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From the President



Our 2013 Convention is in the record book. Our hosts provided a great time and plenty of activity. Something was there for any Corvette persuasion. As with anything involving an organization (as large as we are), some changes are welcome and necessary. Thanks to all who supported and attended. All of us are grateful for your exceptional efforts.

That said, now is the time to set your plan into motion for the festivities at Savannah, GA in 2014. There has already been significant effort applied to be sure you have a good time. Savannah is a very interesting place with more than enough to do. Get going right away.

As you probably are aware, we will be electing some new officers in the next few days. We will also be filling a number of appointed positions that are annual. I encourage any of you who have an interest in serving our fine family to enter the arena. The work is very rewarding, but the pay isn't. Your reward comes from your friends and fellow Corvetters. Descriptions of the jobs are available on the NCCC website. Contact me if you have a question. I will provide a fair assessment of the position. Make a difference.

This can be the best time of the year for cruising, showing, competing and just enjoying your special vehicle. A Corvette sitting in a garage is not as much fun as a bunch in a parade, unless you have one "under construction," which is an effort of its own. Fix them up, shine them up and rev them up. There is a nearby activity in almost every area of America for every persuasion.

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On a crisp Friday morning in September, the normal sound of freedom associated with the Navy jets flying around Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA was augmented by the addition of a number of stunt pilots, civilian flight demonstration teams, the Navy's Blue Angels and the roar of America's Sports Car. The Beachcomber's Corvette Club of Virginia Beach, VA provided 37 pristine examples of one of America's crowning achievements, the Corvette, to the din of roaring jet engines and helicopter rotors.



The membership of the Beachcomber's, coming from one the country's largest regional concentrations of military bases, is quite naturally comprised of a number of active and retired military members representing all five branches of the armed forces. A number of our Navy members began coordinating with NAS Oceana officials and the Blue Angels themselves to see if we could set up a photo opportunity while the Blue's were in town for the annual air show. It all came together on Friday September 14th, the first day of the air show.

At 8 AM, the parking lot of the NAS Oceana Exchange (shopping mall) complex started to fill up with Corvettes of all colors proudly representing all six generations. By 9 AM, there were 37 Corvettes awaiting escort onto the base



for the photo op. One might suspect that, as early morning shoppers arrived at the Exchange, their curiosity would compel them to do a walk by of the impromptu collection of American horsepower. This audience, being used to the "Need for Speed" as Tom Cruise once said, were still awed by this display of raw horsepower and beauty and were interested in our purpose for being there. Once informed that we were there for a photo op with the Blues, they quickly said "how lucky" and then proceeded on their way. Even the one sailor in his Boss 302 Mustang, who made a noisy pass as he revved his engine, came back to tell us how good we looked.

At 10 AM, base security arrived to provide escort onto the base for the photo session. The looks of the bystanders as 37 Corvettes rolled past the gate and through the base were interesting to watch. None of us were quite sure how they had it set up, but our escort led us directly through an access gate to the operational flight line and then all the way down to the air show announcer's booth where five of the six Blue Angel jets were parked neatly in a row (the 6th was being readied for the show in the maintenance area).





We quickly parked our cars in formation (it was a military base after all) in front of the Blues and begin taking as many pictures as we could. The entire album can be viewed on our webpage at www.beachcomberscorvetteclub.com. Since 9/11, to get this close to actual military aircraft without individual escort is extremely unusual. We were both proud and grateful for the opportunity.



The theme of this year's show was a Red, White and Blue celebration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. In keeping with the patriotic theme, we chose three cars--red,



white and blue, of course, to form a V for victory in the front of our formation. Our hosts, the NAS Oceana Event Coordinator and the Public Affairs representative from the Blues, both remarked about how quickly we organized, staged and presented our club once on the flight line. The military influence might have had something to do with it.

As I wrap up this story, I uncovered some interesting tidbits that made this day even more special. The Blue Angels have been flying since 1946, the same year Zora Arkus-Duntov first tried to qualify a car for the Indianapolis 500. NAS Oceana held its first air show in 1953 as the Corvette was being born. The Beachcomber's are celebrating their 30th year as a club and the Corvette has already begun its 60 year anniversary celebration. All in all, it was a wonderful experience to have the sound of freedom exemplified by the sounds of our fighting forces and the roar of a true symbol of American engineering excellence.

Article and photographs submitted by M.G. "Joe" Pine, Vice President of Membership and NCCC Governor for the Beachcomber's CC, Virginia Beach, VA.



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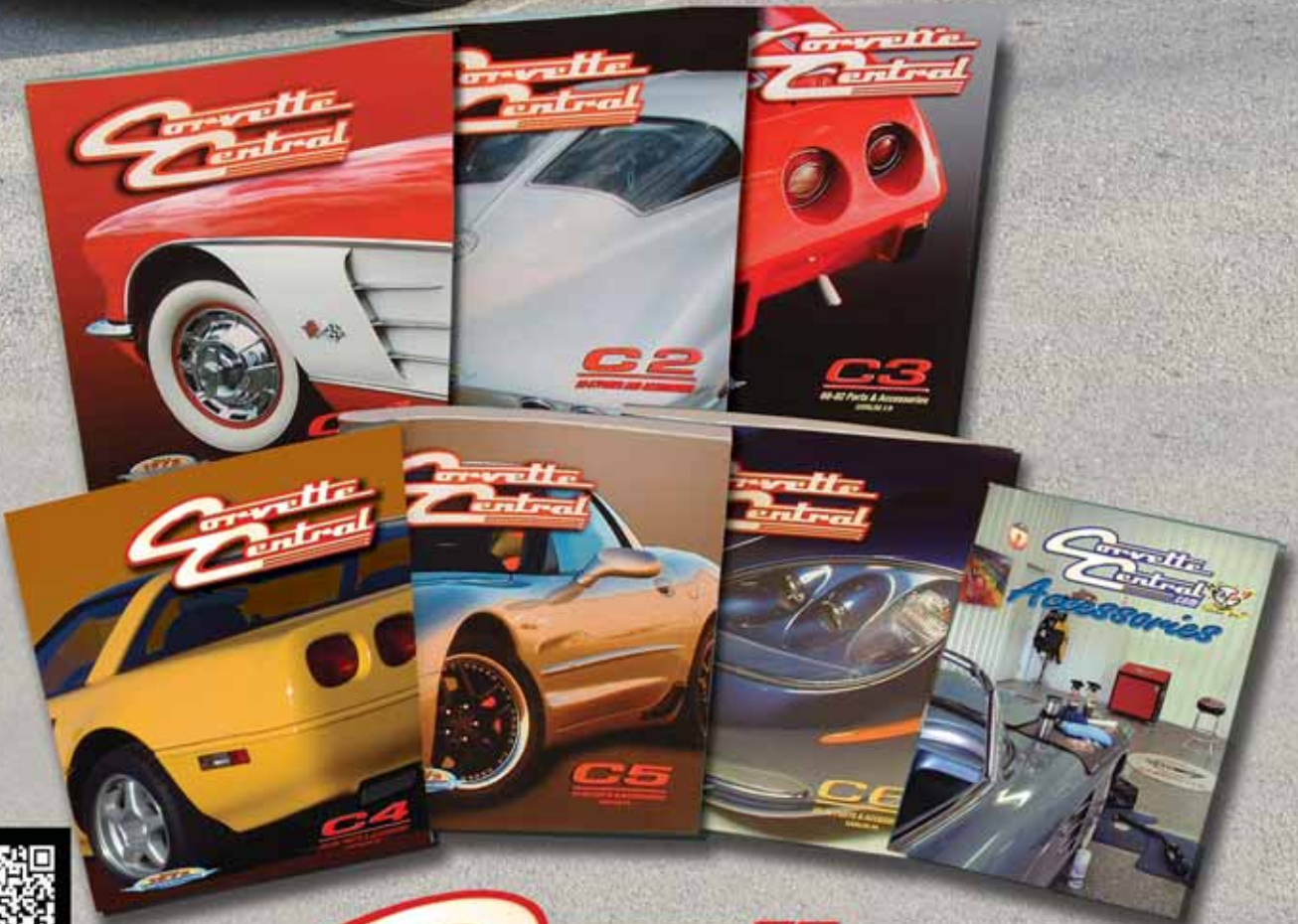
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West Coast Convention April 4-7, 2013



At long last, the first ever regional convention became a reality. What a blast it was. We had 340 registered participants but, of that number, 114 came from outside our Region. Our Regional leadership was in attendance in full force. Allen Morris, Regional Executive; Joe Orrico, Regional Competition Director; Cliff Harris, Regional Membership Director; Ellis Chee, Regional Treasurer; Cindy Orrico, Regional Secretary; and Rex Wihoite of Las Vegas Corvettes Association as the Convention Treasurer helped run and participated in the first ever NCCC West Coast Regional convention.

In addition, several NCCC National officers and directors attended from all over the country. We thank Hal Bellamy, Current NCCC President; Dick Yanko, past president of NCCC, 1999-2002 and 2007-2010; Jerry Britner, past NCCC president 1995-1996; Jay Hommer, past NCCC Treasurer 2001-2005; Roger Mitchell past NCCC President 2003-2006; Cindy Urenda past National Secretary and current Convention Director and George Swift, former National



Public Relations Director.

The sponsors of the event were Kumho Tires, Corvette Mike, GM DownUnder and Findlay Chevrolet. This convention would not have been a success without these sponsors. Kumho Tires sponsored the track events at Spring Mountain in Pahrump. Corvette Mike's covered the Welcoming Party at the Silverton Hotel. GM DownUnder sponsored the awards breakfast on Sunday morning. Findlay Chevrolet sponsored the trophies and raffle at the dealership.

The Convention started in earnest on Thursday morning with the Tech Inspection for the races and the rallies.

After the inspections, the Welcoming party began at the pool deck at the Silverton Hotel.

During the day prior to the Welcoming party, Registration continued at a brisk pace. The team in the Registration / Hospitality suite made everyone welcome.



Friday morning at 6:15 AM, the racers headed out for Spring Mountain Motorsport Park for the autocross and time trials on the 2.4 mile course. Everyone lined up for the Gimmick Rallye on the way to Pahrump. Some competitors, though, just headed out for the race course to make sure that they did not miss the drivers' meeting.

No convention is complete without an Autocross event. That function alone either requires very large registration fees or a very generous sponsor or both. In our case, Kumho Tires did an amazing thing. They provided our convention with funding to rent Spring Mountain Track in Pahrump for both low speed autocross and high

speed time trials. They also donated a set of tires for the raffle drawing at the track. The rules were that you had to be present to win and, as luck would have it, the first name drawn, Joanne Maioli, was not present. The second name drawn, John Galchik from Roadrunner Region, Thunder Vette Set, was present and had a smile on his face the rest of the weekend. Kumho Tires needs a big "shout out" from all those who attended for their sponsorship.

The low speed event was hosted by Vettes'R'Us and the high speed event was hosted by Corvette Super Sports. Both clubs paid tribute to Kumho for their sponsorship and for the quality of their tires that were seen on many of the competitors. Most of us who have participated in low speed events in the Region know that when TC McNett is in charge, the event is professionally managed, and a great friend is in charge. All of us appreciate TC, his computer skills, his racing skills and his in-depth knowledge of racing. TC is a great proponent of Kumho Tires as well. The High speed event was run by none other than our very own Joe Orrico. Were it not for Joe Orrico, there would be no high speed events in the Region. His advocacy of the use of transponders to track times and his extensive racing experience made for a great event with two 20 minute run sessions.

Saturday was the day for the Car show and Rallyes. The day started with the Car Show and, immediately after lunch, the Gimmick and Poker Rallyes were started. The Car Show was well attended even though more than half of the cars had been at the track the day before. Those racers who participated on Friday had to be up at dawn to clean

their cars. No one thought ahead enough to completely cover their cars with racing tape to make the car show preparation easier. The car show, hosted by our friends at The Vette Set from Carson, showed off our cars and the ones that had raced the day before looked like all the others - show room ready.

The Gimmick Rallye was designed to allow the participants to see the sights and sounds of the Las Vegas area. The Rallye started at the Silverton Hotel and ended at Findlay Chevrolet where we were treated to a warm and friendly staff, snacks and a Raffle Prize distribution. The rallye was put together by Benita Klaizner of the Las Vegas Corvettes Association and a poker rallye hosted by the Pomona Valley Corvette Association.

Sunday was the awards breakfast. The trophies are truly a one-of-a-kind with amazing art work.

We believe that the NCCC West Coast Region Convention was a rousing success and I heard that it is very possible that the West Coast Region will do this again. The participation from around the Region, as well as the participants from so many other regions, made it a great time for all. The venue was great and the weather was perfect.

We also want to thank the NCCC officers who came from as far away as Florida, Iowa, Colorado, Kentucky and Texas and made this event one to remember.

Article and photos were submitted by Geoff Girvin, Corvette Super Sports.

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Founded in the spring of 1968, the Central Kansas Corvette Association (CKCA) recently celebrated its 45th anniversary. Eight of the original founding members remain active in the club today. CKCA is believed to be the second oldest Corvette Club in the state of Kansas and members range in age from 40-85 spanning six generations of Corvette production. Based in Hutchinson, KS, CKCA members reside in Dodge City, Wichita, Salina and the Hutchinson vicinity.

