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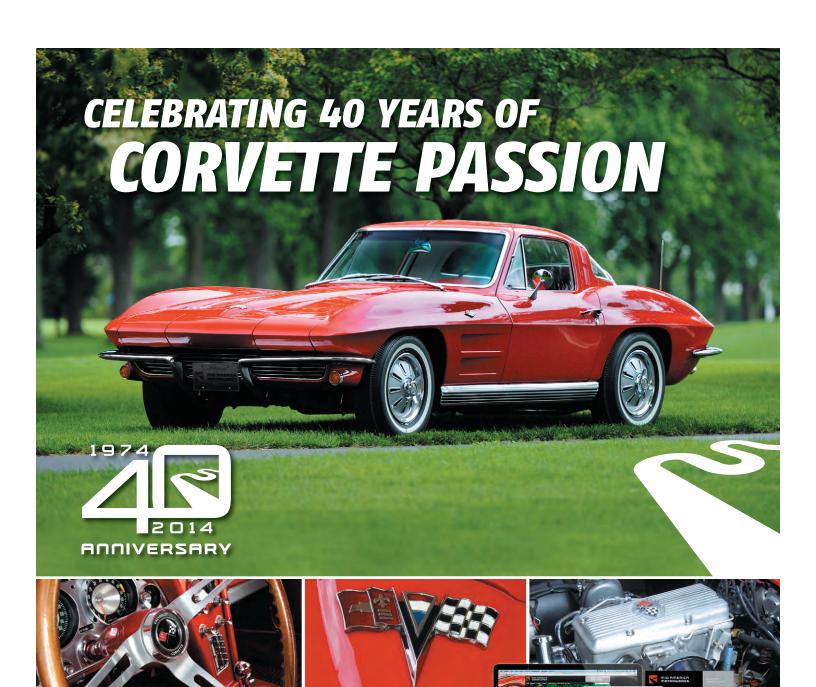
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## From the President



There are some very important things happening in our organization. Opportunities exist for many of you to become more involved in the functioning areas.

Each year half of the elected officers are up for election. Any interested member may run and be elected to serve. Terms are two years with a maximum of two terms. This year the President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and the Director of Public Relations are up for election.

Elected officers are the Executive Board charged with the dayto-day operations of the corporation and conduct of the meetings. The pay isn't the greatest, but the rewards are many. Contact

the Nominating Committee for more information. I urge you to consider one of these offices.

Appointed officers are appointed for a one-year term. There is currently no limit on the number of terms that an appointed officer may serve. Each year the persons desiring to serve in these positions apply to the President for appointment. These important functions don't pay much either, but are very important to the operation of National Council. Please take a look at these opportunities. The forms are available on our website.

Our 2014 Convention is approaching. Savannah, GA is a great place for our gathering. The competitive events are going to be outstanding. The parties and social functions look like lots of fun to me. Take the free water taxi to the other side of the river for more restaurants, shops, bars and significant historical venues. There is more than enough for everyone. There is also an opportunity for attending Convention and participating in the caravans to the National Corvette Museum. There is room for us all.

One more thing, please take a look at our charity Corvette raffle. The tickets are very reasonable and the odds of winning are a lot better than many other Corvette raffles.

Our Charity raffle has been very successful in the past making significant donations to major recipients. We need to sell a lot of tickets to pay for your 2014 Corvette. The only way to keep this worthwhile activity up and running is for you to buy lots of tickets.

Finally, we all appreciate and anticipate each and every issue of "Blue Bars." We need a new editor. Sylvia Hoaldridge has done a terrific job for a long time. She has decided to make her position available to a qualified candidate. Help keep our fine publication running by volunteering to become our Director of Publications.

