Badger SV) – Chocolate, were welcomed as Inductees into their respective Hall of Fame for their prized recipes.

During the fall of 2011, members enjoyed an annual social event that brings owners together for fun, food and beverages while participating in a scenic Driving Challenge through the Kettle Moraine, WI State Forest. Navigators received a list of questions to answer along a planned driving route. Participants cannot use electronic navigation devices during the Challenge. The route included plenty of ups, downs and arounds. Once at their destination restaurant, participants had the opportunity to order alligator from the menu. For the less brave, the usual restaurant items were also available.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Inc. – This past year, the Club sponsored their first ever “Photo Party” with 17 people in attendance. Guest brought appetizers, desserts and photos to share. Highlight of the evening was a “Stump the Others” table. Members challenged guests to name people in the photos which included baby pictures, prom photos and wedding pictures. Member Louise Gorsch had the best eyes of the night by correctly guessing the name of people in 11 photos. She won the “Stump” prize, a Corvette serving tray.

NICC members participate in their annual community's “Adopt a Highway” program. Volunteers remove debris from both sides of a stretch roadway of Perryville Road

between Harrison Avenue and Newburg Road, Rockford, IL four times a year. The highway department posts signage with the Club's name along the highway in appreciation of the Club's efforts.

Sparkling dresses and holiday ties were part of the festive garb as Club members attended the Rockford Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert last December. Participants enjoyed sharing holiday festivities and singing carols with the Orchestra.

These Club Spotlights were written and submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.

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Greetings from the chilly Northeast where our vehicles are tucked away snugly 'til the days grow long. The 2011 year has finished with SOUTHERN TIER CC leading the points past TRI VETTES CC in a fierce battle. Everyone is enjoying the festivities of the season and starting to plan for next year.

Competition Results for North East Region 2011 are as follows:

Top 3 Clubs: Southern Tier CC
Tri-Vettes CC
Adirondack CC

Top 5 Men: R.Lapcevich
R.Sawdy
B.Dearborn
B.Secor (STCC)
G.Haake (T-VCC)

Top 5 Ladies: K.Lapevich
C.Sawdy
C.Jones (STCC)
G.Haake (T-VCC)
C.Czamecki (STCC)

Thank You everyone for all their time and efforts to make this season productive and enjoyable. Have a prosperous new year. Until the clock jumps ahead, stay warm, safe and Save the Wave.

Ray, Brian, Rich

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By the time you read this, we will be well into our 2012 competition season. Roadrunner finished the 2011 year with over 50 sanctioned events and I sincerely hope that we have many more, with much greater entry levels in 2012.

ROADRUNNER REGION 2011 POINTS RESULTS		
PLACE	MEN	WOMEN
OVERALL POINTS		
1	Paul Hamersly (ACC) - 262	Debi Hamersly (ACC) - 293
2	Ray Jenkins (CCA) - 211	Pat Jenkins (CCA) - 230
3	Dale McKeeman (ACC) - 193	Jan Schoonover (CRCC) - 204
SHOWS/RALLIES		
1	Ray Jenkins (CCA) - 129	Pat Jenkins (CCA) - 120
2	James Schade (VVV) - 83	Debi Hamersly (ACC) - 85
3	David Minton (EPCC) - 80	Dorothy Schade (VVV) - 83
3	Bernard Myers (VVV) - 80	
AUTOCROSS/DRAGS		
1	Paul Hamersly (ACC) - 190	Debi Hamersly (ACC) - 208
2	Dale McKeeman (ACC) - 166	Jan Schoonover (CRCC) - 151
3	Bob Schoonover (CRCC) - 119	Nancy Gray (TCC) - 115
TOP CLUB FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION		
Arizona Competition Corvettes		
OVERALL CLUBS		
1	Arizona Competition Corvettes - 1,378 pts	
2	CC of Arizona - 1,117 pts	
3	Thunder Vette Set - 1,028 pts	

Congratulations to all category top finishers and to everyone who supported the wide variety of events throughout the region in 2011.

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

WWW.NCCCROADRUNNER.COM

Paul Hamersly, RCD

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The snow, cold and tax season is still hanging around the Rocky Mountain Region. The cars and the owners are still hibernating indoors. The winter projects should be on the final leg. In a couple of months, we will venture out on the road hoping that the roads do not have too much gravel on them and the fun will start all over. The first time the car comes out of the garage for a wash, if your heart doesn't start pumping faster, you better get checked out.

I hope everybody in the region will be re-energized and ready to party with their favorite car.

Pete Urenda, Rocky Mountain RE

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The Southeast Region continued its growth spurt in 2011. We started the year with 1,020 members and 15 clubs. In September, the Middle Tennessee CC in Tullahoma, TN joined NCCC and the Region. At the end of the year, we had grown to 1,219 members – almost a 20% growth! Great job, Governors and to our outgoing Regional Membership Director, Gail Yanko. Gail has passed the Membership role to Amelia Workman who has served as Nashville CC's Membership Director for many years.

Competition in the Region was successful as well. There were 77 events over seven weekends. One of those weekends was a Region fundraising event at a newly-found site at the Pellissippi Community College in Knoxville, TN. Special thanks goes to Dave & Linda Goebel (ETCC) for securing this excellent site!! Look for us to return there again.

After all the events were tabulated, there were 91 men and 47 ladies from the Southeast who earned Regional points. Additionally, 57 competitors from other Regions campaigned within our Region. There were 86 people who helped by working the events. Tremendous thanks go out to all those workers. Without your help, the events could not go on!!

Continuing in 2011, we are honoring the top 15 competitors—a tradition that was established in 2009. Again, the men and ladies were combined for awards and bragging rights! In the end, nine men and six ladies earned the honor of the Top 15 Competitors. Two other Competitors earned at least 200 points within the Region. The top three places for Workers (tie for 3rd place) and the top three Clubs were honored as well. The 2011 Regional winners are listed below.