Membership had declined to eight members in the summer of 2011 when the Executive Committee was approached by a group of 'youthful' and 'exuberant' local Corvette enthusiasts who had a desire to re-energize and grow the club. A letter was written and mailed to local Corvette enthusiasts in September 2011. Following the letter, an exploratory get acquainted meeting and dinner was held in October with 25 people attending.

The following are excerpts from the introductory letter:

"By receiving this letter you have been identified as a member of a very elite fraternity – Corvette owner. We all know the excitement of getting behind the wheel of our Corvette and just enjoying the drive. The Central Kansas Corvette Association (CKCA) has been promoting the "Corvette Experience" in Hutchinson since 1968. We would like to invite you to attend a meeting of the local Corvette owners in hopes of expanding the membership of the local Corvette club. There is no obligation but, hopefully, this meeting will demonstrate how fun it is to get together with other

Corvette owners. Membership activities include drive and dines, car shows, road trips and just getting together with other car people. It is also a great place to get answers to repair questions, network to find parts or possibly find your next Corvette."

The near dormant club grew to over 30 members by the end of 2011. CKCA designed a new CKCA logo during the spring of 2012 and the momentum continued. The group photograph was taken on April 15, 2012 at the Hutchinson, Kansas Airport. 52 members with 32 corvettes attended the club outing. Following the group photograph, CKCA members enjoyed a dinner paid by the club at the Hutchinson Airport Steakhouse. At the time of this writing, membership was at 64. The clubs goal is 75 members by the end of 2013. CKCA claims to be one of the fastest growing corvette clubs in North America.

In the early years, CKCA was very active in autocross. We hosted several regional events at the old Navy Air Base in Hutchinson and also at the Markley Complex in Salina. CKCA has several skilled drivers who have traveled to autocrosses at NCCC conventions and have won many FTD's and national trophies. In the mid-70's, several members even traveled to an autocross at Daytona Raceway hauling their corvette in the back of a farm grain truck while pulling another corvette with a trailer. A photograph later appeared on the cover of a national Corvette magazine that we haven't been able to locate at the time of this writing (Please help us locate the photo... possibly in 'Vette Vues' Magazine). We have a proud racing history and have current members who have attended the Spring Mountain Advanced Driving School.

Currently, the CKCA sponsors an annual spring Corvette and Harley Davidson show benefiting the local Hutchinson Zoo. Meetings are held monthly and drive and dines are scheduled every 4-6 weeks during the spring, summer and fall driving months. The club is planning to caravan to Bowling Green to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum, August 28-30, 2014. We hope to see you there.

Save the Wave!

Article and photos were submitted by Kevin Brown, CKCA.



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Put it in, whether car owners like it or not. That's the story behind California's gasoline and how it affects the owners of old cars in adverse ways. This is the point of Doug Prince's comments in the July 2011 edition of *The Solid Scoop*, Southern California Chapter, Solid Axle Corvette Club, 9701 Willow Oak Ct., Bakersfield, CA 93311 (Jim Lundal, editor).

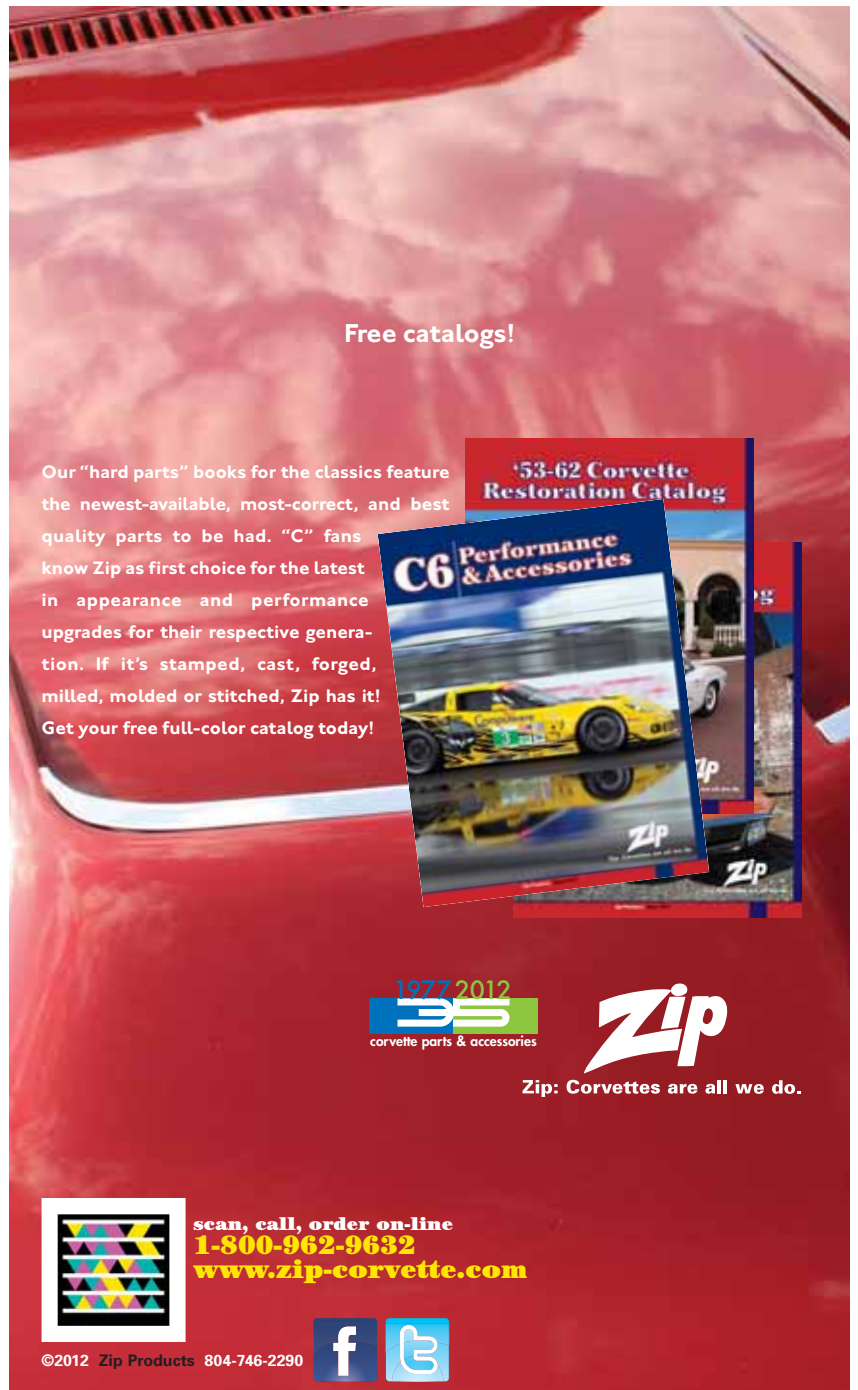
He calls current gasolines in California "possibly the worse in decades," and here's why.

He says all gasoline in the state contains at least 10 percent ethanol. This "is a hygroscopic additive which attracts water...and when combined with gasoline forms an acid compound called salitic acid." He then delivers sobering news. "All C1 (Corvette) carburetors and fuel injection units are made from... 'pot metal' ...a cheap leftover product." Since it is easily die-cast into various forms, old Corvettes used it in parts of carburetors and fuel meter bodies. Letting a car sit with the fuel in its system can result in the salitic acid eating away at those inner parts.

To remedy the matter, he suggests adding half a quart of automatic transmission fluid to every full tank of gasoline. While this won't repair existing damage, he notes that it will restrict the possibility of more damage. "I use

Dextron ATF which I purchase at Pep Boys," he notes. Other brands from some major oil refineries should work just as well.

Article submitted by George Powell, Governor, Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan, who found it in Old Cars Weekly, Issue #36 - 2011.



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ABOUT THE BACK COVER



Mid-Coast CC (MCCC) was formed in the summer of 1973 by Ron Stanford after he bought a new 1973 Corvette coupe. Among the early members were Robert Stanford (1936 roadster), Mike Slade (1963 coupe), Jerry Whittset (1966 coupe, 1957 roadster), John Thayer (1969 t-top, 1958 roadster), Joy Maywald (1963 coupe “custom”), Bob Stephenson (1960 roadster) and Wesley Wong (1969 roadster). Long time club member Hayman Dengler joined the club in 1975.

MCCC joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) early in 1976 after a short stint in the Western States Corvette Club. The first NCCC convention the club attended en masse was the 1977 Convention in Dallas, TX. Allan Orr won the NCCC raffle 1976 Pace Car Corvette. In the 1982, NCCC helped the Hou-Tex Corvette Club host the NCCC Convention by working the autocross. The club, with Allan Orr as event chairman, also hosted the Rallye at that Convention. Hayman Dengler held the National Drag Record in class 2B in 1984. MCCC was noted for winning the Annual Southwest Regional Participation Award in the 1980’s and not having anyone at the Awards Banquet to pick up the award! MCCC is still a member of NCCC to this day.

MCCC held many Corvette shows in the Brazos Mall in Lake Jackson, TX, in exchange for getting to use the Mall parking lot for autocrossing. In the mid-1980’s, the Texas “Blue Laws” were rescinded. This let the Mall open on Sunday, which effectively did away with autocrossing in the parking lot. In about 1988, the club became dormant due to job requirements and the activities of the members’ children.

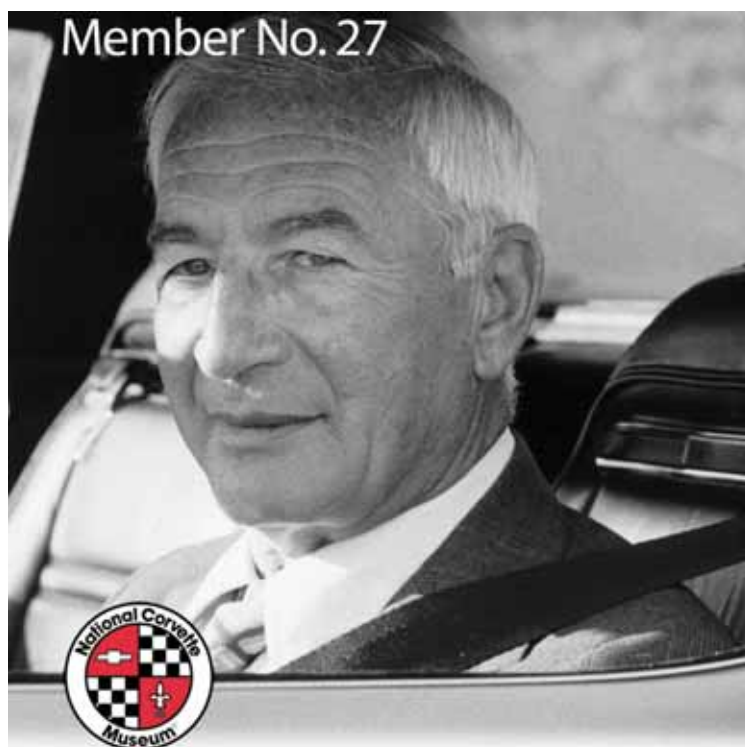
In 1995, MCCC was re-vitalized after a couple of Corvette enthusiasts. Baron Vincent and Gil Rasco connected with some of the early members, Bob Stephenson and Hayman Dengler. The group reviewed the club bylaws and decided to start meeting

again. For the next several years, the club stayed busy attracting new members and trying to have a presence in the community. MCCC held several smaller car shows, working on fundraisers and enjoyed club outings along with NCCC events.

The club continues to be active with several charities, especially BACH (Brazoria County Association for Children with Handicaps). The club has its own “brick” at the Corvette Museum, and many members participated in the Corvette’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 2003. We co-sponsor an NCCC event each year in Waco, TX, with the Cen-Tex CC, and occasionally hot car shows in the Brazosport area. The club has evolved from its inception, languished for a few years, but has been back in action for the last 17 years. During this time, things have changed, but all members still enjoy the camaraderie associated with Corvettes.

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Fulfilling a Challenge

Dinah Shore a favorite spokesperson for Chevrolet greeted America on Sunday evenings from 1959 until 1963 as she sang “*See the USA in your Chevrolet.*” Nearly a half century later, Doug and LaDonna Slack, of Kalama, Washington brought those words back to life when a long time friend, Bob White who was undergoing cancer treatment, gave them his 1961 Corvette. Nick named “Old Gold” because of its Fawn Beige color scheme and age Bob offered Doug his Corvette with two conditions — that Slack drive the car until it reaches at least 500,000 miles and that he finish White’s goal of taking it to all of the lower 48 states. The couple rose to the challenge logging thousands of miles traveling cross country where they saw the sites, visited family members, and celebrated life in honor of their friend.

“Bob bought the car when it was one year old and drove it coast to coast,” Doug said. His friend, who had once been a student of his, was an auto shop teacher in California who won several awards with his students, including a national trophy. Bob drove his Corvette to the GM Training Center for classes and workshops.

Doug said his friend always was proud of the accrued mileage on the car and believed the vehicle would keep going forever with proper maintenance and repairs. Something Doug agrees with 100%. That’s why he and LaDonna take every opportunity they have to get “Old Gold” out of the garage and drive it.