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#### Tentative 2014 Convention Event Schedule Sunday, August 24 - Friday, August 29

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Sunday, August 24		
Noon - 6:00 pm	Registration / Tech	The Westin Savannah
Noon - 10:00 pm	Corvette Mall / Hospitality	The Westin Savannah
Monday, August 25		
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration /Tech	The Westin Savannah
Noon - 6:00 pm	Corvette Mall / Hospitality	The Westin Savannah
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	2013 Champions Awards Celebration /	The Westin Savannah
	DJ for Dancing	
Tuesday, August 26		
8:00 AM	Golf Scramble	The Club Golf Course
8:00 am - 11:30 am	Concours / People's Choice	Brian Square at the Westin
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Corvette Mall / Hospitality	The Westin Savannah
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rallye	Brian Square at the Westin
7:30 pm - 1:00 am	"Gone with the Wind" Party, featuring the	The Westin Savannah
	"Dance to the Music" Band	
Wednesday, August 27		
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Low-Speed Event / Matching Time Trials	The Westin Savannah
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Funkhana	The Westin Savannah
Noon - 5:00 pm	Corvette Mall	The Westin Savannah
Noon - 11:00 pm	Hospitality	The Westin Savannah
6:00 pm -11:00 pm	Mid America 40th Anniversary	Leave from Hotel
	Celebration Party	
Thursday, August 28	Celebration Party	
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## NCCC's Top 15 Ladies Competitors for 2013

#### #1

#### **Carolyn Samuelson**

Northern Illinois CC / Midwest Region

What a great year! I am so fortunate to do what I enjoy most-racing my red Z06. The last time I won a national championship was 1992. Started me to think what I accomplished since then and where those 21 years have gone. Dale & I built a new home, saw the birth of our two grandchildren, added a couple of Corvettes to our collection, both recently retired, and much more. But the love for racing and our involvement and commitment to Northern Illinois CC and NCCC since 1979 has always been a priority for us. Our children, David & Kristi, still remember being "dragged" to car shows and speed events with the Bailey boys. Good memories.......



I never imagined racing out of region every weekend and spending so much time down south. Mary Wentzel and Teresa Eller mentioned running for national points. I was not even considering it until I realized in August that I was fairly close. After Dale & I went to Maryland for a car show September 7th, I decided (with my non-competitive nature???) I would make a run for it.

When I received the title in 1992, with 1486 points, the regions had 3 or 4 competitive events per day. Maybe 8 all weekend if lucky. We have really upped the ante. Now with 14 event weekends I finished with 3932 points and attended 354 events.



It was an extremely memorable year. Dale & I had the most fun <a href="ever">ever</a> running around the country. Good to see old friends and compete on courses we hadn't been on for a while. I ran with some of the most competitive women in the nation. I can't thank them enough for their friendship, encouragement, and support. We got to be extremely close and gave each other a lot of hugs. Cried with some, laughed with others. You know I love you all.

Thanks to all for throwing the great party at the hotel for the finale of the year. It was awesome to see all of the competitors sitting around laughing, reminiscing, and enjoying each others stories. The top fifteen even got to sit on Santa's lap. That had to be a first.

A very special thanks to those who helped us along the way and to my husband, Dale. I would have never accomplished the task without him.

Looking forward to convention in Savannah & don't have any plans of retiring from what I enjoy most.

#### #2

#### Mary Quine Wentzel

CC of Michigan / Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1979 and have been competing since 1980, off and on.

I enjoyed racing with Carolyn, Teresa and Linda. Thanks to Dave Goebel for his computer expertise when the ZO6 had a senior moment. Many workers who do not compete were there to work so we could play. Thank you for your support. A special thanks to Richard Williams (CCBC) for letting me run his Gran Sport. It was very much appreciated. It was nice making new friends and seeing familiar faces and sharing



many week-ends together. Congratulations to Carolyn Samuelson and Steve Cronberg on being the 2013 #1 Champions.

If I had it to do all over again, I would not want to have a mishap with an engine and a crankshaft Also, I would not want to be laid up battling cancer in June/July. Thank goodness for the wonderful support from Bruce, family and friends.

My plans for the future are to compete when time will allow, stay healthy and attend the 2014 Convention in Savannah.

#### #3

#### Teresa Eller

Cornhusker CC / West Region

I have been a member and racing since 2004.