As we go to press, the tentative 2012 schedule will include two weekends in Nashville, TN (if they can locate a facility – probably April & October); two to three weekends in Huntsville, AL (early

2011 SOUTHEAST REGION FINAL POINT STANDINGS				
Top 15 Competitors				
PLACE	NAME	NCCC NO.	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Linda Goebel	SE-253-0461L	803	77
2	Betty Parks	SE-142-0232L	747	74
3	Alysia Hardy	SE-073-0755L	726	74
4	Metts Hardy	SE-073-0754	720	74
5	Don Parks	SE-142-0231	707	74
6	David Goebel	SE-253-0460	696	77
7	Jack Filippone	SE-142-0495	559	77
8	Gary Davenport	SE-562-0006	537	77
9	Freda Davenport	SE-562-0007L	536	77
10	Lynn Ryder	SE-073-0739	487	60
11	Ron Jarrell	SE-073-0590	460	60
12	Deborah Jarrell	SE-073-0591L	453	60
13	Brandon Davis	SE-999-0675	400	39
14	Larry Odom	SE-073-0680	349	49
15	Jessica Porter	SE-073-1115L	310	41
200 pts	Dale Johnson	SE-073-1009	225	31
200 pts	Cheryl Davis	SE-999-0676L	207	25

2011 SOUTHEAST REGION FINAL POINT STANDINGS				
Workers				
PLACE	NAME	NCCC NO.	POINTS	EVENTS
1	John McGee	SW-562-0003	155	74
2	Amelia Workman	SE-073-0164L	91	42
3	Jennifer Moorhouse	SE-073-0850L	63	28
3	Wendell (Butch) Geng	SE-073-0899	63	28

2011 SOUTHEAST REGION FINAL POINT STANDINGS				
Clubs				
PLACE	NAME	CLUB NO.	POINTS	HOSTED
1	Nashville CC	SE-073	5347	7
2	Corvette Atlanta	SE-142	2534	7
3	East Tennessee CC	SE-253	2515	7

spring and November & December); one weekend at Roebing Road Raceway near Savannah, GA (November); and Regional Fundraising weekend(s) (probably in Knoxville, TN). Check the Southeast and Florida Regions website (www.ncccsouth.com) for the latest calendar information. Mark your calendars and join the fun!!

John McGee, Regional Executive

Don Parks, Regional Competition Director

Gail Yanko, Regional Membership Director – 2011

Amelia Workman, Regional Membership Director - 2012

Betty Parks, Regional Secretary/Treasurer

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Above is a collage of several of the Southwest Region Cars shows in 2011 compliments of Doug.

Southwest Region members are ready for the year 2012. Our elections have been held and officers are in place. We have two new governors joining our ranks this year: Tracy Gaudu, representing Longhorn CC members, and Jesse Ryan, representing Oklahoma City CC members.

Both Craig Kamradt and Jon Bradford are starting their second year of their first term. The first year has the "learning curve" built into it and I want to thank both Craig and Jon for their service to our SW Region. Returning this year as our Regional Webmaster is Doug McMahan and Mary Anne Kolb as our Regional Scholarship Director.

This year we have two new appointed officers joining us: Paul Wolter, from CC of Texas, will be our Region Treasurer, and Marlene Pattillo, San Jacinto CC, will be our Region Secretary. I want to thank both Mary Anne Kolb and Brenda Lackey for their dedicated years of service to our SW Region.

I believe we have a great group of volunteers working for our Southwest Region members, a fine mix of folks who enjoy the various aspects of what this organization has to offer.

With that being said, just a reminder of two of the NCCC opportunities available to both recognize your club volunteers, as well as let other clubs around the nation learn more about your club activities and interests: the Club Newsletter Contest and the Club Website Contest. Our local clubs have some really informative newsletters and websites that would qualify for these contests if they were entered. Lots of time goes into putting these together for your membership. Why not take advantage of another way to say "Thank you" to your members for their efforts in representing your local club? Go to www.corvettesnccc.org; for 2012 deadlines and who to notify, click on Contests to Enter tab.

Don't forget our National Scholarship opportunity for NCCC members and their families. The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from clubs, individuals, and corporate friends, such as Mid America Motorworks. The scholarship committee awards \$1,000 in scholarship moneys to applicants who qualify. 2012 scholars must be received by deadline May 5, 2012. Click on Scholarships tab for more details.

Looking forward to working and seeing everyone this year.
Make it a great "Corvette Day."

Jeannie Ruston, Southwest Region RE

As I write this, the 2011 competition season is over in the Southwest Region and the holidays are here and will have passed by the time this is published. It was a busy October with four out of five weekends enjoying some autocross competition. I would like to thank the Southwest Region's membership and past RCDs for help in my first year as Southwest RCD. It has been an eye-opening opportunity to see some of the work that goes on behind the scenes. The Southwest Region enjoyed Drag Racing, Low Speed Autocrosses, High Speed Autocrosses, and some Car Shows this year as NCCC events. Regional events included weekends in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Waco, Texas, and Houston, Texas, along with weekends at Texas Motor Speedway, Hallet Motor Speedway, and Motorsports Ranch in Cresson, Texas.

The latest and greatest information for competition events in 2012 is available at the Southwest Region home page. Please feel free to check it anytime for released flyers and schedules later in

2012 at www.nccswregion.org. The attached tables show the top 15 Men and Women and top 10 clubs for 2011 in the Southwest Region. Congratulations to all!

Craig Kamradt, Southwest Region RCD

Club Spotlight

Cen-Tex Corvette Club, Inc. –photos and videos to visit their site. The Waco, Texas Club proudly launched their new website at <http://www.cen-texcorvetteclub.com>. Members invite everyone interested in learning about the Club, view Corvette related articles and technical information, or hear about their activities.

In an attempt to bring in new ideas and different places to visit, the Club has started a new program to involve more members in activities and road trips. Individuals or couples will serve as volunteer event coordinators. During 2011, members enjoyed a Valentine's Road trip, Cruise Nights and a Hot Springs, AR Corvette Weekend.

This Club Spotlight was written and submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.

SWR's TOP 10 CLUBS FOR 2011	
PLACE	CLUBS
1	Oklahoma City CC
2	Cowtown Vettes
3	Cen-Tex CC
4	Tin Hall Toys
5	Tejas Vettes
6	Longhorn CC
7	Texas Competition CC
8	San Jacinto CC
9	Corvette Motorsports Club of TX
10	Sooner State CC

SWR's TOP 15 MEN & WOMEN FOR 2011		
PLACE	MEN	WOMEN
1	Ted Molenda	Tracy Gaudu
2	Johnny Gann	Bernyce Molenda
3	Don Franklin	Cindy Morrison
4	Ken Bakenhus	Jeannie Ruston
5	Craig Kamradt	Bonnie Goodson
6	Ron Ruston	April Ryan
7	Robert Morrison	Colleen Kamradt
8	Lewis Crowder	Cathy Anthony
9	Dean Lackey	Donna Forsythe
10	Chris Gann	Mary Anne Kolb
11	Kevin Anthony	Glenda Brown
12	Jesse Ryan	Eileen Fox
13	Doug Shilen	Cheryl Surdick
14	Neil Fox	Raquel Burgess
15	Jim Forsythe	Marilyn Bakenhus

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Spring is just around the corner. For those of us in the West Region, we are thinking of taking the covers off the Corvettes and, in some cases, putting the insurance back in force. There are lots of fun activities being planned for the year including the 2012 Convention in Topeka. But, before all that, we will be gathering in Omaha for the West Region banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of 2011. We will be recognizing over 65 individuals for their participation in the region's competition program. It is always a good time to touch base with our Corvette family after the cold winter passes and share in an evening of fun and camaraderie.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support given me as the Regional Executive. You all made this a wonderful year. I learned so much about what you do in your clubs to enjoy your Corvettes. I look forward to maintaining contact with all of you as I move on to other responsibilities. You are what makes the Corvette experience so enjoyable and rewarding.