The car came equipped with a 283 cubic inch V-8 engine. Replacement engines included a 327 engine when the original engine wore out. After that, a 350 tuned port engine from a 1992 Camaro IROC Z28.

“The notion of traveling so much in such a vintage Corvette might make most aficionados shudder,” Doug said. “Most collectors will squirrel the car away and delight in keeping it with low miles thinking it will increase its value. I believe it should be driven.” He and LaDonna enjoy seeing the looks on youngsters’ faces as they drive down the road. “It’s amazing how many little kids have their faces pasted up against the window,” Doug stated.



“They’re looking out and pointing at the car. It’s part of Americana. It’s an important part of our heritage.”

While their blog and photo journals reflect countless recollections of their cross country experience, one event brings back memories of their friend who died shortly after they began their adventure. The Slacks took the car to Independence, Ore., where their Bob’s daughter was getting married. The bride happily had photos taken of herself and her new husband in and around the Corvette her father had owned for so many years. “It was such an honor to take part in that,” Doug said.

To complete the final leg of their challenge, the Slacks drove 8,744 miles in 40 days. A journey that included 33 different states to visit 112 friends all over this country. Many were family members and all are friends. They also made a trip into Canada where they wanted to experience the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. On the way, they were able to celebrate three milestone birthdays - Doug's mother's 95th birthday in the Minneapolis area, LaDonna's mother's 90th birthday in western Iowa 50th birthday on the final leg of their coast to coast jaunt. With their trip taking them through the heartland of America, they enjoyed driving the back roads and sharing the highway with farm trucks, tractors pulling grain carts, combines with picker heads attached all driven by farmers who waved hello as they cruised by in "Old Gold." Crisp fall mornings and the warmth of sunshine streaming down on them made the journey seem more like fun than work.

Throughout the trip, Doug realized the Fawn Beige color of the car was ideal. He believes it is an expressive color that enhances the shape and style of the vehicle. It really shows off the cove's concave shape and the style line that defines the "Duck Tail" shape of the rear body. On the long road trip, the color did a great job hiding the dried road splash and dirt that built up over the miles.

At the end of their journey, the odometer for their 1961 Corvette read 476,787 after 40 days on the road. They averaged just under 22 MPG for the trip and added only one pint of engine oil. After some vigorous scrubbing, Doug had a couple of rattles and one squeak to fix. For a treat, he decided on a new convertible top and weather strips. For Doug and LaDonna Slack, this great adventure gave them a chance to see the United States from coast to coast while fulfilling the wishes of their departed friend.

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ATTENTION NCCC MEMBERS!!

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

If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions, it is important that you notify NCCC of these changes. You can do that two ways: by going to the NCCC website and clicking on Address Change Form and making your changes directly online or by notifying your Regional Membership Director or, in the case of members-at-large, the Vice President Membership, Steve Johnson. (*Steve's contact information can be found on Page 2 and RMD contact information can be found in the "Regional News" section of this magazine.*)

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

Members' Garages

My wife and I are Corvette enthusiasts and I have recently completed my dream garage to house our Corvettes, along with a friend's 1957 Chevy and our motorcycles. We own a 1958 Convertible, 1975 Indy Pace Car, 1995 Indy Pace Car, 1995 Indy Pace Car, 2000 Museum Delivery Coupe and a 2008 Indy Pace Car.

I have hosted garage tours for two car clubs I'm involved in locally--the Central Wyoming CC and the Oil Capitol Auto Club. I get very positive remarks about the uniqueness of my shop.

Larry A. Kloster



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NCCC Official Drag Records as of
5/27/2013

Index Times last updated on 5/29/13

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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 Bamford	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
DPB	9.73	9.93	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	08/13/09	LDPB	10.05	10.35	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	LDPD		11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF		10.20				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
RPB	9.97	10.27	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRPB	10.57	10.89	Sylvia Hoardridge	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
A	9.98	10.28	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LA	10.60	10.92	Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
B	10.10	10.40	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	08/10/06	LB	10.31	10.63	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
E	10.90		Scott Mathiesen	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	05/27/13	LE	11.09	11.42	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
H		11.42				01/01/97	LH		11.42				01/01/97
K		11.42				12/10/05	LK		11.42				12/10/05
N	11.23		David Decker	Top of the Rockies Corvette Club	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2012	05/29/12	LN		11.57				05/01/09
CLM	10.12	10.42	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.32	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.23	Stan Dedrickson	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	11.45	Larry Walker	Boone Trail CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LB	11.70	12.06	Paty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.17	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.03	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.12	Deck 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				01/01/93
G	13.04		Jim Thomas	Mad City Vettes	NCCC Convention	06/28/12	LG		13.26				01/01/93
H	12.29	12.54	Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	12.34	12.46	Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2011	05/30/11
J	12.22		Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2012	05/29/12	LJ	12.55		Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	05/27/13
K	11.84	11.96	Joe Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.36	12.73	Janet Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M	11.01	11.12	Travis Lochthead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LM		11.42				12/10/05
N		10.92				05/01/09	LN		10.92				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	Jeannie 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	Firetown 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	13.33	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 Saugajito 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 Saugajito CC-1999	11/14/01	LE	13.75	14.17	Sharon Meeseman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07
F		12.75				01/01/93	LF		12.75				01/01/93
G	13.43	13.70	Paul Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LG	13.41	13.68	Jeannie Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-001 Oklahoma City CC 2010	05/30/10
H	12.78	13.04	Chris Cantell	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	13.17	13.30	Mary Ame Kolb	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
J	12.50	12.63	Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LJ	12.64	13.02	Glenda Brown	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
K	12.18	12.30	Ted Molenda	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.26	12.38	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
N		11.22				05/01/09	LN		11.22				05/01/09
CLA	14.65	15.09	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	LCLA	15.44	15.91	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.26	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.78	Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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FROM THE VP MEMBERSHIP



As I am writing this at the end of May, the current membership for NCCC is 17,594 members. Our top three Regions are Midwest Region, East Region and West Coast Region, respectively. Since the beginning of 2013, our numbers have continued

to grow just about every week at the rate of 50 to 75 members with Late Renewals and New Members. All of the Regions have added new members to our growing Corvette family as more and more folks who may have not realized that being part of a great organization and sharing their Corvette enthusiasm could be so much fun.

A big thanks goes out to our club governors, activities directors and Regional Membership Directors who seek out and attract new members to their clubs. Whether it is a friend of a current member or the Corvette owner who lives within a club's geographic area and decided it was the right time to seek out an NCCC club, we are all grateful to see new members and returning members in our clubs.

Hardly a week goes by that I don't receive at least a couple of Member-at-Large applications from all across the nation. Our MAL members don't always have the time or geographic proximity to become a member of one of our clubs. However, we are always very, very appreciative of their participation at our Regional and National events. One of our newest MALs is from Windsor, Ontario, who owns a 2012 Coupe. Thank you for your interest in becoming an NCCC member. We certainly hope to see him during the 2013 competition season at events in the Northeast.

Our Lifetime Members have been given a "regular yearly membership" card this spring, because we recognized the need for this at registration and participation at events. Their distinctive "black and gold" Lifetime Member card had not always been recognized by event workers. Having the 2013 card to now show as a "back up," we hope that everyone will become familiar with their LM card.

I hope to have seen many of you in Bowling Green at Convention and talked with you about your cars, your families and your clubs. If our paths did not cross in Bowling Green, then make sure you stop by the NCCC/ National Kidney Foundation tent at Corvettes at Carlisle in late-August.

Be safe and be sure to wave.

Steve Johnson

In Memoriam

- Drew Beck, Vettes of the Smokies, SE
Mike Ber, SW MAL (NCCC Public Relations Officer – 1985-86)
Sonny Brown, G-burg Vettes, ER
Dee Brunt, MW
Bruce Burkholder, Glass Society Corvette Assn., WO
William "Shade" Cornett, Plateau CC, SE
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Bob Thomas, Ft. Wayne CC, IN
Gerry Tumia, Tacoma CC, NW
Jeannine Whitford, Mid-Ohio CC, EO
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The above list consists of members who have died since the Summer 2012 issue of Blue Bars.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

24-Apr-13

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MALs	LARGEST CLUB IN THE REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	13	280	15	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	63
East Ohio	17	996	26	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	197
East Region	25	2131	59	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	226
Florida Region	21	1281	36	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	238
Indiana Region	19	1089	16	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	140
Michigan Region	15	1051	21	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	222
Midwest Region	31	2259	31	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	156
Northeast Region	6	263	11	CORVETTE CLUB OF VERMONT	78
Northwest Region	1	122	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	121
Rocky Mountain Region	10	540	17	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	153
Roadrunner Region	13	772	14	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	125
Southeast Region	17	1233	13	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	254
Southwest Region	20	1372	36	TULSA VETTE SET	376
West Coast Region	26	1899	27	LAS VEGAS CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	186
West Ohio	7	319	16	CORVETTE TROY	108
West Region	25	1676	14	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	340
TOTALS	265	17,326	353		

**TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MALs
AND 8 HONORARY MEMBERS
NCCC HAS 309 LIFETIME MEMBERS**

**Steve Johnson
VP of Membership**

Carolina Region

CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	CA-174	63
CAROLINA CORVETTES	CA-014	52
CARO-VETTES, INC.	CA-356	28

East Ohio Region

BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	190
COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	EO-257	105
KANAWHA VALLEY CORVETTE, INC.	EO-223	93
CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	EO-147	93

East Region

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-098	226
CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	ER-001	199
BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	ER-263	195
FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-038	165
YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-108	158
LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-266	156
BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	ER-366	96
KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-093	91

Florida Region

CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	238
CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	FL-032	148
CORVETTES ON THE GULF	FL-515	130

Indiana Region

FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	140
HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	IN-513	111
CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	IN-281	106
CORVETTE INDY	IN-342	118
TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-133	115

Michigan Region

AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-488	222
CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	174
GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	MI-041	126

Midwest Region

WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	156
SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	MW-051	159
MIDWEST CORVETTES	MW-054	143
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	127
CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	MW-109	157
MAD CITY VETTES	MW-465	129
CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	MW-004	114
WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	MW-075	131
SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	MW-277	107
ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB	MW-470	120

Northeast Region

CORVETTE CLUB OF VERMONT	NE-585	78
CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	NE-030	77
ADIRONDACK CORVETTES	NE-373	34

Northwest Region

TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	NW-483	121
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Rocky Mountain Region

COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	RM-183	153
TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	RM-176	127
SOUTHERN COLORADO CORVETTE CLUB	RM-217	49

Roadrunner Region

DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	RR-303	125
TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB, Inc.	RR-331	123
SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	RR-452	97

Southeast Region

EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-253	254
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24-Apr-13

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



So far, 2013 has been accident-free, which is what we are all striving for. This kind of attention to maintaining a safe environment for our participants, workers and spectators is something everyone can be proud of.

Since my St. Louis Governors' Meeting report, we have now secured all in of our 2013 insurance coverage requirements. Questions regarding insurance coverage, insurance request forms, incident forms, waivers, etc. can be found in the updated FAQ's in the insurance section on the NCCC Website.

Please Note to those requesting NCCC Liability Insurance Certificate Requests for your events. I am asking for you to include in the request information your Region and Club Number i.e. MW-167. If there is more than one club putting on the event, put all Region and Club Numbers on the request.

All certificates are now electronically filed as I receive them from the insurance broker once they are submitted to you. These can be electronically filed by Region by Club Number.

Your attention to this change will be greatly appreciated.

Jack Wilson

MEETING DATES

Listed below are the meeting dates for the 2013 and 2014 National Governors' Meetings at the Sheraton WestPort (not the Chalet) in St. Louis, MO. This will allow you to plan ahead. For reservations, call (314) 878-1500.

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

Annual Meeting during Convention Week
September 13-14, 2013
November 8-9, 2013

February 21-22, 2014
April 25-26, 2014

Annual Meeting during Convention Week
September 12-13, 2014
November 7-8, 2014

Blue Bars

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE NONE OTHER!
(revised 2/8/13)

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

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

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

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

Advertising Rates

<u>Size</u>	<u>4/Color</u>	<u>Black/White</u>
Inside Front Cover	\$900	n/a
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Full Page (7-3/4 x 9-3/4)	\$725*	\$625
Half Page (7-3/4 x 4-7/8)	\$400	\$350
Third Page (5 x 4-7/8)	\$375	\$325
Quarter Page (3-7/8 x 4-7/8)	\$350	\$300
Sixth Page (2-1/4 x 4-7/8)	\$325	\$275
Business Card (3-1/2 x 2)	\$200	\$150

- Full Page Bleed (8-3/4 x 11-1/4)

Effective April 1, 2008, a 15% discount will be given when four (4) ads are purchased as a package. These ads can either be 4-color or black/white, but they must be half-page or larger.

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

Advertising Deadlines

February 28 for Spring issue	Published in late April
May 31 for Summer issue	Published in late July
Aug 31 for Fall issue	Published in late-October
November 30 for Winter issue	Published in late-January

Copy and Inquiries

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Check Must Accompany Advertisement

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Email: BlueBars@corvettesnccc.org All ads must be CAMERA READY and may be sent via email or CD.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



The year has started off very busy on this side, not only with my club but many region activities and, from the communications with other clubs and regions, 2013 looks to be a fun but busy year for all.