The 2013 racing season started off with a bang. With a new career and family back in town, running for the number one spot in NCCC was the last thing on my mind. As we packed up our Yukon and stock '96 C4 to head out with our NCCC family, we had no idea what was in store for us in the upcoming year. We knew we had home events in the West Region that we wanted to compete in. However, 734 events later, my husband Joe and I found that our summer had stretched to over 8



months long. Not once did I stop to question if our Vette could hold up, until whispers began to surface about how reliable the ol' girl was. Aside from her routine repairs and a few loose nuts, she gave us everything she had and more. There are men like Dale, Johnny, Jack, and Donnie who can fix a C4 faster than a blink of an eye, however I'm sure none of them can say they kept a car together for an entire season like Joe did. I'm so glad he is all mine and that we have such a supportive group of friends by our side as we made our marathon run to the top of the NCCC rankings.

Women as a whole are amazingly strong; the ladies I ran against this year pushed the envelope and brought out the best in me. The bond we lady racers share is like no other and I wouldn't be where I am today without them. One lady in particular Ms. Carolyn Samuelson, really showed me what being the best is all about. Not only is she strong and can hold her own in a sport dominated by men, but she is the most humble and kindest person I have had the pleasure of being beaten by. Thank you for facing the world with a smile each day and for pushing me to win even when we had the same end goal. Who would have thought that it would take a pit crew of four grown men AB, DG, RR, and JE to keep you running like a well oiled machine when Dale isn't around. I know, I know, what happens in South Carolina stays in South Carolina.

For those of you who have never run for the top fifteen, your life becomes much like the Johnny Cash song "I've Been Everywhere Man." Unless you like sleeping on lumpy car seats, going to the bathroom in places that would make even a grown man question his dignity, sitting in the car for 20 hours at a time, racing on three hours of sleep, and then rolling home just to head to work, think twice. However, if you want a life time of stories, friends that know exactly what your referring to when you mention "remember Nashville in 2013 when Johnny H...", a strong network of amazing people you can count on to share car parts until next weekend, a place to drop your car, a bed to crash in, or a little Sweet Lucy at the end of the day (ya'll know who you are) then go for it!!! Don't hesitate, what's the worst thing that could happen; you end up in second or third place happier, and more loved than you would ever be sitting at home. It was a very long year but I wouldn't change a second of it. Yes, we missed an important wedding, a few birthdays, and other events. None of these can be taken back, although I have no regrets. I just wish we could have found a few stray points along the way to make missing those moments a little easier. It wasn't our turn at the top, but everything good is worth waiting for. In 2013, I was able to spend more time with Joe than I have in our 20 years of marriage and it was worth it. It is a wonderful feeling to know that he believed in me even when I wasn't so sure of myself.

After traveling over 43,000 miles, I've learned that if you don't have anything to do on the weekend, you might just sleep it away. I hope I see you on the track and get the chance to lose some sleep with you this year. If you are lucky I might bring a big bucket of peanut clusters, some peppermint patties or just maybe a little jar of lifesavers with a little Goose on the side... and who knows maybe make a story or two to laugh about later.

Yes, Jeannie, OMG I'm Done ©

#### #4

#### **Linda Goebel**

East Tennessee CC / Southeast Region

I first joined NCCC in 1971. We retired in 2006 and started back competing in 2007. This is the 4th year in a row I have been in the top 15 Ladies.



Congratulations to all the competitors. It was a great year with so many fun times, parties and events. Kept us "too" busy at times, but wouldn't have missed it for the world.

First, I want to thank everyone who put on the events. I especially need to thank all the course workers who set up all the pylons I hit in six (6) different Regions! Here is my promise from last year ... "What would I do different? Don't hit so many pylons! Workers – I promise!" Like most New Year's resolutions – it didn't last! In fact, East Tennessee Corvette Club awarded me the "Pylon Queen Crown," an award I will treasure always and get rid of as fast as I can to the next deserving competitor!

I have to congratulate Steve Cronberg. To watch our fellow club member go from a Southeast Region Rookie of the Year in 2012 to #1 in the Nation for 2013 was amazing. The most satisfaction for the year was to see someone we introduced to NCCC competition become the Top Competitor for 2013. Congratulations to my club, East Tennessee Corvette Club, for their first top 5 finish!

In the future, we plan to go to as many events as we can to enjoy our NCCC friends and have FUN!