Kathy Brisbois, West Region RE (outgoing)

Hi, All!

Just finished listening to the latest local weather forecast. YEP! You guessed it, snow is on the way. You know what that means, especially to the WR and MW Region folks. We are going to have to keep our pride and joy wrapped up a little bit longer. It won't be long before warm sunny days return.

The West Region is actively working on its schedule for 2012. If you are in the area or wish to join us, please check out our website.

Exciting times are the headlines for the West Region in 2012. As you all know, the West Region will be hosting the 2012 NCCC Convention in Topeka, KS, June 23-30. We are very excited to host this year's NCCC Convention. The speed events will be held at the well-known Heartland Park, a premier race facility in Topeka. I know you're going to like it.

You will experience small town hospitality with a big town atmosphere. If you ever thought about attending Convention, this is the one. Won't you join us on the Yellow Brick Road?

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

Well, our favorite season, winter, is upon us. Just kidding, the Vettes are put away, not to be seen on the road for a few months. By the time you read this, winter will be winding down, we hope. The renewals are done and we had one club, Central Kansas CC, WR-056, increase their membership by almost three times, from eight members to 23 members, thanks in part to a strong recruiting effort by CKCC's Governor, FRED JOHNSON. Nice job, Fred. This is something we can all do during the winter, go out and recruit new members.

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, also.

The West Region Scholarship program is a program where we award scholarships to worthy West Region members' children or grandchildren. This year we didn't have any applicants, so the scholarships went unused. It is not too hard to sign up; we use the same form 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.

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

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

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

Take care,

Bob Bowen, West Region RCD

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Welcome to all the new members and the old members this year to NCCC. All of us look forward to seeing the new members at events. 2012 is starting with many events already planned in the Region. A caravan to the National Convention in Topeka, KS is also in the planning stages.

The Blue Bars Editor is always looking for articles on clubs and or events. How about a story how you found your first Corvette? Any human-interest story may make the pages of Blue Bars. Pictures always help make an article also.

CLIFF HARRIS is working on getting our region number ONE in membership. Cliff has noticed that a lot of old members are returning to their clubs after being inactive for a while and we are gaining new members also. There are many types of activities that are enjoyed in a Corvette, such as autocrosses, rallies, and car shows. With all the other types of activities out there to enjoy, you owe it to yourself to check out the calendar at the West Coast Region website, <http://www>.

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ncccwregion.org, or your club governor to see what other Corvette clubs are doing. You might find something that looks like fun. You will notice that Cliff has taken the time to color code the events to make it easier to identify what kind of event they are. Red events are the sanctioned events for which you earn points, Blue for non-sanctioned events (no points), and Black for Corvette-related events in and out of the West Coast Region.

The rulebook for 2012 is online and, if you have questions, please contact JOE ORRICO, WC RCD, for clarification. I hope that this will generate some additional interest in competition.

Listed below are your REGIONAL WINNERS for 2011. Congratulations to all!

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

2011 West Coast Regional Points Championship		
PLACE	OVERALL - MEN	POINTS
1	Joe Orrico	286
2	Scott Erickson	178
3	Craig Clark	175
4	Geoffrey Girvin	124
5	Doug Lyon	122
6	Barry Misiuk	122
7	John Manfred	115
8	Doug Nicoll	113
9	Don Winters, Jr.	111
10	Doug Glenore	105
PLACE	OVERALL - WOMEN	POINTS
1	Jennifer Spencer	243
2	Cindy Orrico	138
3	Jackie Lyon	119
4	Kimberly Bratt	86
5	Nancy Erickson	78
6	Kathy Hedges	67
7	Patricia Esqueda	66
8	Dorothy McCain	64
9	Kathleen Clapp	61
10	Susan Rosen	61
PLACE	TOP CLUBS	POINTS
1	Corvette Super Sports	2701
2	Inland Empire Corvettes	1842
3	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	1407
4	Vapor Trail Vettes	1002
5	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	756
6	Vettes "R" Us	720
7	Corvettes West	669
8	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	566
9	Newport Harbor Corvettes	511
10	The Vette Set	239

Save the Wave,

Your WC Region Officers,

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2011 WEST OHIO REGION POINTS STANDINGS					
PLACE	OVERALL - MEN	NCCC NUMBER	CLUB	TOTAL POINTS	EVENTS COUNTED
1	Bob Armstrong	WO-018-0307	CCC	436	48
2	Rodney Cramer	WO-061-0330	GSCA	391	43
3	Ron Brown	WO-018-0177	CCC	343	38
4	Jerry Limpach	WO-027-1054	CT	315	37
5	George Cramer	WO-061-1007	GSCA	307	43
6	Jim Asbury	WO-209-0001	MVCC	302	43
7	Andy Asbury	WO-209-0159	MVCC	300	40
8	Dave Weaver	WO-027-0009	CT	203	27
9	James Meyers	WO-209-0005	MVCC	163	29
10	Thomas Witt	WO-027-0621	CT	146	14
11	Rudy Oliver	WO-027-1331	CT	135	15
12	James Shepler	WO-027-0162	CT	124	20
13	Bob Bean	WO-018-0319	CCC	119	17
14	Mike Eaton	WO-027-1460	CT	118	20
15	Jim Barblan	WO-018-0237	CCC	117	12
16	Bill Reynolds	WO-027-0898	CT	107	15
17	Dan Schmick	WO-027-1152	CT	104	15
18	Cary Wilson	WO-017-1433	CT	95	10
19	Kevin Clawson	WO-027-1210	CT	83	15
20	Todd Shuman	WO-027-1319	CT	81	20
21	Ken Schaper	WO-027-0718	CT	67	15
22	Charles Jenkins	WO-018-0228	CCC	56	12
23	Gannon Bryant	WO-132-0068	FCFC	49	21
24	Charles Staley	WO-027-1461	CT	47	20
25	Brian Jenkins	WO-018-0289	CCC	45	5
26	Scott Schmick	WO-027-1365	CT	44	5
27	Don McAlexander	WO-027-1341	CT	40	20
28	Dean Brookshire	WO-027-1394	CT	40	20
29	Brian Campbell	WO-027-1225	CT	40	20
30	Steve Gerbig	WO-027-1345	CT	40	20
31	David Carey	WO-132-0032	FCFC	35	14
32	Charles Conway	WO-027-1468	CT	30	15
33	Marc Grillot	WO-027-1444	CT	30	15
34	Burnell Bauer	WO-132-0045	FCFC	28	14
35	Lloyd Towne	WO-132-0076	FCFC	28	14
36	Bill Decator	WO-132-0054	FCFC	28	14
37	Barton Rowe	WO-132-0248	FCFC	28	14
38	Steve Knouff	WO-209-0013	MVCC	21	7
39	Richard Knouff	WO-209-0009	MVCC	21	7
40	Matt Lewis	WO-209-0180	MVCC	21	3
41	Larry Marvin	WO-027-1439	CT	20	10
42	Charlie Roemer	WO-018-0229	CCC	15	4
43	Dan Caughnour	WO-027-1431	CT	10	5
44	Bob Ewald	WO-027-1214	CT	10	5