I know this has been previously published; however, please re-

iterate to your clubs that NCCC, your regions and/or your clubs DO NOT currently have authority from GM to utilize the new C7 Corvette logo and/or the new Stingray logo for any purpose. Sponsorship is working with GM to obtain the approval for NCCC to use these new logos in the future. At this time, NCCC only has approval to utilize the C1 thru C6 logos for use on our club's not-for-profit needs for print, newsletters, etc.

Public Relations activities continue busily in several areas this year already and not just with the promotional display use. We are working ads for large events (including new venues), with clubs, with their dealerships, etc. utilizing multiple forms of media. We need more visibility out there, especially at the larger events and in numerous Corvette publications; so if you know an event or publication that we should be at, contact me.

PR Offerings: promoting NCCC is a task / job for all of us; and it starts with leveraging the many tools you have available to you, and not just the displays!

- Is there a fairly large Corvette event in your area in which NCCC doesn't have a promotional presence? While NCCC's promotional displays are good mediums to utilize at your events, they may not always be the best tool for every event. We have been seeing a need for sending only the promotional materials to some events while others might only need the NCCC DVD. Not only is this more economical for NCCC, but it also allows us to focus the information for the individual situations. If you have utilized any of the promotional displays or materials, what could have made them better, with more impact, or what might have even worked better than the display itself – I would like to hear about it.

- The "Why NCCC" documents continue to be available for you to use within your clubs and regions but also to help promote NCCC. Keep one or two with you at all times; you just never know when you will have the opportunity to talk to a



potential member or club where you might need one.

There are two versions of each document. One is the "print version" that is setup for printing at your local copy shop (bi-fold). The other is a "presentation / readable version" that enables you to link, use it in your newsletter, email it to your members, share it with non-NCCC clubs via email, etc. All of these can be found on our NCCC website located on the Public Relations and the Membership pages.

You, as an NCCC member, are part of the NCCC promotional and sales team; because it isn't just the responsibility of public relations, a specific national or regional officer, nor just the Club Governor's job. This should be something that every NCCC member should be doing all the time. The truth is that most of our members join our Corvette Clubs because we are a Corvette Club, not because we are NCCC. So, unless you help to promote the benefits of why your club is a part of NCCC, most will never know the real benefits and, more importantly, why they should remain members.

- If your sponsoring dealership is willing to provide a promotional handout to new Corvette owners, please contact me so we can work together to promote the dealership, your club and NCCC. I am offering my time to create the joint flyer for this use. The printing cost is up to you and the dealership to work out. This is just one more way that we can show the benefits of your club and NCCC and, hopefully, fewer new Corvette owners that head towards non-NCCC clubs or no club at all.

We have heard some positive responses from the East Tennessee Corvette Club with their use of the brochure. You might ask, "Why do we need a brochure for a dealership in a car that was purchased there?" Because they already know about that dealership and sometimes even our club. Think of the times you have purchased a Corvette, how excited you were, how proud you were to show it off. Then when people asked you about it, you told them about the car, where you purchased it, etc. Well, this joint brochure is a tool that a new owner can now pass to that someone who might be interested in buying a Corvette or looking for a Corvette Club. There is a sample of this on the NCCC website. It is located on the PR page.

Social Media: Let's face it – *Facebook* is no longer the dominion of college students and *Twitter* isn't just a celebrity ego-booster. Whether you're a prolific poster or digital dinosaur, there's no denying that social media has become a major part of our lives, both personally and professionally. Did you know that:

- One out of every seven minutes spent online is on *Facebook*?
- Two days' worth of video is uploaded to *YouTube* every

minute?

- 61 percent of *Linked-In* members use it as their primary professional networking site?
- There are more devices connected to the Internet than there are people on this planet?

These are the reasons that *Facebook & Linked-In* will continue to be utilized to promote NCCC around the world. For Facebook, we do utilize a separate page to promote each Convention – which is focusing on 2013 at the current time. This allows us to post periodic reminders and news splashes around Convention and the events being planned. If you see a post on *Facebook* or *Linked-In* for NCCC, we would appreciate your stepping in to assist in our public relations efforts by simply “liking” and/or commenting on the event post. Each new like and comment keeps NCCC and our Convention visibility higher to everyone around the world.



Current ADs and Event Promotions:

We are continuing ADs in several of the large publications such as NCRS, NCM, Carlisle, Funfest, etc.; however, we are always looking for new and other advertising opportunities. If you have one that you feel would be a potential benefit to NCCC, contact me. The ADs for this year continue the distinct and different look; always trying to keep them fresh, modern, new and appealing to potential

members. Samples of these (and others) can be viewed on the NCCC website – the PR Page.

- The special Monterey / Pebble Beach Event & Tribute to the 60th Corvette
- American Car Collector; AD trade
- Corvette and Chevy Expo; flyers
- National Corvette Homecoming; an AD in program book
 - National Corvette Museum; ADs in each of the Café Tablet Tops which will be renewed this coming Fall. We have an AD in the “*American Sports Car*” magazine and our Kiosk Display in the Museum.
 - NCM Motorsports Park; with dedicated articles located at:
 - <http://www.motorsportspark.org/2013/03/one-acre-club-spotlight-national-council-of-corvette-clubs-inc/>
 - <http://corvettemuseum.org/enews/backups/2013/enews032813.htm>
 - National Corvette Restorer’s Society

(NCRS); AD trade

- Sponsorship promotion brochure for Convention 2013
- Vette Vues Magazine; AD trade
- We are discussing another couple of first-time venues for Ads, as well; one being the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Austin, TX and another being the Carmel by the Sea Concours.

Promotional Displays & Care Packages: The displays are offered on a first come basis. There are only a limited number of units, so make your reservation early – or they will already be booked for the date you need.

- The two large Promotional Displays are the full units that sit on a tabletop, complete with a DVD and promotional materials. These units are expensive to ship out, so please request and fully utilize them when they are shipped out.
- Our new Promotional Banner Display has been very busy since the February National Governors’ Meeting and, to restate, its focus is for use ONLY for INDOOR



- events. The display contents will consist of the vertical banner and promotional materials, a DVD. There is no table display or DVD player. This display is perfect for your indoor club car show display where you don’t have room for the larger table display.
- As of writing this article, all three of NCCC’s displays are out and being used around the country – so don’t hesitate to book one of the units for your event before it is too late. Note: we will not take items from one display to expand another one nor should both be requested for the same event. Each unit has been designed for specific functions and we need each to be available separately.
- We also offer “Care Packages” for events that only contain promotional materials, for events where you can’t use either of the displays mentioned above. These are relatively inexpensive to ship out and it saves our organization money to not send the displays when they won’t be used.

Public Relations continues to look to each and every one of you

to be our eyes, ears and an NCCC salesperson in search of new markets and for events and opportunities to promote and help grow NCCC. I welcome the opportunity to partner up with you to help your club, your region and NCCC at these events. It might even need to be a visit to your region to talk and promote NCCC to the clubs that don't attend National Meetings. With enough notice, I am available and willing to do so; so please contact me.

In closing, remember that NCCC is YOUR organization and finding solutions to grow and benefit membership should be highly important to all of us. There is no single individual or single group in our organization that can do this alone, so let's put our heads together and make it happen! If you have constructive ideas or opportunities about how to better our NCCC organization, please feel free to contact the Vision Committee, the eBoard or me directly.

We hope that you, your club and your region have a fun, healthy, safe and prosperous 2013 and, regardless what your Corvette passion is, get out and ENJOY "America's Sports Car"!

Regards,

Douglas McMahan

NCCC 55th Convention



Old Harbor Beacon

You've Gotta Come to Savannah!

http://youtu.be/ykh_C4Rx7-U

August 25 – 29, 2014

Whether you are looking for a vacation spot or some great competition, Savannah is the place to be. Enjoy the video and look for more details to come.

Deb and Denny Murphy



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Contact DEBBIE LINDSEY, Director of Sponsorship,
for more information about any of these
Special Offer Programs.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



By the time you read this, the arrangements committee for Convention 2013 - Bowling Green, KY will be recuperating from a successful annual Convention and Convention 2014 - Savannah, GA will be just around the corner. I had

loads of fun! DID YOU?

THANK YOU to those Governors and Newsletter Editors who continue to provide me with a hardcopy of your club's monthly Newsletter. A favor, please...in lieu of mailing your club's Newsletters to me, please mail them directly to:

Pat Clark
50866 Country Knolls Drive
Granger, IN 46530

Electronic copies of club newsletters should continue to be emailed to PATSY SHEARER at WShearer001@cfl.rr.com. Pat and Patsy will then peruse the newsletters they receive for articles of interest for *Blue Bars*.

Articles and photos are always needed. Your submissions and input are vital to the success of *Blue Bars*. **Please refer to the BLUE BARS SUBMISSION POLICY on page 2 of this issue.**

Remember, change is good for everyone...even NCCC members. However, when it comes to NCCC members changing addresses, it is very important that ALL members keep your mailing addresses up-to-date in the NCCC membership database at all times, because the NCCC membership database generates the mailing list for each issue *Blue Bars*. Governors, please remind your club members of the following deadlines for updating the NCCC membership database with their address changes prior to printing and distributing each issue of *Blue Bars*:

September 21, 2013 (for the Fall 2013 issue)
December 21, 2013 (for the Winter 2014 issue)
March 21, 2014 (for the Spring 2014 issue)
June 21, 2014 (for the Summer 2014 issue)

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

I continue to stress that all emails sent to me for *Blue Bars* should have **BLUE BARS** in the subject line. I strive to email everyone who has submitted an item for inclusion in *Blue Bars*; however, if you have sent me something and you do not receive a confirmation email in a timely manner from me, please call me at 817-561-9314 and leave me a message.

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

Sylvia Hoaldrige



2013
NCCC CONVENTION
HIGHLIGHTS
WILL BE INCLUDED
IN THE FALL 2013 ISSUE
OF
BLUE BARS.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



SPONSORSHIP VIEWS SUMMER 2013



This summer issue of BLUE BARS article will be different as compared to the last few as convention is still a few weeks ahead in time but by the time you receive this, it will be over. I am sure I can say now that a good time was had by all. We

have experienced members running the show, who have planned some unique activities and as usual, we have some great sponsors participating in the activities. So let me thank our 2013 sponsors for their participation- **Michelin North America, Mid America Motorworks, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Zip Products, Corvette America, Corvette Central, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, Southerncarparts.com, Hagerty Insurance, and Legacy Insurance** for their very loyal support of NCCC. Needless to say, we could not do it without you guys and gals!!

Corvettes of Carlisle is one of the largest Corvette activities in the country and this annual event provides NCCC the opportunity to showcase our organization to 35,000 Corvette enthusiasts over a three day period. We normally focus our efforts on our membership and charity program but this year, we will add a third dimension as we have been asked to provide information for the younger crowd. There are a few "gray hairs" in our organization, as well as among numerous Corvette owners, and we are joining with Lance Miller and Corvettes of Carlisle in promoting America's favorite sports car to a younger group. So, FCOA will have a more visible presence at our display this year and we are looking forward to promoting that aspect of NCCC. Contact has already been made with our Corvette friend, Ray, who has agreed to allow us to use his new C7 in the display so preparations are well underway for this event. If you are attending and are willing to help us with the display, please contact Steve Johnson, Joe Vasta, or me.

Two of the East Region clubs, York County Corvette Club and Cumberland Valley Corvette Club have a very active role in the Corvettes of Carlisle weekend. York County Corvette Club always hosts a great car show and this year, they are hosting 7 sanctioned events, so car show members, this is your chance to really let your car shine. Cumberland Valley Corvette Club hosts a low speed event and each year, they have new members who turn out for the event and have their first "eye opening" experience of competing in an autocross. There are many ways to be involved with this great weekend so make plans to attend and stop by to visit with us.

Mid America Motorworks will host their Funfest event September 19-22 and once again, NCCC will be there to promote our organization as well as our charity program and FCOA. The

Yager family are very gracious hosts and go all out to thank their customers for their support. We have tentative plans to host a fun rally again this year in coordination with this event so I am hopeful to have more details about that soon.

Whenever you are traveling, be sure you check the rates for hotels, flights and rental cars with Members on Vacation, one of the links on the Discounts page of the web site. I know many of you already have discounts through other groups but flights booked on this web site will send your mileage to your account with your most used airlines. I frequently use this site for rental cars and have found some great deals. Don't forget about savings opportunities with Excel Credit Union. An email blast was sent to your Governor and Regional Officer June 1 regarding a change in contact with the Sears program. Some members have really saved some money on their products so if you are buying one of those big appliances, TV's, lawn and garden equipment, or even gift cards, you may want to check this out. Also, we still have access to the Choice Hotel program if you book online and use the Special Rate ID# 00800794. This can be a savings to any of our members.

Hope you have a wonderful, safe summer enjoying your Corvette and your Corvette friends.

Debbie Lindsey

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THE MARCH ISSUE IS ONLINE NOW!
BOOKMARK ALLABOUTVETTES.COM AS A FAVORITE
& BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MAILING LIST TO BE
ENTERED IN OUR MONTHLY PRIZE DRAWINGS & MORE!