No more pylon promises! If you don't want them knocked over you have two choices – don't let me run or space them out A LOT!

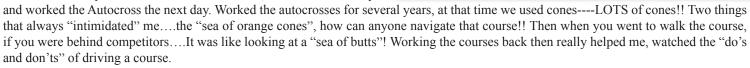
#### #5

#### Jeannie Ruston

Oklahoma City CC / Southwest Region

Ron and I became members of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club, Southwest Region and National Council January, 1990. Since then, we've both become Lifetime Members. We jumped into our Club activities right away. At that time we became involved with Friday night half time football games, along with Fourth of July and Christmas parades, cruises, Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas Cookie Exchanges. Lots of great memories made with people we grew to care about.

Our first competition was with OCCC in 1990, Concours and Ralley



Ron and I decided after Bowling Green to compete Nationally, sure glad we did. My goal was to be within the Top 5 Women. The competition was tough and each track has its own special personality. What always stands out consistently was the end of the day Saturday. Whether we gathered at the track, had a cookout at the hotel or were together at a restaurant, the food, drink and laughter was ALWAYS plentiful. Don't get me wrong, there were plenty of times at the track where I was on edge, but would always be centered on Saturday night, again by people I grew to care about.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change? Probably take more winter clothing!! Despite what I thought, the South is not necessarily warm in November and early December! There are friends along the way this year that made our travels easier by sharing their warm clothes, knowledge of Corvettes, their Corvette in competition and their hospitality, in sharing their homes and knowledge of the surrounding areas. Again, Great Big THANK YOU, we really appreciated it.

My plans for the future, to hug my grandsons as much as I can, as long as they'll let me!

I want to continue to grow and enjoy the friends I've met along the way these years with NCCC. Ron and I both enjoy autocrossing, so I know we'll continue to do that within the region and around the country in the coming years. Still some places we've not visited some tracks we haven't driven and some Saturday night memories ready to be made!

Life is Good!



Corvettes of Atlanta / Southeast Region

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

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was spending weekends with our extended family across the country. We traveled to





our usual places (Southeast, Florida, Carolina and Indiana Regions). As in the past – we ventured out to a Midwest weekend – this time to Rantoul, IL. It was a fun course – but too much for our car. The left front steering knuckle broke while I was driving...bummer! Thanks for loaner rides, we got to finish the weekend. Competition was quite fierce all year but soon forgotten when the tailgating began.

I was fortunate to assist the Yankos with the 2013 NCCC Convention. Our many planning sessions took place along all our travels through Bowling Green. Great people – great Convention!! Thanks for involving me – it was a blast!

If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't change anything – unless competing during the summer. We don't do much during that time due to the hot weather.

My plans for the future include enjoying the three grand boys as much as we can during the week and spend the weekends with our Corvette family and, along the way, helping with the 2014 Convention. Couldn't think of a better way to spend our retirement.

## **#7**Christine Reitz

Route 66 CC / Midwest Region

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

2013 was an extremely competitive year with a large group of racers running for Top 15. It made what is already fun even more enjoyable. Spending weekend after weekend with such a great group of people and friends, how can you ask for better than that?

If I had to do it all over again, I can't think of one thing I would change. Well maybe I could have done without the booboo to the orange car.  $\odot$ 

My plans for the future include Tom and I attending and competing at our fourth NCCC Convention in Savannah Georgia this August and to continue traveling and racing with all of our racing friends.

Congratulations to Carolyn Samuelson on being our Women's 2013 National Champion! There is not a person I respect or admire more in this sport! Congratulations to Steve Cronberg on being our Men's 2013 National Champion. It was fun getting to know you this year.

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

As I've said before, for me it is as much, if not more, about the friendships and the fun as it is the competition. I will treasure the memories we are making with all of you for the rest of my life!



## #8 Marie Manz

Cornhusker CC / West Region

I have been a member of NCCC since 2005 and competing since 2008.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was going to new events that I had never gone to before. I met a lot of really great people and established some new friendships along the way.

If I had it to do all over again, I would not change a thing. I will take everything I experienced and learn from it to become a better competitor. My only plans are to enjoy life, my family, my friends, and experience as much as I can.