2011 WEST OHIO REGION POINTS STANDINGS					
PLACE	OVERALL - LADIES	NCCC NUMBER	CLUB	TOTAL POINTS	EVENTS COUNTED
1	Pat Brown	WO-018-0178L	CCC	403	48
2	Sheryl Asbury	WO-209-0161L	MVCC	198	27
3	Janelle Rhoades	WO-027-1168L	CT	186	20
4	Judy Roeder	WO-027-1375L	CT	127	15
5	Karen Bryant	WO-132-0074L	FCFC	49	21
6	Janet Limpach	WO-027-1055L	CT	47	20
7	Teresa Peters	WO-027-1428L	CT	40	20
8	Shirley Lamka	WO-027-0017L	CT	40	20
9	Karen Weaver	WO-027-0021L	CT	37	15
10	Nancy Fickas	WO-018-0304L	CCC	33	3
11	Linda Conway	WO-027-1469L	CT	30	15
12	Juanita Reynolds	WO-027-0899L	CT	30	15
13	Sue Crawford	WO-132-0261L	FCFC	28	14
14	Ruth Ann Meyers	WO-209-0145L	MVCC	21	7
15	Nadine Myers	WO-027-1395L	CT	20	10
16	Jean Schmidt	WO-027-1445L	CT	20	10

PLACE	CLUBS	NCCC NUMBER	CLUB	TOTAL POINTS
1	Corvette Troy	WO-027	CT	2355
2	Cincinnati CC	WO-018	CCC	1957
3	Miama Valley CC	WO-209	MVCC	1586
4	Glass Society Corvette Assn	WO-061	GSCA	1217
5	Fountain City CC	WO-132	FCFC	868
6	Glass City CC	WO-039	GCCC	700
7	Greenville CC	WO-244	GCC	700

Ron Brown, West Ohio Region RE

Regional News

Club Spotlight

Corvette Troy - The Corvette Troy Charities Inc. awarded not one, but two 2012 Corvettes on November 5, 2011 at their annual Charity event! Bud's Chevrolet in St. Mary's, OH works with the Club to provide new Corvettes at a competitive price to deliver the cars to the winners. Committee members spend a significant amount of time to ensure a successful and professionally managed event. The entire membership supports this activity to benefit the local community. While two families drove away with new Corvettes, the real winner of this event was the Miami Valley Spina Bifida Organization. Despite tough economic times, members rally together to sell tickets, acquire door prizes, work to publicize the event and make financial contributions to insure the success of this their 28th annual benefit drawing.

This Club Spotlight was written and submitted by Pat Clark, Blue Bars staff member.



James & Linda Corn win Corvette Troy



Tom & Sharon Knick win Corvette Troy

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About the Front Cover: Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. 50th Anniversary

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

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

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

By the 1970s, the club had grown to 35 members and the solid roots of Buckeye Corvettes began to form. Some members split from the club and formed two other area groups – Hall of Fame Corvettes and Corvette Canton – and the latter still exists today. Also during

the '70s, the members of Buckeye Corvettes began their tradition of doing charity work for the Muscular Dystrophy and Spina Bifida Associations. The club hosted Halloween parties, Christmas parties and other events for the children and adults affected by the condition.

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

The mid-to-late-'90s brought a membership explosion to the club, and they continued their national and community charity work. The increase in membership meant an increase in involvement with the club, and more members began to participate in the club's activities like racing, hill climbs, rallies, parades and social events. Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. stands strong today due to involved members, good leadership and the steadfast sponsorship from the Ewing family. In a recent interview with Stan Ewing's son Dave, he recalls Ewing Chevrolet "was always a proud sponsor of the club, with a mutual respect for the relationship" that lasted nearly 40 years and that "The Buckeye Corvette Club was always one of the top priorities of the Ewing family." After 93 years in business and 47 years of sponsoring Buckeye Corvettes, Ewing Chevrolet sadly closed its doors in 2007.



Skip Blowers, owner of Skipco Auto Auction and a club member since 1974, stepped up to carry on the fine tradition of sponsorship duties to which the club was accustomed.

Today, the club boasts 178 current members and remains committed to several activities within the Northeastern Ohio community. Members attend social events each month and compete in many competition events throughout the year. Corvettes from the club are pristinely displayed at local car

shows, and several homecomings and parades, including the nationally televised Pro Football Hall of Fame Parade. The men and women of Buckeye Corvettes also regularly participate in philanthropic efforts, holding fundraisers for charities such as the National Kidney Foundation, as well as giving back to their community by donating their time and money to families in need.

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

Stephanie Gallagher, author. Photographer: Dunlap Photography. Article and photo were submitted by Chuck Heretta, member and governor of Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.

Betty Skelton

1926 - 2011

The name Betty Skelton is synonymous with Corvette. Betty earned international fame as the “first lady of firsts” in the automotive, aviation and racing communities. A Pioneer of the twentieth century, her legacy is a tribute to her dedication and commitment to those industries. Throughout her lifetime, Betty claimed more combined automotive and aviation records than any other person in history. The first female inducted into The National Corvette Hall of Fame, Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2001, Skelton’s life was a portrait of a Corvette lady forging ahead with a spirit and determination that earned her the respect and admiration of colleagues and friends throughout her life.

Born June 28th, 1926 in Pensacola, Florida she was the only child of Myrtle and David Skelton. Her childhood home was near the Pensacola Naval Complex where Betty preferred building model airplanes to playing with dolls, while watching the planes fly overhead. At an early age, she began reading books about aviation. She would convince pilots at the local municipal airport to let her ride along on local flights. At the age of 12, Betty flew solo in a Taylorcraft airplane owned by local Navy Ensign Kenneth Wright. At 16, she aspired to become a pilot by earning her Civil Aviation authority private pilot’s license and qualified for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program. Unfortunately, the program had a minimum age of 18½, and was discontinued shortly before she met the age requirement.