FCOA Race Winner ~ FCOA #4758 Mitchell!

One of our FCOA members is a true race winner, not in an autocross or rallye but a Pinewood Derby put on by his Cub Scout Pack! This may be the inspiration for him to think about joining NCCC as a Youth Member in 8 years when he turns 16. Maybe he'll borrow his grandparents' Vette for some low speed events?????

On Saturday March 13, 2013 FCOA member Mitchell, grandson of Corvette Indy members Bill & Erika Lapham, entered Cub Scout Pack 124's Pinewood Derby with his blue Pinewood racer. After getting a minor adjustment for being over the 5 oz maximum weight, his car was impounded and awaited his first set of heats with the rest of his Wolf Den members. With the electric timing and scoring that is now used, the Pinewood Derby track is much longer and a lot more technical than the first one in 1953. Multiple heats make up the racing for each group. There were four sets of races, one for each of the three dens and a race for Webelos members. Mitchell had a tough competitor in his den's heats; they went back and forth between first and second place in each heat with Mitchell finally winning the last race to take his den's trophy. While competing in the final six heats against the other three den winners, Mitchell only had one where he came in 2nd and therefore won the overall Pack trophy!

Information & pictures used with permission of Corvette Indy ~ more pictures & information can be found on its website (<http://www.corvetteindy.com/fcoa-race-winner.html>).



2013 FCOA Membership Count by Region as of May 31 2013

REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-2013	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 05-31-2013	# MEMBERS 05-03-2012	% INCREASE 04-13/05-12	CLUB WITH THE MOST FCOA MEMBERS IN EACH REGION	# FCOA MEMBERS
MIDWEST	513	14	527	-14	513	530	-3.21%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	198
WEST	420	6	426	-15	411	437	-5.95%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	144
EAST	299	7	306	-5	301	305	-1.31%	ER-108 YORK CTY C C & ER-263 BEL AIR C C	44 each
MICHIGAN	276	3	279	-7	272	289	-5.88%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	56
FLORIDA	261	3	264	-10	254	265	-4.15%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	99
EAST OHIO	179	2	181	-4	177	177	0.00%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	40
WEST COAST	147	5	152	-6	146	150	-2.67%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	27
SOUTHWEST	141	5	146	-7	139	150	-7.33%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	42
SOUTHEAST	138	5	143	-7	136	130	4.62%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	68
INDIANA	131	3	134	-4	130	125	4.00%	IN-513 HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	25
ROADRUNNER	82	2	84	-9	75	90	-16.67%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	39
ROCKY MTN	64	1	65	-2	63	65	-3.08%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	25
WEST OHIO	65	1	66	-3	63	73	-13.70%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	33
NORTHEAST	47	2	49	0	49	43	13.95%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CC & NE-585 CC of VERMONT	6 each
CAROLINA	21	0	21	-1	20	21	-4.76%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	8
NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
TOTAL	2785	59	2844	-94	2750	2851	-3.54%		

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

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

e-mail: FCOAkids@aol.com

website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

telephone: 414-422-0874



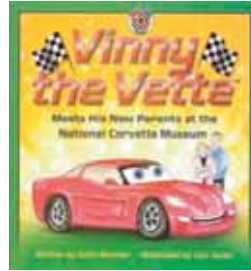
See FCOA's website for membership applications & address change forms.

Also check out the information about the FCOA apparel & books!

Corvette Books for Kids or the Young-at-Heart

****All proceeds benefit Future Corvette Owners Assn.****

More detailed information about each book is at FCOA's website: www.corvettesnccc.org/FCOA1.html



CORVETTE ART...-HISTORY COLORING BOOK is the updated version of the previous edition to include the 2014 C7 coupe, and convertible. The line drawings of all Corvette generations will inspire creativity in everyone.

VINNY THE VETTE is a 22-page fully illustrated soft-bound book that follows the adventures of Vinny the Vette on his way to meet his new parents at the National Corvette Museum! Pre-school to 3rd or 4th grade.

Make your check payable to NCCC - FCOA and send with the coupon to:
FCOA c/o Pat Kelly ~ S68W17323 Rossmar Ct. ~ Muskego WI 53150-8575

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

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

ORDER FORM

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FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$10.00 one-time Membership Fee

NCCC's youth organization sponsored by Mid America Motorworks

FCOA Membership is limited to family members of current NCCC members.

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



Applicant: (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: _____ boy girl

Birthdate: _____ - _____ - _____ Interests/Hobbies: _____

Address: _____

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

Sponsor Information:

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

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

NCCC Member Name: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Office Use Only:	Date Received:	Check #
Blue Bars 2013-3	FCOA Number Assigned:	Date Packet Sent:

SUBJECT: FCOA 101



What the heck is this FCOA you keep hearing about??? Sit back, relax and "brush up" on one of my favorite subjects! The only homework assignment that will get you an "A" in this class is submitting a FCOA membership application for your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews who are under the age of 16. And the only pop quiz question is "Why is there a dolphin in the FCOA logo?" (Hint: Your "cheat sheet" is NCCC's Standing Rules if you don't know the answer!)

LESSON #1: FCOA (FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN.) is the youth organization of NCCC. It's a unique "Corvette Club for kids" formed to interest the younger generation in the Corvette hobby. This is the generation that is the Corvette enthusiast of the 21st century! FCOA members are the foundation of NCCC's future and hopefully FCOA members will go on to be active NCCC members when they turn 16.

LESSON #2: Concern for NCCC's future led Southeast Region members Don and Betty Parks to envision a way to involve more kids in the Corvette hobby. In 1991, with this in mind, they led a group of NCCC members to develop a new youth membership concept and FCOA was "born". The first 76 members were signed up at the 1991 NCCC Convention in Charlotte NC. In 1992 FCOA was designated as the "official" junior organization of NCCC. Marleen DeZeeuw was the first "Director" of FCOA. Karen Port took over that volunteer position in 1995, laying groundwork for me to build on when I picked up the reins in 1997.

LESSON #3: The original \$2 FCOA dues cost was increased to \$5 fee in October, 1991 and then to the present one-time \$10 fee in 2011. WOW! No dues increase in 20 years! How was that possible? Since 1997 Mid America Motorworks has been FCOA's main sponsor, providing membership cards and patches as well as helping with postage costs. FCOA "benefits" such as the other items included in the membership packet are supported by other automotive-related businesses as well as some NCCC Regions and Clubs. Fund-raisers for FCOA include selling some Corvette books for kids and a Corvette history coloring book created for the enjoyment of both kids and adults. In 2003 FCOA held a raffle for a 1953 Corvette pedal car, in 2006 FCOA had a raffle for a set of Goodyear tires and in 2012 the Quine family organized a raffle for a set of Kumho tires.

LESSON #4 Since 1997, new FCOA members receive a membership packet tailored for different age groups. Included is a personalized welcome letter, FCOA patch, FCOA membership card plus a notepad, dash plaque, stickers, trading cards and other items supplied by those who support the FCOA program. It's not always possible but I try to get enough items so that all current members can receive a packet of "goodies" annually.

LESSON #5: Many FCOA milestones have been reached in the last few years. In 1999 FCOA assigned FCOA membership #1000, in 2002 FCOA #2000, in 2005 FCOA #3000, FCOA #4000 in 2009 and it looks like FCOA #5000 will be assigned in 2013. Assigning membership numbers for FCOA is done a little different than NCCC as numbering is consecutive rather than separated by Region and/or Club. Since 1999 FCOA has "honored" every 100th member in *Blue Bars*, on its website and with some extra things in their new FCOA member welcome packet. In 1998 the Midwest Region was the first Region to attain 100 FCOA members; in 2009 it became the first Region to hit 500 FCOA members. In 2006 the West Region was the second Region to attain over 400 FCOA members. Windy City Corvettes is the first club to sign up over 200 FCOA members and Cedar Rapids Corvette Club is the second club to exceed 100 members.

Things change in NCCC over the years and FCOA is no different. FCOA has its own e-mail address (FCOAKids@aol.com) and its great website (www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html). In late 2005 a new FCOA logo was introduced along with a line of FCOA apparel for kids. A really fantastic "change" the last few years is that quite a few of the new FCOA members are second generation FCOA kids ~ now how great is that!?!?!? What does that mean? It means that the new member is the son or daughter of a former FCOA member who in many cases is now a NCCC member!

Class is over! Don't miss out on that "A" ~ get those FCOA membership applications in soon! What are you waiting for? Get those kids excited about our favorite car ~ you don't want them running around in a Viper, Porsche or Mustang, do you? THANKS TO ALL YOU NCCC MEMBERS for making FCOA such a successful program for young Corvette enthusiasts! It is the foundation of NCCC's 21st century so get those young kids signed up now and then encourage them to join NCCC as a Youth Member when they have their 16th birthday!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



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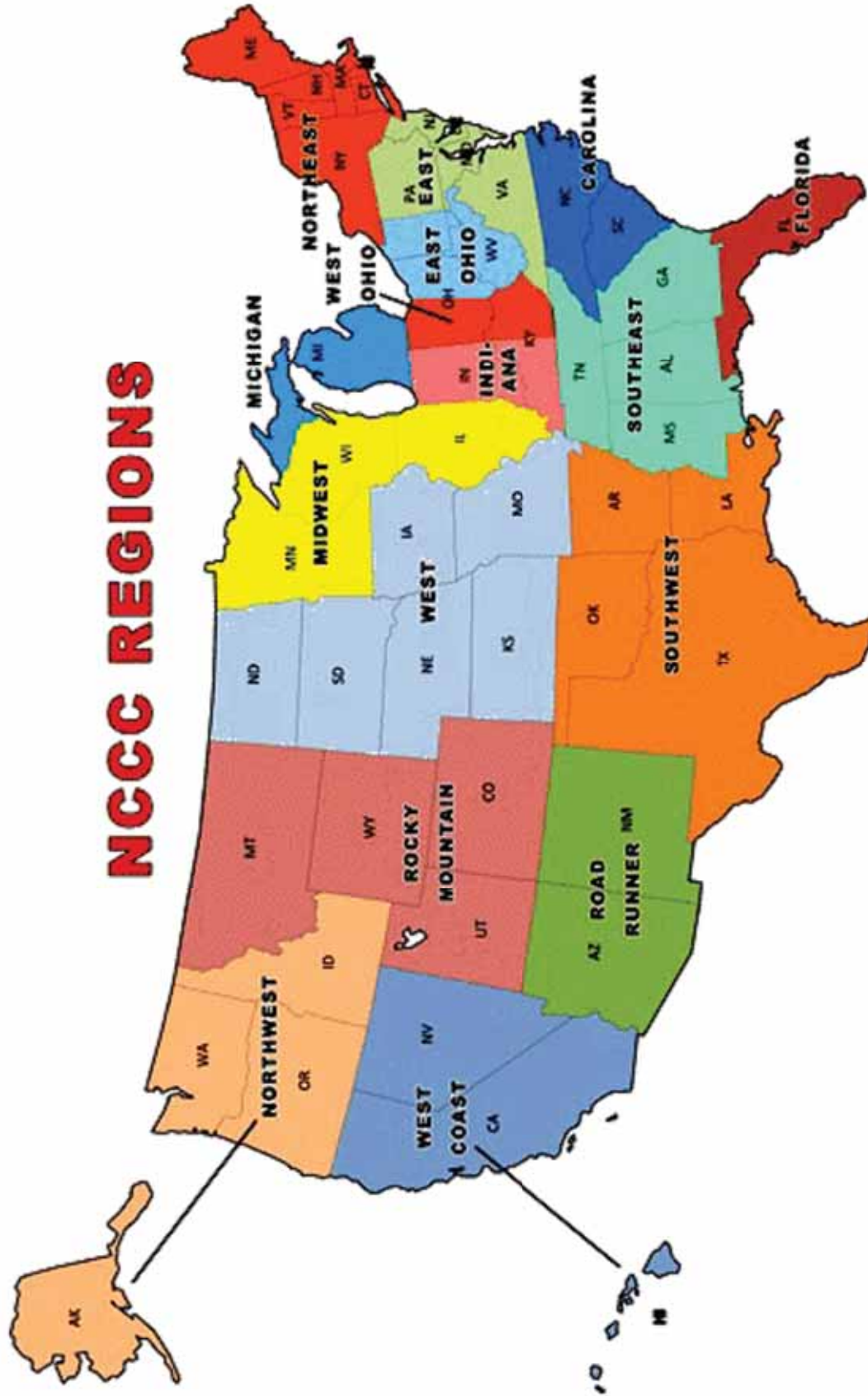
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The origin of NCCC conventions seems automatic. However, a great deal of planning and effort is required. Typically, regions take on the responsibility for hosting a convention. Three years prior to a convention, regions hoping to host a convention begin attending the Convention Steering Committee (CSC) Meetings at the national governors meeting. Two years prior to a convention, regions

submit a proposal for hosting a convention to the CSC. The CSC provides feedback to the proposing region. Then, a proposal is made to the NCCC Executive Board followed by a vote by all governors in October.