#### Karla Richmond

Great River CC / Midwest Region

I have been an NCCC member and a Midwest Member of the Great River Corvette Club since 2004. After 19 weekends of racing in 2013, Francis and I both managed to be in the Top 15.

Top Reasons for 2013 are:

- I enjoyed Drags at MAM this year. Finally, I remembered to check the dial-in time each time before I drove up to the line.
- Ankeny, IA was nerve racking but fun to run the Z06 after eight (8) months of being in the shop; and, boy, did it run!
- Newton, IA is and has always been a favorite.
- But Number One Favorite of ALL: The Incredible People along this Journey !!

It sure was an interesting year watching the standings, lots of great competition and great people running in 2013 for top positions. Congrats to Carolyn and Steve for 2013 National Champions.

What would I do different,,,,,,made more treats for the corner and miscellaneous workers,, they were and always will be the glue that keeps NCCC Competition alive.

As for the Future for 2014? Looking forward to Savannah, GA convention and, as always, focus on staying healthy and enjoying each day no matter what family I am with.



#### **Janet Wilson**

Northern Illinois CC / Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991. I am starting my 22<sup>nd</sup> year competing since 1992.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2013? The weekend "road trips" with Jack to the events in various regions and looking forward to seeing our friends and making new friends was most enjoyable.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change? As Jack says, "It's hard to change what is working." This is especially true when you are enjoying what you do.

What are my plans for the future? Try to stay healthy and do it all over again in 2014.



#### #11

#### **Pat Brown**

Cincinnati CC / West Ohio Region

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

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was meeting new friends and spending time with old friends!

If I had it to do all over again, avoid spraining my ankle in July in Colorado, which meant I couldn't drive a 6-speed with a clutch for eight weeks!

My plans for the future are to enjoy each day as it comes and live life to the fullest! It's not about the destination, it's the journey!!



#### **Elaine Heretta**

Tiretown CC / East Ohio Region

I've been an NCCC member since September, 1981 (Corvette Cleveland) and have been competing since October, 1980.

I set a goal at the beginning of 2013 to come in First in Club and to win the Region for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. That goal was met and the bonus was discovering at the end of East Ohio's season that I was in 15th place Nationally without leaving the East Ohio Region. It was exciting to find out that I was competitive enough to be able to finish in 12<sup>th</sup> place. I'd like to thank my crew – Chuck and Greg – and my biggest cheerleader, Joan Heinemann.



If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is...If I told you that, I'd have to kill you...or them...LOL

My plans for the future are that I'm taking a long overdue break from Competition to stay home and watch my flowers grow – and maybe – travel out of Region.

#### #13

#### **Bernyce Molenda**

Tin Hall Toys CC / Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1981 and competing since 1985. What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013: Going to events with my husband, Ted, and catching up with all the friends we know. There is that friendliness but also the competitiveness that goes with NCCC and lets you continue doing what you enjoy.

And, as our extended family grows, we learn that this is what it is all about, the people.

If I had it to do all over again, I would keep thinking about slowing down and smelling the roses and then, about March, the ol' cabin fever sets in and I can't wait to have Ted get the car ready for racing, and off we go starting the racing season in the Southwest Region.

My plans for the future are to continue enjoying the racing and camaraderie of everyone we will and have met.



#### #14

#### **Linda Fairlamb**

Northern Rays Ltd. CC / Midwest Region

It's easy to know what I enjoyed about competing in the last year because it's always the same. First, it's the camaraderie and socializing with everyone and secondly it's the adrenaline rush after a good run. Here are some of my memories from the year:

•Most uncomfortable memory: Driving the car to races, racing, and then driving home all year with NO air rallye together (I can get a little tense on rallyes...) and he had had a little too much of something to drink the night before and then we had to spend 3-4 hours together in the Corvette in the 90° heat. Very sweaty and very relieved when it was over.

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•Best Drinking Socializing memory: 2012 we put on a Bourbon tasting so 2013 we decided Tequila tasting would be appropriate given the number of Margarita's many of us enjoy after racing. The winner was a surprising upset (Chris's contribution, Cabo Wabo) but I think only because it was the one that tasted the <u>least</u> like <u>real</u> tequila touting its "Vanilla and caramel nose with honey and chocolate flavors"... Really? How can real tequila have honey and chocolate?