In the summer of 1945, Betty was busy polishing her skills as a stunt pilot while planning to fly in a benefit air show her father was producing. In quick fashion, she perfected simple aerobatic maneuvers such as the loop and roll which she performed at the show. Betty took the opportunity to demonstrate her skills as a pilot at air shows and serving as a flight instructor. Her specialty was a breathtaking maneuver she performed with precision while entertaining spectators. Flying upside down at 10 feet above the ground, she would cut a ribbon strung between two fishing poles in half using her propeller. In 1948, she became internationally famous when she won the Women’s International Aerobatic Championships. Shortly after, she purchased a Pitts Special experimental bi-plane, designed and built specifically for aerobatics. She repainted the plane a stunning pattern of red, white and blue, named it “Little Stinker” and added a co-pilot, her Chihuahua known as “Little Tinker.” The pup wore a custom-made working parachute while flying in her lap. She repeated as the Women’s International Aerobatic Championships

in 1949 and 1950. Today her bi-plane is on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.

Between competing at air shows, Betty was busy setting aviation records. In 1949, she flew a Piper Cub to a height of 25,763 feet setting the world light plane altitude record. Two years later, she broke her existing record again flying a Piper Cub to an elevation of 29,050 feet. Betty also held the world speed record for piston engine aircraft over a three kilometer course reaching a speed of 421.6 mph.



While living in Detroit, Michigan, Betty’s lifetime devotion to the Corvette began when she joined the Chevrolet advertising company of Campbell-Ewald in January of 1956. Days later, she traveled to Florida to participate in the NASCAR Speed Week activities on the beach in Daytona. There she met Zora Arkus-Duntov, known as the Godfather of the Corvette, John Fitch and numerous Chevrolet executives. Zora had three Corvettes on the beach. He, Fitch and Skelton raced the cars on the sand known as the “Flying Mile” in Daytona. Duntov recorded the fastest time that day. However, it was Skelton who attracted the attention of NASCAR President, Bill France. Clocked at over 145 mph, France acknowledged her speed as the fastest ever driven by a lady and declared her speed a world record for women. She became an overnight celebrity with Chevrolet and NASCAR. When asked once to describe Skelton, Fitch stated: “I venture to say there is no other woman in the world with all the attributes of this woman. The most impressive of them all is her surprising and outstanding ever-present femininity, even when tackling a man’s job. Whether opening the throttle of an experimental airplane, manhandling the wheel of a jet car, or making important decisions behind a desk, Betty Skelton, will forever remain a lady...a Super Lady in my book!”

In 1956-57, a General Motors design team gathered to assemble a one-of-a-kind Corvette made for Betty. A translucent gold Corvette with a hint of metallic drove off the Assembly Line in St. Louis. The car was one of a kind designed for

the first lady of Corvette. The interior featured pearlescent leather. Floor mats, seatbelts and other interior ornamentation and components were also gold. Even the Corvette insignia sported a different look. The metallic gold glistened and danced in the sunlight presenting a dramatic contrast to her red hair as she sat behind the wheel of her new car. No other vehicle could compare with its beauty. It was a show car beyond anyone's imagination. In her own words: "It was breathtaking and drop dead gorgeous." She drove the car to Daytona for Speed Week. After that, she paced all the NASCAR races for the 1957 season.



Betty Skelton, driving Corvettes for records on the sands of Daytona Beach for Chevrolet in 1956 and 1957. She rerepresented Chev for

Betty spent the next 15 years with the ad agency. She participated in efforts to increase production, make the Corvette more popular, while publishing *Corvette News*, staging



Corvette Corals at major race events and developing state and local clubs to further interest in Corvette ownership. Skelton also participated in many rally events nationwide. Among her other notable accomplishments, Betty worked as a technical narrator for GM at major auto shows primarily serving as spokeswoman for Corvette. She appeared in national ads and television commercials. *LOOK* Magazine featured Skelton in a 1960 cover story when she became the first woman to experience NASA's physical and psychological tests given the original seven astronauts. She underwent the tests in 1959 prior to any human venturing into space. She was an avid supporter of the program and followed its progress closely. Skelton was instrumental in arranging for the seven original U.S. astronauts to own and drive Corvettes. She also arranged for Alan B. Shepard, Jr., another NASA astronaut, to take delivery of his new Corvette at the General Motors Technical Center. A photo of the presentation appeared on the cover of *Corvette News*. In addition, she made automotive history when she drove a jet car

on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah officially driving a vehicle over three hundred miles an hour.

When asked "What makes you tick?" she would respond, "My heart makes me tick, and it's my heart that makes me do these things. I don't think I have any better answer than that except that everyone is built a little differently, and my heart and my will and my desires are mixed up with challenge." People who knew Betty repeatedly described her in the same fashion. Betty Hardison, Archivist at The National Corvette Museum, enjoyed hearing Skelton's stories reminiscing about the times she and Zora raced on the beach at midnight in Daytona. She described her as "a lady first and foremost who was full of energy and enthusiasm."

In 1965, Betty Skelton married Donald A. Frankman, a retired Navy veteran who was also a writer and TV Director/Producer. The couple moved from the Detroit area to Winter Haven Florida in 1975, where she kept a seaplane docked at their lakefront home. She became the successful Realtor/Owner of First Florida Realty. She cared for her husband until his death in 2001. In 2005, she married retired Naval Surgeon, Dr. Allan Erde. Both in their, 80's they lived at "The Villages" in Florida where most residents relied on golf carts for transportation. **Not Betty, she drove a Corvette in a shade of red that nearly matched her hair!** Throughout her lifetime, she owned nine Corvettes and continued to drive them until she died at the age of 85. Betty Skelton's life is a treasure chest of achievements. Her historic contributions are the reason the Corvette Family thrives today.

Story was written and submitted by Pat Clark. Photos and assistance for this story provided by The National Corvette Museum Archives and Ms. Betty Hardison, Archivist.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Florida Sports Hall of Fame

International Motorsports Hall of Fame

NASCAR International Automotive Hall of Fame

International Aerobatic Club Hall of Fame

Florida Women's Hall of Fame *Women in Aviation, Pioneer Hall of Fame*

Corvette Hall of Fame

International Council of Air Shows Foundation Hall of Fame

Motorsports Hall of Fame of America *National Aviation Hall of Fame*

Remembering Joe Pike

One of the Founders of the National Council of Corvette Clubs



The idea for writing this began on our return to the Detroit area following a weekend of heavy activity at “**Corvettes at Carlisle**,” one of this country’s best annual events dedicated solely to America’s most revered sports car. Greg Fadler, the former Corvette development engineer and I were making a hasty early Saturday morning exit from the Carlisle Fair Grounds hoping to beat the winds and rain resulting from Hurricane Irene, which caused

major flooding and heavy damage along the North Atlantic coast of the U.S. last September. There was plenty of advance warning about the severe weather and many the folks attending this event, especially suppliers who displayed their wares in tents, began packing up Friday evening, as the second day of the 4-day event was winding down. Local weather forecasters had predicted that once the wind and rain got started, the foul weather would likely last for the remainder of the weekend.