In February, I learned that no region proposed hosting a convention in 2015. I made this announcement in the March regional governors meeting and asked if the East Region was interested in hosting the convention. Dave Walter, the perennial East Region competitor has attended all national conventions since 1973 save two. He felt that NCCC should never permit a year go by without a convention and volunteered to be the East Region point person for 2015. He wasted no time catching up for the late start. To date, there are no other regions bidding for the 2015 convention. If approved by governors in October, the East Region will host this convention. This undertaking requires significant effort so Dave is seeking volunteers to assist in a number of areas including registration, entertainment, tech team, Corvette Mall, Beverage Chair, Competition, security, merchandise, awards, door prizes, decorations, banquet, tours and local sponsorship. If you are interested in assisting Dave, email him at ER-Convention-Lead@ERNCCC.org.

A couple times a year, club members approach me believing they can obtain better and cheaper insurance than provided by NCCC. Or, they say "We're not a racing club! We only do car shows, parades and social events. Therefore, we do not need NCCC insurance!" In reality, speed events are typically very controlled to ensure the safety of both participants and spectators. Car shows and parades have a higher chance of liability since the club sponsoring the event cannot exercise the degree of control over spectators since they want to get (too) close to the vehicles. Substances that make cars 'shiny' has a tendency to also be slippery presenting a fall hazard. No reasonable degree of control can prevent a child unexpectedly running into the parade path.

Sometimes litigious events arise from well-intentioned events. A few years ago, a long-time member of an East Region club passed away. At the interment, someone provided the minister a poem to read commemorating the decedent. The widow was so moved by the poem, she asked that it be included in the club newsletter which was published electronically. Shortly thereafter, I received a call from the club governor. He was notified by a law firm that the club Board of Directors and the club was being sued for a significant sum. Unknown to all, the poem was copyrighted and Board of Directors and the club were being sued for copyright infringement. I contacted the NCCC Business Manager who, in turn, contacted the NCCC insurance company. This claim was resolved without cost to the club! Obviously, this event was totally

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unforeseen and it is unlikely the club would have even thought to obtain insurance coverage for this!

The West Region Regional Executive informed me of a situation in his region in which a club member crossed the centerline when going to the club president's home after a prom queen parade and killed an occupant of an oncoming car. The club and the Board of Directors were sued for a SUBSTANTIAL SUM. Once again, NCCC insurance handled the claim without cost to the club or board.

Unfortunately, people learn what their insurance policy does not cover at the time the coverage is most needed. As a club member or board member, are you prepared to defend yourself against suits such as these? Are you willing to risk your assets to try to save a couple dollars? In the current litigious environment, anyone can sue anyone. Lawyers always look for *deep pockets* to maximize the fee they can obtain. Frivolous lawsuits against you will likely be dismissed. However, you must still incur the cost of defending yourself. Are my arguments ludicrous? If you think so, **would you also believe that a person could win a suit because their coffee was hot?**

Submitted by: Joe Vasta, East Region RE

The East Region's current membership stands at 2164 members and 299 FCOA members. Included in our 2164 members are 61 Members-at-Large. Several of our clubs are adding new members every month and getting more people involved in many of their club events.

More members are discovering the thrill of low-speed autocross events and others have discovered the even faster thrill of HPDEs at Pocono International Raceway during the spring 2013 events hosted by Cumberland Valley Corvette Club and the Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Many thanks go out to Dave Walter of CVCC and Joe Lazzaro of CCNEPA for chairing these events which give our members who are seasoned racers and first-timers the opportunity to experience a super speedway and a road course to polish their high-speed skills or to earn their NCCC High Speed License.

With safety always at the forefront of the HPDE events, first-timers learn what it takes to handle their cars at speeds they only dreamed about as teenagers. After successfully completing the HPDE, the newly-minted "racer" now looks forward to the NCCC-sponsored high-speed events. The high-speed autocross event during the Bowling Green 2013 Convention or negotiating the turns at Roebing Road during the Savannah 2014 Convention gets heart rate up to racing RPMs.

The members of the East Region look forward to a very enjoyable summer of 2013 and to seeing many NCCC friends and new NCCC members.

Submitted by: Steve Johnson, East Region RMD

2013 is in full swing in the EAST. We have a great year, full of competition and overall good times. With over 175 events scheduled, we stand to have some major competition this year.

The current top club is Cumberland Valley CC, followed by Tidewater CC, Bel Air CC, G-Burg Vettes and Tri-County Vettes. In the men's and ladies' division top 5, we have:

1. Dave Walter, CVCC & Sally Walter, CVCC
2. Skip Gutshall, CVCC & Karen Priestner, CVCC
3. Jim Gear, CVCC & Barbara Breen, CVCC
4. Jim Fagan, AACC & Nancy Klein, CA
5. Jack Priestner, CVCC & Rosey Poole, BACC

We have hosted two High Speed Driving Schools at Pocono Raceway this year. CVCC & CCNEPA have been doing this for years and have it down to a science. NVCC also has hosted many HPDE's, allowing the ER to offer these events to our members in their pursuit of a High Speed Certification. There are also other venues who host events at Pocono that I can accept for proof of driving ability. FUN, though what we all want to have, has to take a back seat to SAFETY.

Join us at Corvettes at Carlisle for the largest Corvette show in the East...or spend some time at the shore or in the mountains where there are plenty of clubs waiting to show their hospitality. Our website has all the information you need to have some fun in the East. www.ernccc.org

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

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According to the calendar, it is spring, but the weather has its own timetable. One day it is 80 degrees and sunny; the next morning, there is a frost. Oh well, we move on. The winter season is annually broken up by the East Ohio Regional banquet with this year's celebration hosted by Mid Ohio CC in Wooster. The well planned weekend started with a Friday evening hospitality room for early arrivals, continued on with a Regional meeting and Saturday afternoon hospitality, and finishing with the awards banquet. This year at the banquet, along with the presentation of Regional



awards to the 2012 winners, the East Ohio Hall of Fame welcomed its newest inductee, Carol Engle. Carol is a long time member of Fun Center CC and the Region. During the early years, Carol held various Club and Regional positions helping both to get off to a sound start. Welcome to the East Ohio Hall of Fame, Carol. See our website for additional info about the Hall of Fame.

With the competition season underway, a couple of events caught your eye on the schedule. One of them being the return of the Alley Rally to be hosted by Medina CC this year and the other is a car show at the Children's Home in Wooster hosted by Mid Ohio CC. Both events are a must do on my list this summer. Missing from our schedule as of now, is the Region's annual Chili and Appetizer Challenge that has been held around Thanksgiving. Our annual venue is gone and we are looking for a new site to continue a fine evening of appetizers, chili and desserts. More later as info becomes available.

Find something to do with your Corvette and club this summer. Enjoy the ride and the people. Life is too short to put off til tomorrow what you should be enjoying daily.

See you soon.

Submitted by: Chuck Heretta, East Ohio Region RE

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Hi Gang,

The new Florida NCCC Region Officers who were elected for 2014-2015 are: Regional Executive, Glenn Hutchinson; Treasurer, Manny Montgomery; and Sergeant at Arms, Andy Loose.

We would like to thank Lisa Cole for all the years of service she has dedicated to the Region as Treasurer. If you would like to run for a Regional office, let someone know. You get to make many new friends and isn't that what the Corvette hobby is all about? People and Friends.

With the new C7 Corvette coming out shortly, I'm sure we have

many opinions of what everyone thinks about the different body styling and the controversy about the tail lights.

I think that Corvette will have a huge hit on their hands and with the new interior (especially the seats), new dash, colors, performance, etc., that is expected, it should be a WINNER. Have you ordered yours yet?

It's that time of the year when our snowbird friends have gone back up north to roost for the summer but, by the time you read this, they will be getting ready to migrate back south to their winter home. We miss our friends while they are away, but I know their families are happy to see them on their return trips. Snowbirds make up a good portion of club memberships in Florida. We are always happy to see them return. Let's Vette Together Soooooon!!!



Submitted by: Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE

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Club Spotlights

Fort Wayne Corvette Club - Parade goes in the Fort Wayne, Indiana area look forward to seeing members' cars in local parades each year. With parade season in full swing, the Club will support five events this season. Area residents look forward to having the cars on display during national holiday parades and community festivals each year. A caravan to the NCCC National Convention, car shows, cruise-ins, trips to Bloomington Gold, Mid-America Motor Works and a Car Show/Corn Maze are also on the calendar throughout the year. In addition, several members lent new meaning to the term cruise-in when they joined together for the week long 2013 "Spike & the Bulldogs Valentine's Day Cruise" aboard the "Norwegian Pearl. The group left Miami, Florida on their way to Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, George Town, Cayman Islands and Cozumel. Everyone enjoyed the music. The band played at private events for the group. Members enjoyed climbing Dunn's River Falls, botanical gardens, shopping, sailing on a catamaran, feeding sting rays and snorkeling all before returning before returning to winter like temperatures back home again in Indiana.

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Submitted by: Dave Johnson,
Michigan Region RCD

2013 MICHIGAN REGION EVENT CALENDAR		
DATE	HOST CLUB	TYPE OF EVENT
7/4/2013	CCM	Low Speed
7/20/2013	FCC	Low Speed X7
7/20/2013	GVCA	Rallye
7/21/2013	CCM	Low Speed X
7/27/2013	CCCC	Low Speed X7
7/28/2013	JCC	Low Speed X7
8/3/2013	CCM	Drags
8/10/2013	ACC	PC Show & Funkhana
8/11/2013	SCC	Low Speed X7
8/18/2013	CCM	PC Show & Funkhana
8/25/2013	CCM	NS Low Speed
8/31/2013	MAG	Low Speed xX4
9/1/2013	MAG	Low Speed X3
9/2/2013	MAG	Low Speed X4
9/7/2013	RCWM	Rallye
9/10/2013		Region Meeting
9/14/2013		Governors Meeting
9/15/2013		Governors Meeting
9/21/2013	CCC	Rallye X7
9/22/2013	CCM+ACC	Low Speed X7
9/22/2013	CCCC	Car Show
9/28/2013	BCCC	PC Show & Rallye X4
9/29/2013	KCC	Rallye X3
10/5/2013	JCC	Rallye X3
10/6/2013	CCM	Rallye X3
10/12/2013	FCC	Rallye X3
10/13/2013	CCM	NS Low Speed



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Prolog

The season is in full swing in the Midwest Region with events scheduled most every weekend. I encourage everyone to check our regions website at <http://www.mwregion.com> and locate the “Flyers” button where you can find information on all upcoming events. There are over 200 NCCC events on our 2013 calendar to enjoy and they go well into October this year.



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From an RE standpoint, this is a relatively quiet time of the year. All of the required administrative processes are complete so I almost get a summer vacation. The RCD really gets busy as events start and especially with the introduction of the new Competition Database. Therefore, for this article I will give much more space to Bill Docherty. One topic that I want to share with all region members is a subject that I started in my last article and that is on electronic Polling (ePolling) and electronic Voting (eVoting). We have had good success during a couple of early tests. Over 75% of the Governors have used the system for testing and information polls that I presented. This is a higher rate of use than in last years Officer Election when 66% of the Governors returned paper ballots. Given these results, I will be proposing a change to the regions Standing Rules to allow for use of the new Electronic Voting System for our annual Officer elections. This will save the region envelope, photocopy and postage costs and reduce quite a bit of manual labor involved in the current procedure.

I also want to report to you that **Tom Kasten**, Little Egypt CC, working with **Nancy Bailey**, our Regional Treasurer, completed the required audit of the Region’s financial records. The audit results proved that the regions finances are properly controlled and reported. So, a huge thank you to Nancy for her continued efforts in this very important region role.

Epilog

This is a great place for me to talk directly with each member of our region. Actually, it is the only forum where I can get information directly to each regional member. I will use this article to ask you to ensure that your Governors are participating in the region activities for your club. Using the new Regional Voting System your Governor has a simple and effective way of letting the region know of your clubs input on topics that are presented as well as use the system to vote for your regional officers (when approved). Your Governor should be using the system to voice your clubs preferences on various topics that affect all of the regions clubs. While final operating decisions are made at the Regional Governors meeting in Saint Louis, there is no longer a reason why each club cannot present their recommendations using e-Polling capabilities. This is an easy way for all clubs to have a voice, not just a few who travel to Saint Louis. Please encourage your Governors to be involved and help set our future direction. Our goal is to have 100% of the clubs participate not just the 75% who have contributed to date.

Submitted by: Larry Pagliaro, Midwest Region RE

FAA-Great Lakes Region bans use of airports for events.

Three weeks before our first low speed event, notification came on the new ruling. Talk about a mad scramble to find a new location. The airport at Rantoul remains usable because of new zoning regulations, which will isolate the area used for events. Finding new or even retaining existing sites is becoming more and more difficult. Add in the fact that the nice sites are costing more to rent, and you can see a real problem developing in the near future.

Midwest Region Fundraiser Oct. 5,6

Plans to relocate to Rantoul Aviation Center are proceeding. Few sites have the expanse of pavement of this site and we are devising new layouts to make full use of it. Remember that every speed event is also a social event. Drive-out and see what autocrossing is all about.