•Scariest memory: Racing at my favorite track, Rockford Speedway which is a ¼ mile 22° banked oval. Over the years I've seen several cars hit the wall no matter how carefully the track is set up or how we try to warn the newcomers. This year it was almost me! I was coming out of the inner track to go around one end of the oval and lost control for a moment. I gave myself and everyone watching in the stands quite a scare as the car began sliding precariously close to the wall. I think Ski was the only one who knew I wasn't going to hit it (even I wasn't so sure for a very long second).

•Funniest memory was one I didn't share with many the day it happened as it was what Ski refers to as one of my "blonde moments" and kind of embarrassing. I have a couple of pairs of racing shoes in my closet and I inadvertently packed two right racing shoes!!! So I had to race the entire weekend with two right feet (and I do have to use both my feet). Still makes me laugh to think about it. And then to avoid tripping as I walked or getting blisters, between races I changed back into flip flops. We're sticklers for the rules in the MW Region and our RCD (Bill) had seen me walking around between races with the flip flops on. So I thought it also funny when he stopped by my car in staging just to make sure I had closed toed shoes on. Good thing the rules don't say anything about them having to be a right shoe and a left shoe...

• Proudest memory was when my very small (mostly non-racing) club co-chaired a new weekend racing event at a new venue (Balmoral) and 30% of our club came out to work. Thanks, Northern Rays!!

Thanks to all the workers and chair people who ensure that we always have these many, many fun and safe weekends of racing each year.

## #15 Kathy Gau

Cornhusker CC / West Region

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

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was going to the NCCC Convention in Bowling Green, KY and meeting a lot of people from across the country.

If I had it to do all over again, I would like to travel more and visit different regions.

My plan for the future is to travel a little more in 2014.

Thank you to NCCC and all the clubs that put on the events.





NCCC's Top Ladies & Men's Competitors for 2013 Steve Cronberg & Carolyn Samuelson

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# NCCC's Top 15 Men's Competitors for 2013

#### #1

#### **Steve Cronberg**

East Tennessee CC / Southeast Region

We joined ETCC in the fall of 2004. We had just moved from Hawaii where we were members of CCOH for 2 years. ETCC is one of the oldest clubs in NCCC and has a great group of members.

In the winter of 2010 I was looking for something to do and decided to go to the Bondurant School in Chandler, AZ and take the Z06 Experience. While I love to go fast, the school opened my eyes and got me thinking about doing some racing. In 2012 I was working on our club route to the Corvette Museum and decided to try the autocross that



was going on in Nashville. I was hooked and decided to try to run the remainder of our regional events. I added a trip to Putnam at Howard's urging. After Putnam I decided that our '03 Anniversary Convertible was not going to be on the track again. I was lucky to find the damaged yellow Z06 at a fantastic price on eBay. It was ready to go by Labor Day, and 747 has been a rock solid car for me ever since.

2013 started out with the trip to Florida while Kathy was busy doing tax returns for her clients. I had a great time and worked on making it to the rest of the Florida swing. When results came out in May I had a big lead. Everyone encouraged me to keep going and make a run at it. With Joe, Bruce, and Dale closing fast I knew I had to get better or be run down. At the end of the year, I was able to outlast Joe for the championship.



While traveling the country and competing in over 400 events I was struck by the level of competition. NCCC has incredible drivers who attend these events. I feel fortunate that I was able to make it to the goal line ahead of these competitors.

You always hear of the NCCC family that you get when you compete, but it's hard to imagine how true that is until you experience it. What a bunch of wonderful, generous people they are. We all help each other, then we try to beat each other, and then go to dinner, laugh and lie about the day.

There is one big reason I was able to complete the year - David and Linda Goebel. They have shared their vast racing experience with me from the first Autocross in Nashville. Never did they waver from doing everything they could to help me be a better driver and compete

at a level that would allow me to win. I can't thank them enough for everything they did. They are the kind of people who make NCCC the organization it is. There are many others who helped and encouraged me during the year. You know who you are. Thank you.