All weekend, Greg and other friends had been introducing me as the “guy who had succeeded Joe Pike when he retired as Editor of *Corvette News*. This magazine started out in life as a newsletter originally created by Joe with help from the Campbell-Ewald Ad agency. As its circulation grew to over 400,000, it developed a budget crisis in the mid-to-1970s and was cancelled by Chevrolet. GM Photographic had been warned about this eventuality, but didn’t want to listen because of the potential loss of income.

When I joined General Motors in 1964, after graduating with a degree in Journalism & Mass Communications from Wayne State University, located about a mile south of GM and Chevy headquarters in Detroit’s New Center area, it seemed ironic that my first office with General Motors was located in the Argonaut building where my father had worked as a development engineer for the Fisher body division of GM until his group was moved to the GM Tech Center in Warren,

Michigan.

At one time, the Argonaut building was GM’s first tech center. At one end of the building, you had the studios where Harley Earl and Billy Mitchell ruled the roost with the General Motors design team and at the other end of the building, you had the Fisher body group that worked with the styling group in developing the body and chassis structures of vehicles under development. And since there was a street separating the Argonaut building from the GM headquarters building and the Chevrolet office Annex, an *enclosed* bridge had been constructed from the fourth floor of the Argonaut building to the third floor of the General Motors building. The sole purpose of this bridge when it was built was to enable development personnel to push prototype vehicles and full-size clay models across the street without taking them outdoors in bad weather and to keep them out of public view. Of course, the purpose of such transport was to enable GM big shots to watch this developmental process in action and to make the necessary executive approvals.

Since I kind of grew up in a car development atmosphere with my father’s engineering background, I was quickly assigned automotive projects largely with the Chevrolet group, located right across the street from my office. Most of the projects were centered in what was then known as the *Chevrolet National Merchandising Department*. In this department, in addition to a National Merchandising Manager, you had a group of individuals, each assigned one of the Chevrolet car lines as their primary responsibility. There was one guy for the Impala, another guy for Camaro. In total, you had one specialist for each of the other vehicles that Chevrolet produced at the time. Used cars and service also had specialists. And then there was one rather quiet gentleman named Joe Pike, who was responsible for the low-volume vehicle at the time, the *Corvette*. From the moment I met him, I noted that Joe Pike was radically different than all the other guys in this department. All the others were **enroute** to loftier assignments back out in the Chevrolet field organization selling cars to dealers at wholesale. Some were even looking to become dealers themselves. Joe Pike had found his niche with Corvette. He didn’t want to go back out to the field. All he wanted to do was to merchandise, market and promote that wonderful two-seat vehicle that he enjoyed so much, that he once told me ... “I often just get in that car *with no place* to go and just drive. I just love to drive that car.” So there you had the picture; Joe was Mr. Stability, a fixture in this department. All of his comrades had ambitions *above and beyond* the merchandising department. In fact, most of them would tell you, if you asked, that they couldn’t wait to get back out into the field.

It was in these early days that Joe oversaw organization of Corvette clubs in various parts of the country. He was much intrigued by this discovery and he began quickly to promote it, sensing that a network of such clubs throughout the country in all of the different Chevrolets sales zones and districts was the best way to aggressively promote the vehicle and increase

sales volume, and that's what his position was supposed to accomplish.

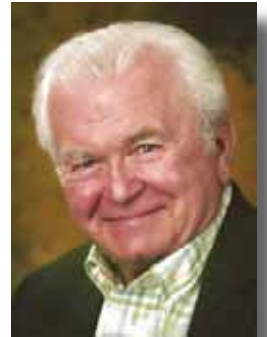
It was a natural occurrence for Joe to develop a communications *newsletter* with which to communicate with his emerging network of clubs. And, it was also a natural occurrence for these clubs to desire to organize themselves into a national network of the kindred spirits and Joe was very eager to participate in this effort. As Corvette car volume grew, so did the number of individual clubs, and it wasn't long before Joe gathered a group in Detroit, representing a handful of the older and larger clubs from across the country. From that organizational meeting emerged what is now recognized as the **National Council of Corvette Clubs**, which is the envy of every car maker on our planet. According to Tom Henry, one of the original attendees at the early organizational meetings, a Detroit area advertising writer named Dick Wolfe, who I had known years ago as a writer with local advertising agencies, became the first president of the NCCC. (I attempted to locate Mr. Wolfe, to secure information for this article but was unable to locate him. I'll find him and include his thoughts in future articles.) Tom Henry has always been very easy to locate. No longer living in the Baltimore area, he has relocated to central Florida with his terrific wife, Cheryl.

As a summary statement for Corvette, it can be said that Ed Cole, Harley Earl, Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov brought this car from concept to reality. But, it was Joe Pike's enthusiasm, effort and dedication to his job that enabled the market for the vehicle to grow from hundreds of cars per year in the early 1950s to a point in 1992, when a celebration was held in the General Motors building area, marking the fact that 1 million Corvette sports cars had been built and sold in the U.S. and Canada. At a luncheon in the new Center area to mark this remarkable sales achievement, Ralph Kramer, one of Chevrolet's all-time great Directors of Public Relations hosted the event, and asked me to provide a toast to Joe Pike to mark this occasion. This turned out to be a very simple and easy thing for me to do. Corvette had become the longest surviving Marque in the worldwide auto industry. Joe Pike as the **original** marketing guru for the car was certainly the man who provided the spark and on-going momentum to reach that incredible level of sales success.

Zora Duntov retired in the mid 1970s, and Joe Pike followed shortly thereafter. Both men were tough acts to follow. Dave McClellan did a masterful job with a difficult task of succeeding Duntov. Because of the momentum that Joe Pike generated during his extended stay as the Corvette brand manager, my job following him was very simple -- just maintain the momentum that Joe had created. All he asked me to do was to keep the enthusiasm generated by the **core** National Council of Corvette clubs and the National Corvette Restorers Society, plus a few smaller enthusiast groups. That's what brings me to write this tribute to Joe and the NCCC, which he founded. In future Issues of *Blue Bars*, I will bring you glimpses of other characters who played major roles in more recent Corvette History.

One final personal note: In the 1990s, Dick Guldstrand and I jointly developed what came to be known as the "**Corvette Dream & Drive Tour.**" We packaged a fleet of 30 Corvettes and set up "demo" drive events for non-Corvette people who were invited to attend in major markets all across the U.S. When Dick and I were scoping this out, we quickly realized that we needed to hire a crew to work for us in presenting and managing this program. Just the hiring, feeding and transporting these people would be cost-prohibitive. So, we quickly turned to the Executive Board of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. NCCC clubs joined us in every major market we visited. This program operated for three consecutive years. Overall, we conducted over **300,000 individual "Demo" Drives**, and according to Chevrolet monitors, the program resulted in over **3,100** cars sold. Most of these were "**conquest**" sales to people who had never owned a Corvette previously. Dick Guldstrand and I were never able to express our thanks to the individual members for helping us make this program work so effectively. And, when Cadillac Motors Division asked us to provide the same type of program for its products, again, we couldn't have done it without NCCC cooperation and enthusiasm. I'm sorry it took so long to get this message to you. So, from Dick Guldstrand, the late Joe Pike and myself... **Thanks, NCCC. You know how to make positive things happen.**

Story was written and submitted by John Henry Gibson, the only non-NCCC recipient of the prestigious Don Hoskins Award.