NCCC Competition Database

Use of the new database is coming along. There have been a few bumps along the way, and there will be more as we continue to enter event results. I hope that we can resolve all the issues promptly. Having one complete points tracking system will bring many benefits. My goal as RCD has been to make it work for our region and its members. As with anything new, it will take some time become familiar with how it works.

Submitted by: Bill Docherty, Midwest Region RCD

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Club Spotlights

Badger State Vettes, LTD Milwaukee Metropolitan area - The USO of Wisconsin recently recognized the Club for their support of the Homeland Heroes" program. This is located at the Milwaukee Airport Center, General Mitchell International Airport. Members presented the USO with a check for \$1,000 to assist with meeting the goals and services offered to all Active Duty Service Members and their families in transit while at the airport. The funds will provide meals, snacks, defray the cost of a concession area where service men and women can relax and connect with family members while waiting for connecting flights.

The Wisconsin Corvette Club, Inc. - is please to share a bit of trivia about their Club. Founded in 1959 they are one of the oldest Corvette clubs in the nation. For over 50 years, members have enjoyed a balance of competitive and social events. In 1981, they hosted the NCCC Convention. This was the first national convention to have all major NCCC competition categories, high speed, low speed, rallye, concours, drags and funkhana. Members are proud to support the Fischer Home with proceeds from a car show and silent auction. In addition, their local Tim Paul Foundation benefits from the proceeds of the annual Hare and Hounds rally.

Members will join with local sponsors to present the Corvettes for Charity Show in September of 2013. Project Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin which provides more than 18 million pounds of food to 36 countries will receive proceeds from the benefit. A fall color tour will take members to New Glarus, WI this year to experience spectacular vistas, tours and tasting food at local eateries with fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Corvette Club of Illinois - A lesson learned is a lesson shared. Frustrated when a local member was unable to get in his C6 because his car battery and remote batteries were both dead the owner sought the assistance of the local dealership. The car did not come with a Spare Key. After showing proof of ownership and paying \$9.00 for a spare key, he was then able to open the hatch and get to the door releases. Three batteries later, he was able to drive the car. Lesson Learned - Make sure you have an extra key and store it in a safe place not in the console of your Corvette.

The Club has a trip planned during 2013 to French Lick Indiana where they will have the opportunity to enjoy a scenic drive, golf outing, fine dining and a tour of the Jasper Engine Rebuild Facility.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club - Prior to the beginning of a new year, over 10 area agencies and organizations that received donations from the Club to help support programs in their area recognized them for their 2012 contributions. Recipients include Belvidere Food Pantry, RAMP, Rosecrance, MELD, The Rockford Rescue Mission, The Carpenter's Place, and Crusade Community Health Foundation, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Rock River Valley Pantry, and Mother House Crisis Nursery.

The Club is pleased to announce a new web page will be unveiled during the 2013 year.

After tucking their Corvettes away for the winter months, members renewed friendships as they gathered for a road trip to the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Museum in Milwaukee, WI. The daylong event included a drive through the scenic Kettle Moraine known for its 22,000 acres of glacial hills, kettles, lakes and hardwood forests. A stop at Suhmer's Saloon for breakfast gave everyone a chance to stretch his or her legs and enjoy a breakfast buffet. After completing the tour, everyone gathered in New Berlin WI for refreshments before returning home later in the day.

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A warm hello from the Northeast region. Activities are heating up as the season moves ahead. Adirondack CC held a poker run in mid-May with a show in mid-June. BayState CC held a Memorial weekend event "muscleaplooza" with over 2000 vehicles attending. Tri-Vettes LTD held their 1st weekend autocross the beginning of June. CC of Vermont is gearing up for their Vette raffle in mid-June and road trips to Maine and Carlisle. Southern Tier CC has been busy arranging track time in various areas grooming their skills for their

showdown event in September. Corvettes of Buffalo is traveling far and wide -- Washington, DC; Bowling Green, KY; Carlisle, PA and a show thrown in mid-July.

We send a prayer for all the folks in the Midwest dealing with the damaging weather.



Save the Wave and be Safe.

Submitted by: Ray Schafer, Northeast Region RE

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2013 is beginning to thaw in the Northeast Region...and we are gearing up for a great summer. Southern Tier CC is hosting a quad Low Speed Auto-X in July, a single in August, and two doubles in September and October. Tri-Vettes LTD is hosting two double events for a speed-filled weekend in July.

Yeah, it's a drive to come and see us, but we promise to roll out the Welcome mat and treat you like family. We have some of the best country roads on which to enjoy your Corvette. Getting here would be half the fun...so come out and have the other half of your FUN with us!!!

Look for more information on the National Website under Northeast Region.

Submitted by: Brian Gallagher, Northeast Region RCD

Club and Member Spotlights

The Bay State CC has been associated with the NCCC since it was founded in 1969, in Holliston, MA. 44 years later it is still going strong. The club is made up of members from throughout New England. The club runs four autocrosses each season and participates in drag racing and road racing events throughout the Northeast and Canada. The club also hosts social activities, including weekend get-a-ways, summer cookouts and fall foliage cruises.

Joe Scafidi, a member of the club since the mid-1980's recently had the honor of having his 1963 Z06 displayed at the Year of the '63 (50th anniversary) NCRS Regional Event at the National Corvette Museum in April of this year.

Here is Joe's story:

This is a 1963 Z06 Small tank coupe, 1 of 199 Z06's made in 1963. There were 63 big tank (36 gal) cars built, the remainder were small tank cars. All Z06 cars came with fuel injection, heavy duty springs and sway bars, along with metallic brakes and giant finned / vented brake drums.

This Z06 was ordered new in the winter of 1962 by a man named Earl (Sandy) Chapman. Sandy was very successful in New England SCCA circles racing a MGB coupe. He wanted to move up into a higher CC class and heard about the Z06 Corvettes winning races so he placed an order for one. This Z06 was delivered to Best Chevrolet in Massachusetts. Due to a growing business and growing family Sandy never got to race the Corvette. It was too tough to drive on the street in race form so he sold it to his mechanic. The car spent all its life in Massachusetts, but was retired from street duty in 1975 by its 4th owner and disassembled for a complete restoration. It is in that condition that I found it in 2009. I have since restored the car and achieved

a Top Flight at the Florida NCRS Regional and a Performance Verification award at the 2012 NCRS Regional in Altoona, PA. The car will go for its final judging at the Year of the 63 NCRS National Convention in Hampton, VA this July.

This photo of the car was taken while on display for the Year of the 63 (50th anniversary) NCRS Regional Event at the National Corvette Museum in April this year.

Thank you, Joe Scafidi



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By the time you read this, Arizona temperatures should be thinking about dropping below 100 for the first time in about five months. That means Roadrunner Corvetters will start getting out again. The summer months in Arizona are when Arizona Corvetters do not do much, similar to the winter months in most of the country. The last pre-summer events in the Region will have been the Tucson Corvette Club's Superbash over Memorial Day weekend. That event is always fun for all and includes "something for everyone" with autocrossing, a car show, gimmick &



chance rallyes and a matching times autocross.

Because of our summer heat, clubs do try to hold "away" events during the summer in cooler areas. Phantom Vettes of El Paso will be holding a weekend event in mountains of Ruidoso, NM in early August. They will be putting on a car show and TSD, Gimmick, and Chance rallyes. The Region's 3rd Quarter Governor's meeting will also be held there too.

Corvette Club of Arizona had plans for a weekend of autocrossing in 7,000' elevation Taylor, AZ. We have used the state fire fighter and highway patrol training facility there to hold summer events away from the heat of the lower desert communities. Unfortunately, the site made surface modifications that will preclude future autocrosses. It is very disappointing to Region competitors, because there are so few sites to hold events in the summer.

I urge all of our Roadrunner Region members to take a look around their communities and help us try to find new sites that are Corvette friendly for the future.

Please be sure to check the region calendar for up-to-date event information:

<http://www.ncccroadrunner.com/calendar.html>

Save the wave.

Submitted by: Paul Hamersly, Roadrunner Region RCD

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The Rocky Mountain Region has had a wonderful summer of competition from Casper, WY to Pueblo, CO. Speaking of Pueblo, in May of 2013, they put on their first autocross in La Junta. It was well attended within the Region, and they provided a great lunch. Good job, guys & gals! I hope you do it again.

Continuing on with the events, the car shows and the rallyes have also been well attended. It looks like the Region is going to finish strong with well attended events.

As always, I like to see new competitors at each event to witness their excitement and watch their confidence grow during the year on their way to being a seasoned competitor.

Keep up the good work, all you event chair people.



Submitted by: Pete Urenda, Rocky Mountain Region RE

Eloise, my predecessor, began her tenure by tabulating member lists by hand and physically mailing the results of her work. As computers became more available, she migrated to an Excel Spread solution. Eventually, the data was entered and shared electronically via a database. The NCCC membership database process has shorter response times and is less error prone, resulting in a less expensive, more efficient and environmentally sound operation. (Okay, it's easier to use, too!) Yet to be solved is the physical mailing of National, and in some Regions, payments. One region is rumored to conduct all membership processing electronically – WOW!

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Perhaps there are other Internet/computer operations that could be applied to our procedures. For example, my club offers our members the option of having the club newsletter physically mailed to the member or offering the newsletter electronically. In addition to the cost savings the club enjoys, some members like the wider availability that the electronic copy offers. We also found that the electronic copy offers the Region access to the newsletter creating better communication and sharing of ideas. Possibly NCCC's official publication, *Blue Bars*, could do something similar?

The Governors' meetings prove invaluable to the success of our organization. The face-to-face interaction is critical to understanding the issues concerning our clubs. However, it seems that some governors find it difficult to attend. Possibly, remote access over the Internet may be better than none at all? In addition, the Governors' meeting could be recorded and offered electronically for later viewing. This might help remove any "mystic" about Governors' meetings.

The above suggestions are some things that I've overheard. Maybe you have better ideas. If so, I encourage you to talk to your Governor and share your thoughts. Personally, I like better, easier and **cheaper**.

Submitted by: Wayne Umland (aka Ellouise – 2) Rocky Mountain Region RMD

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The Southeast Region has continued its growth in 2013. By midyear, there are over 1,200 members within our 17 clubs. The top three clubs in membership size are East Tennessee CC (254 members), Nashville CC (241 members) and Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta (97 members).

Spring found us in Nashville, TN and then on to Knoxville, TN. Members of the Region enjoyed the National Convention in Bowling Green as summer rolled in. A special thanks goes to the workers who came out to assist with the Convention. You made us look good along with all the out-of-Region



people who volunteered as well.

Mark your calendar and plan to be busy in the fall – 81 events! The schedule includes August 31 - September 2 (21 low speeds in Knoxville, TN), October 6-7 (14 low speeds in Gallatin, TN), October 12-13 (14 low speeds in Knoxville, TN), November 2-3 (14 low speeds in Huntsville, AL), November 29 – December 1 (4 high speeds in conjunction with 6 high speeds from Florida Region at Roebbling Road Raceway near Savannah, GA), and finally December 7-8 (14 low speeds in Huntsville, AL). The folks in Tupelo, MS are trying to schedule a weekend in the fall as well. Check the calendar on the web for the latest events and flyers.

Remember – if you want your club included in this section, please submit articles to one of us.

Save the Wave!!

John McGee, RE
Don Parks, RCD
Amelia Workman, RMD
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Regional Spotlight: East Tennessee Corvette Club

East Tennessee Corvette Club was founded in 1958. Our club is growing in members and activities. For 2012, ETCC placed 8th in the Nation and were proud to receive our award at Convention. This was the *FIRST* time our Club has made it to the top 15!

For 2013, we worked with Doug McMahan on a brochure that features Reeder Chevrolet, ETCC and NCCC. These brochures go in every Corvette for sale and to Corvettes in for service. What a great tool for introducing local Corvette owners to our organizations.

Our fundraising enables ETCC to buy wishes for over 100 kids through "Angel Tree" *each year*. This year we are adding the purchase of an Acre at the NCM Motorsports Park. ETCC is honored to be selected for a display case at the NCM starting in August 2013.

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Our 35th Annual Vette Fest in Gatlinburg, TN is October 4-6th. We are at a new hotel and it promises to be one of the best weekends ever. Go to www.etc Corvette.com. We hope to see you there!

We have helped the SE Region to host sanctioned events locally in the Knoxville area for the last two years. This has increased membership, participation and fundraising. Join ETCC and the SE Region for all 3 days Labor Day weekend and November 16-17th. For the full calendar, visit www.ncccsouth.com.

Submitted by Dave Goebel, Governor of East Tennessee CC

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Pictured below are the Southwest Region governors and officers for 2013 after attending our 2nd quarter meeting in Mineral Wells, Texas. Our quarterly meetings are an opportunity for our governors to represent their club members' opinions and interests within our region. This article is coming out right before governor nominations and elections. Support our region in continuing to be people strong and actively represented on both the region and national level by electing and sending your club



governor to region meetings. NCCC is an organization of people locally and nationally who have a common interest –“Corvette”. There are various activities that we pursue in our Corvettes, make sure your interests are being met by sending your governors to our four quarterly meetings.

One of the activities open to all membership, no matter what their interest, is our annual NCCC Convention. This year held in Bowling Green, Ky. Something for everyone, there was convention entry into National Corvette Museum, various tours, lectures, original parties, competition and best of all new and old friends getting together from across NCCC nation. If you haven't been, don't miss out next year!