In Memoriam

Clinton C. Cooney Brennan, CCT, SW
Dale Bromberger, Vette Set, Inc., WC
Bud Fivecoate, Glass Menagerie CC, IN
Geoffrey Gott, Tiretown CC, EO
Don Hatchell, Colorado Springs CC, RM
Paul Hayes, Southwest Corvettes, WC
Gloria Kamerer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc., EO
Pauline Kintner, Corvette Cleveland, EO
Ruth Korn, Michiana CC, IN
Michael Lanzara, Brazos River CC, SW
Gary Mack, Temecula Valley, WC
Ken Madden, Corvette Restorers of AZ, RR
Benjamin McCullough, Fass Glass CC, MW
Michael Morton, Pacific Coast Corvettes, WC
Steve Norris, CCT, SW
Ron Rago, Diamond Valley Vettes, WC
Regie Russell, Cen-Tex CC, SW
Andy Salvaggio, Vettes R Us, WC
Dick Smika, Rolling Prairie Corvettes, MW
Bill (William) Stafford, Tiretown CC, EO
Pastor (Dr.) Larry Staner, Cornerstone CC of Carroll County &
Chaplain, East Region
Tom Tipton, Topeka CC, WR
Tom Wisnously, CC of Iowa, WR

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



Media Release

June 29, 2011

Florida family gets vehicle from Volusia County Corvette Assn.

Donation helps family get cancer treatment for daughter

(DeLand, FL)

When the Tripp family discovered that their newborn daughter had neuroblastoma, their focus on feeding schedules and catching some shut-eye was eclipsed by a whirlwind of treatments at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. This is challenging enough for any parent, but the Tripp family had the added complication of limited transportation options to make the 65-mile drive.

With this knowledge, the Volusia County Corvette Association set out to find a safe, reliable vehicle for the Tripps. Working with the club's charity – Parker's Pals – VCCA delivered a refurbished Jeep Cherokee to the Tripp family June 20.

"We're very proud that we were able to help the Tripp family with this special situation," says VCCA President Larry Kupka. "This type of direct support of a family in need is exactly how our club has chosen to give back to our community."

The Volusia County Corvette Association is an NCCC Corvette club that was formed in February 2010 and has 40 active members. The group selected Parker's Pals as a primary charity, and holds fundraising and community service events throughout the year to help families in their area that have a child under 3 suffering from cancer.

The Jeep project involved countless hours of repair work by VCCA members, as well as local auto repair companies. Sensitive to budget for this donated project, the club was able to complete an extensive list of repairs and upgrades for under \$3,000. The work ranged from major elements such as a new catalytic converter, fuel pump, tires and brakes as well as painting the hood and roof, maintenance items like fluids and wipers, new headliner and interior items. The donation also included with a child safety seat and a one-year AAA membership.

"Many of our generous club sponsors helped make this donation possible," says Larry. "We appreciate the support of M&L Appraisers, Young Automotive Diagnostics, NAPA DeLand, Hurley Chrysler Jeep Dodge, Tom's Upholstery, McGee Tire, York Automotive, Carroll Tire, and AAA. We couldn't have succeeded without their help."



For more information: Volusia County Corvette Association, Pam Braman, pambraman@VolusiaCorvette.com, www.VolusiaCorvette.com



Members of the Volusia County Corvette Assn. deliver a donated vehicle to Clayton and Lindsay Tripp and their 10-month-old daughter, Lianna. From left: Chuck Powers, Chris Powers, Larry Kupka, Reva Kupka, Burt Braman, Clayton Tripp, Lindsay Tripp (holding Lianna), Mike Bruck, Pam Braman, Tom Sauceman, and Barry Davis.



The Tripp family - Clayton, Lindsay and 10-month-old Lianna - inspect their new vehicle.



VCCA members proudly display the donated vehicle. From left: Larry Kupka, Mike Bruck, Chuck Powers, Tom Sauceman, Burt Braman and Barry Davis.



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MICHELIN INTRODUCES THE DEFENDER™ TIRE TO KEEP DRIVERS SAFER¹, LONGER²

On Monday, January 9, 2012, Michelin North America unveiled its greatest standard passenger car tire to-date, the MICHELIN® Defender™. Introduced at the North American International Auto Show, (NAIAS) the Defender™ tire marks a significant breakthrough for the standard passenger car tire segment, offering a 90,000 mile warranty¹ and added performances, to allow drivers to travel safer¹, longer².

"The Defender is the best standard passenger car tire we at Michelin have ever made, delivering tremendous quality and value to our consumers," said Pete Selleck, chairman and president, Michelin North America. "We listened to the marketplace and realized American tire buyers are looking for a safe, fuel-efficient tire, with long tread life and excellent value for the money. The Defender tire satisfies these primary consumer needs and enhances the already strong offering of products in the Michelin portfolio."

In today's tough economy, many drivers are keeping their cars longer and racking up high mileage on their vehicles before purchasing again. The Defender™ tire speaks directly to this consumer behavior by lasting up to 21,000 miles longer than a leading competitor*. That is nearly 1.5 additional years of driving for the average consumer.

Because of the outstanding technical advancements in Michelin's tire design and engineering, the Defender tire stops up to 31 feet shorter than a leading competitor.¹ That equates to approximately 2 car lengths- potentially the difference between having an accident or avoiding one. Further adding to its safety features, the Defender™ tire maintains the same exceptional wet handling as the previous generation MICHELIN® HydroEdge™ tire, and has increased snow traction by 15 percent.

In addition, the Defender tire can save fuel and has earned the MICHELIN® Green X® designation. Further mass reduction and a reduction in rolling resistance makes the MICHELIN® Defender™ tire 17 percent better in rolling resistance than the previous generation Michelin product at a potential savings of up to an estimated \$250 in fuel @ \$3.50/gallon over the life of the tires.³

The MICHELIN® Defender™ tire incorporates many of Michelin's latest technical advancements, including the all-new, revolutionary IntelliSipe Technology™ which combines 3D Active Sipes and Variable Thickness sipes enhancing tread features and providing increased safety. IntelliSipe Technology™ optimizes the number of sipes within the tire, proving additional grip for assistance in braking confidently.

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MaxTouch Construction™ combined with the interlocking action of Michelin's breakthrough IntelliSipe Technology™ delivers impressively long wear life by providing exceptional tread block rigidity, while optimizing the tire's contact with the road during acceleration, braking and cornering.

Available in April 2012, the MICHELIN® Defender™ tire is designed, engineered and manufactured in North America.

The MICHELIN Defender tire will cover 93 percent of standard passenger car vehicles in the marketplace and will be available in 38 sizes ranging from 175/70R 13 to 225/50R 18.

The MICHELIN Defender tire is backed by the Michelin Promise Plan™, a comprehensive tire service package for MICHELIN tire owners. While other companies offer piecemeal warranty packages, Michelin is the first to provide a comprehensive package, reminding consumers that with MICHELIN, you get more.

The Michelin Promise Plan is a robust guarantee and warranty plan offering a free 30-day satisfaction guarantee, three-year flat tire changing assistance and additional mileage warranties on passenger and light-truck replacement tires. And the Michelin Promise Plan is completely free to consumers who purchase MICHELIN tires.

Consumers are encouraged to visit the new Team Michelin Tire Selector on www.michelinman.com to find a complete listing of Michelin Defender tire benefits and to research the best tire for their individual needs.

Dedicated to the improvement of sustainable mobility, Michelin designs, manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, farm equipment, heavy-duty trucks and motorcycles. The company also publishes travel guides, hotel and restaurant guides, maps and road atlases. Headquartered in Greenville, S.C., Michelin North America (www.michelinman.com) employs more than 22,200 and operates 18 major manufacturing plants in 16 locations.

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1 Based on internal wet braking test results versus Goodyear® Assurance® ComforTred® Touring tires size 185/65R16.

2 Based on commissioned third party wear test results versus Continental® Pro Contact™ ECO Plus+ size 215/60R16.

3 Based on fuel @ \$3.50/gallon and upon fuel efficiency estimates from rolling resistance testing versus the Yokohama® Avid® TRZ 215/60R16 over the warranted 90,000-mile tread life of the Defender. Actual on-road savings may vary.

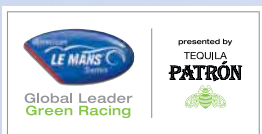
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See how the right tire can change everything at michelinman.com/pilotsupersport.



1- Based upon commissioned 3rd-party testing conducted by TUV Automotive and DEKRA Test Center of MICHELIN® Pilot® Super Sport vs. Bridgestone® Potenza™ RE050A, Continental® ContiSportContact™ 5P, Dunlop® SP Sport Maxx® GT, Goodyear® Eagle® F1 Asymmetric, and Pirelli® PZero™ 2 - Some vehicles come from the vehicle manufacturer with "split fitments" – meaning different size tires on the front vs. the rear. Because these tires cannot be rotated as recommended by Michelin, the mileage warranty on each rear tire will cover half the number of miles as the standard mileage warranty for that particular tire. ©2011 Michelin North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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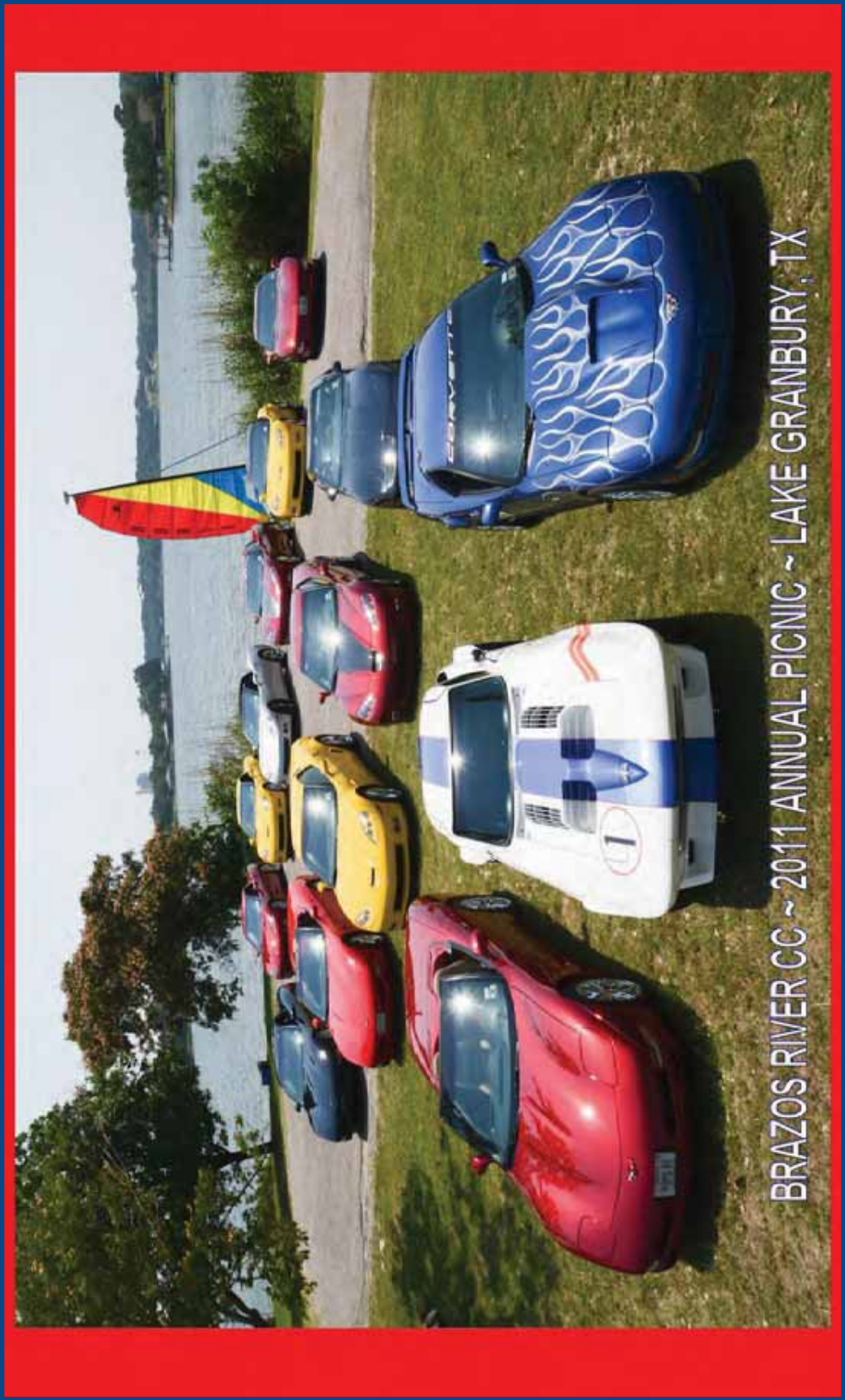
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