Late spring weather was not kind to many of our SW Region members both in Oklahoma and Texas. Many members' homes and businesses were damaged and destroyed. I just want to say “Thank you” to those NCCC members across the nation who called to see what they could do to help, along with those members who traveled into Oklahoma and Texas to help everyone start to rebuild and repair.



Enjoy your friendships and travel safely! As Always “Life is Good!”

Submitted by: Jeannie Ruston, Southwest Region RE

2013 has started off great in the Southwest Region. We have had a variety of events this year starting with our Regional Banquet showcasing the great group of members who make up the Southwest Region and jumping into Low Speed and High Speed autocrosses, Funkhanas, Rallies, Car Shows and some Drag Racing. Regional members have enjoyed events in Oklahoma and Texas so far this year. The competition season took a little break from mid-June to September to get away from the hot summer time.

At the memorial Day Record Drags at Noble, OK, two new NCCC records were set by regional members. Christine Gann set a new record for Ladies Group 2J and Scott Matthesen set a new record for Men's Group 3E. The Region has an additional Record Drag event scheduled for mid-October.

September starts off back into the competition season with more Low Speed Autocrosses as we enjoy events in Oklahoma and Texas. I recommend if you are new to the Southwest Region or you have been a member for a few years, come out to an event and come enjoy yourself.

Submitted by: Craig Kamradt, Southwest Region RCD

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We hope you are enjoying your long awaited summer. Many NCCC competitors found themselves traveling in snow as late as May this year. In the West Region, there are 121 various events on the schedule ranging from PC's, Funkanas, Rallies, Low Speed and High Speed events, as well as Drag Racing. The good news is that clubs have ten sanctions to work with; however, the bad news is that venue locations are becoming increasingly difficult to find and hold on to. Many clubs have lost their racing venues, and many come at a premium. It is time to get proactive. Increase your membership, lower the average age of your membership. Covert those FCOA members to Youth members, and get them interested in our sports. Put together driving schools in your clubs or regions. Doug McMahon, Director of Public Relations for NCCC has done an excellent job of putting together promotional displays and materials that are available for your clubs. Take advantage of these materials to bring awareness to NCCC, and your local clubs.

If you were unable to attend the 2013 Convention in Bowling Green, KY, you missed a great time with superb facilities. The West Region was well represented. Of the Top 15 Clubs, CCC was #1, and CCI was #13. For the Top 15 Men, Larry Lichtenwald, CRCC was #1; Gene Gau, CCC was #14; and Joe Eller, CCC was #15. For the Ladies, Kathy Gau, CCC was #10. Kathy Gau also volunteered her expertise and years of experience doing registration for CCC at this year's Convention. It is a big job and Kathy, along with the other volunteers, ensured that the process was smooth and flawless for all the registrants. Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments, and a special thanks to Kathy for helping out. This year's Convention was well attended; however, we want more! Several members of the West Region put together an outstanding PowerPoint presentation on "How to Improve the Attendance at the National Convention." Tim Bailey, Governor, MACC, presented it to the Vision Committee in February. Tim did an outstanding job, and the Vision Committee is taking a serious look at several of the points presented.

There is a lot of summer left to enjoy, and a lot of finish lines to cross. Be safe out there, and enjoy your friends and family of NCCC.

Submitted by: Jon Manz, West Region RE

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The West Coast Regional Convention was a great success with close to 400 participants. With sponsors like Kumho, Corvette Mike, GM Down Under and Findlay Chevrolet, we were able to race, show our cars and tour, backed up with a pool party and door prizes. The Registration room was the best with Diamonds, Food, Drinks and Gifts. Thanks to all the clubs that made this event one of the best in our Region. Welcome to a great organization made up of members who know how to enjoy life and have fun with their Corvette.

Cliff Harris, our RMD, noted the Membership Committee continues to work on ways to attract new members. New members are a big bonus for the clubs, since new members are usually the most enthusiastic and are the ones who fill club offices. They bring new ideas, such as places to go, etc. New members find clubs through the Internet, so it is a good idea to make sure your club has a web site with all the club

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information on it. Cliff has also noted that this year, we have seen an increase in both the number of new members and the number of old members who have now rejoined. The new members are not just buying new cars, they are joining with C2 and C3's. The overall membership numbers are higher than they have been for the last several years. We should go over the 18,000 number by renewal time this year.

The West Coast competition year is well underway. We had a great time on the road course in Santa Maria by Vapor Trails Vettes, followed up at the end of the month with Corvettes of Temecula Valley car show. May started out strong with a car show put on by Corvettes of San Diego. June started out with O. C. Vette's at Huntington Beach with their annual Concours D'Elegance. The next weekend was the Vette Set car show and, as usual, was a great show put on by a club that has been doing it for over 37 years.

Vapor Trail Vettes and Super Sports will be hosting multi-events and these, plus all club events, can be found on the Regional website. Once there, you can check on events, standings, flyers and results. The web site is at: <http://www.ncccwregion.org>

If your club puts on an event and you want to share the fun, do not keep it a secret. It only takes an email message or a flyer sent to the West Coast Region Webmaster, Cliff Harris, to get your event on the Regional calendar. You will meet great people who share your interests of Corvettes and fun. If you want to put on a more serious event like a car show or rallye, get in touch with Joe "ZR 1" Orrico, our Regional Competition Director. With only a little guidance from Joe, you can do it. Remember that NCCC is a National organization. We are not the only region having fun. Check out the messages from the other regions and maybe you will get an idea for a great event your club can do.

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

Save the Wave,

Your regional officers,

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For more information about West Ohio Region activities, please contact the RE, RCD or RMD show above, or go to www.corvettesnccc.org and click on West Ohio Region.

Club Spotlights

West Ohio Region: Corvette Troy – is pleased to unveil their updated website at <http://www.corvette-troy.com>

The Club has announced that their annual 2013 Charity Drawing will be September 27, 2013 in conjunction with the Tipp City Mum Festival Car Show. This will be the 30th year for awarding a new Corvette to a lucky individual who purchases the winning ticket. Top prize at this year's event is a \$50,000 certificate towards a new Corvette or \$40,000 cash.

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Operation Stockings for Soldiers

In November 2011 Mary Wolter, while perusing Facebook, came across an OPERATION STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS request from Captain Kevin Humphrey who sent out an all points bulletin. **“I am here in Afghanistan and I need help for Christmas. In the darkness of Christmas Eve and Christmas day our warriors will still be launching planes. I will be going to every warrior we have and I would like to give them a Christmas stocking.”** Mary thought that it would be great if every CCT member would make a Christmas stocking filled with all sorts of items for Christmas for the soldiers in Afghanistan who are putting their lives on the line protecting our freedom and the Afghanistan residents. Members brought 27 stockings stuffed with items to the November CCT membership meeting.

Mary also asked one of the Arlington Grace Lutheran School (GLS) teachers if the students would like to prepare Christmas greeting cards for the soldiers to accompany the Christmas stockings. The response from the students was overwhelming, and they put a lot of thought and creativity in preparing numerous cards. We put each stocking in clear plastic zip-lock bags along with a greeting card, and then we packed all the stockings into five large boxes. After completing the packing, we completed a Customs Declaration form 2976A for each box, then “finally” we transported the boxes to the USPS for shipment to the USAF soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. The total weight of the shipment was 102 lbs. and the cost to ship was approximately \$2.50 per pound.

Mary learned in October 2012 that one of our CCT members has a son, Captain Thomas Grabos, who was recently deployed to Afghanistan as the commander of the 151st Engineering Company consisting of 96 soldiers in four platoons in Afghanistan. Having coordinated in the Operation Stockings for Soldiers last year in which CCT members put together 27 Christmas Stockings, Mary felt confident that



CCT could step up to the challenge and put together 100 Christmas Care packages for Captain Grabos’ brave soldiers in the 151st Engineering Company. It was decided that instead of stockings, the club membership would use 2-1/2 gallon zip-lock bags so we would provide each soldier with more items. We accepted this very worthwhile endeavor as a show of our support and appreciation to our brave men and women in the 151st Engineering Company. This was the least we could do for our brave soldiers in Afghanistan at Christmas time who are putting their lives in danger on a daily basis protecting our freedom.

CCT members and friends purchased and put into zip-lock bags: granola bars, snack packs, trail mix, gum, beef jerky, flavor packets for bottled water, DVDs, books, individually wrapped hard candy, cookies, nuts, shaving cream, shampoo, crossword puzzles, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, foot powder, etc. Some of the items that were donated consisted of 144 toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, chapstick, hand warmers, sweetener, 100 fleece blankets, magazines and books. Mary also contacted the Grace Lutheran Church School again and the students created a whole stack of personalized Christmas cards for the soldiers.

Much to our amazement, CCT members and friends brought 85 care packages in the 2-1/2 gallon zip-lock bags to the CCT membership meeting. Then some of the members met later and assembled another 25 zip-lock bags full of items. We exceeded our goal of 100 care packages, and actually ended up with 110 care packages plus extra items that we also packaged for shipment!

Now, we realize we have even a bigger challenge!! In 2011, we shipped 110 lbs via USPS to Afghanistan at a cost of \$250. We now have 830 lbs of Christmas Care Packages that need to be transported to Afghanistan. After packing all the items into 25 large shipping boxes, we took them to Reher Morrison Racing Engines in Arlington, TX who graciously had the shipment FedEx'd to Captain Grabo's home base in North Carolina. Reher Morrison added t-shirts

and magazines for all of the soldiers to the shipment. The US Army then transported the shipment to Afghanistan via a cargo plane for the 151st Engineering Company in time for Christmas.

*We thank all of the CCT members, friends, neighbors and **Reher Morrison**, the businesses who donated items and the Arlington Grace Lutheran School students who helped demonstrate their support for our troops by preparing the personalized Christmas Greeting cards.*

Article and photos were submitted by Paul Wolters, CCT governor.



CCT Members with Captain Thomas Grabos' wife and son (on left) after packaging an additional 25 Care Packages, ending up with a total 110 Christmas Care Packages plus additional bulk items

A CAPITAL IDEA

The Capital City Corvette Club of Lansing, MI was formed in 1958 and has continued a tradition of fun and fellowship for fifty-five years. Club members gathered recently at the historic state Capitol Building which was built between 1872 and 1878. In 1992, the National Park Service designated the Capitol a National Historic Landmark for its architectural significance and restoration.

Capital City CC is a charter member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs and is designated as club number MI-003. When the club was formed in 1958, Jim Hoppin was its first president. Jim was also secretary for NCCC when it was formed in 1959 and was instrumental in creating the NCCC steering wheel logo. Jim Hoppin continued his role with NCCC by serving as president in 1962 and 1963. The club was delighted to have Jim as a guest speaker at one of our monthly membership meetings in 2011 and he and his wife, Judy, were able to join us for our photo.



When the NCCC Convention was held in St Louis in 1961, thirty-three members of Capital City CC made the trip in twenty-three Corvettes. In 1962, the convention was held in Lansing, MI and hosted by Capital City CC. The July 1962 issue of "Blue Bars" featured an article about the Capital City Corvette Club and the upcoming convention. Their guest speaker was Zora Duntov who was accompanied by his wife, Elfi. Participants caravanned in their Corvettes to the assembly plant in Flint, MI.

Other club members also played an active role in NCCC. Art Miller was NCCC president in 1964 and 1965. Gary Cross was president in 1966. The NCCC President's Award was given to Darwin Thomas in 1964 and to Gary Cross in 1965.

The club's first sponsor was Lee MacGillivray Chevrolet in Haslett, MI. The early meetings were held at the dealership which allowed the members to use the service bays to wash and work on their Corvettes. A real plus during Michigan winters! Early club members

enjoyed car shows, rallies and racing. Some of them even raced their Corvettes on frozen Lake Lansing. Josh Joslin had a 1963 Corvette that he raced at Virginia International Raceway, the SCCA Divisional at Meadowdale and the Road America 500 in Elkhart, WI.



The Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation had a close relationship with General Motors and the early Corvette clubs because Owens – Corning was producing the body panels for the Corvette. Members of the Capital City CC traveled to their manufacturing facility for a tour. Owens-Corning gave an annual award to the club that had shown the most enthusiastic support of the Corvette hobby. Capital City CC was given a Steuben crystal bowl in 1961 and 1962 in recognition of receiving this honor.

We are part of the Michigan Region and the club's 101 members enjoy a wide range of activities including car shows, rallies, parades, region events and road tours, which typically result in a unique dining experience. Club members also participate in the NCCC convention and events like Corvettes at Carlisle, Bloomington Gold and the Black Hills Corvette Classic. Our current sponsor is Bud Kouts Chevrolet in Lansing, MI. We host numerous events to raise funds for local charities such as VFW National Home for Children, the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Potter Park Zoological Society. The club sponsors two scholarships at the local career center for young people who are continuing their education in the automotive field.

The Capital City CC has touched many lives in the past fifty five years. Its current members look forward to continuing our rich legacy of friendships, service and the enjoyment of Corvette ownership.

Article was submitted by Sue Keith, Capital City historian. Photos were submitted by Gloria Reiffer, Capital City Webmaster/Editor.



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