The main regret that I have is that I was not able to participate in more of our ETCC club events. I hope to have more time in 2014 for our events.

I'm looking forward to 2014 and reconnecting with our NCCC family. I plan on trying for the top 15 again and also running HPDE's at the great road courses all over the country with different driving groups. I have already checked off Road Atlanta and Barber Motor Sports.

For those who don't believe that I have a job, yes, I even plan to work some this year. After getting most of the year off, it's time to go back and fly the plane again.

In closing, I need to say a big THANK YOU to all the workers and event chairs for working the events that allow us to compete.

If you have not come out, please come and join the fun.



#### Joe Eller

Cornhusker CC / West Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2004 and competing since 2004. 2013 was the first year that Teresa was able to attend all the same events as me. It was a great year spending time with our NCCC family members. I would like to thank everyone who helped us in 2013. We would not have been able to attend all the events that we did without their help. The car & trailer spent more time at other people's homes than at our own.

If I had it to do all over again, I would not change a thing.

My plans for the future are to continue to spend as much time with friends & family as possible.



#### #3

#### **Bruce Wentzel**

CC of Michigan / Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1973 and competing since 1964.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was making many new and great

friendships; watching our new #1 driver, Steve, improve as the year progressed and some really skilled driving by others, specifically Joe Eller. If I had it to do all over again, I would have more reliable cars.

My plans for the future: rest up after I get all this snow cleared, LOL



#4

#### **Dale Samuelson**

Northern Illinois CC / Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1979 and competing since 1980. What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was/were all the good times - 2013 was great. The competition was at times intense, but always friendly. The parties gave us all a time to tell our tallest tales. Most of all, the best part of competing in 2013 was the chance to spend more time with our extended NCCC family. It just doesn't get any better than that.

If I had it to do all over again, I don't think I would change a thing. I had a great time last year and would do all again if I could.



For the future, I hope to keep competing and maybe try a few new venues. I've recently retired, so getting to and from events should be a little more relaxed. Maybe we'll even make a few trips into a mini vacation and see some of the sights along the way.

#### #5

#### **Howard Curtis**

Elkhart Vette Set / Indiana Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1998 and competing since 2002. What I enjoyed most about competing in 2008: being able to



Compete for another year and the Camaraderie of all the competitors, and being on the road with my friend Milton.

If I had it to do all over again, I would not change a thing. My bag of tricks is pretty well used up. Take more time to encourage people to follow their Dreams, but remember to take your brain with you.

My plans for the future: to compete at least one more year on the National level and give 100% in everything I do unless I am giving Blood. What do you expect? You want me to be serious all the time?

## #6 David Goebel

East Tennessee CC / Southeast Region

The picture I chose was taken at the very last event of the 2013 season where I achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place. Nine of the top 15 men and eight of the top 15 women were there in the unfriendly weather conditions. We all celebrated the season ending together at one bang up party to remember!

I am a member of the East Tennessee Corvette Club sponsored by Reeder Chevrolet in Knoxville, TN. I joined NCCC in 1971. After retiring, I became a full season competitor and have been in the top 15 for the last two years.

The year started with a major illness that delayed our competition start until April. The RP was all torn down when I got sick. I have to thank fellow club member and Reeder Chevrolet Shop Foreman, Doug Ward, for all the Sundays he spent in my barn re-building and re-assembling. I could not help, but watching his progress lifted my desire to get well and get going.

Congratulations to Steve, Joe, Bruce, Dale, Howard and all my fellow competitors! Great Job!

Working with Steve Cronberg during his first full year of competition, watching him become a very accomplished driver and Top Competitor gave me lasting satisfaction! Inspiring other East Tennessee members to enter events resulting in our Club's first top 5 was another goal fulfilled.

2013 started out bad, but with the support of our NCCC friends it became one of my happiest ever! I could not think of anything to improve 2013. What are we doing different in 2014? Watch for the "new look" of our race car!

I will continue to be active in NCCC competition for as long as I can. I am also looking forward to being Southeast Regional Executive for 2014.



#### #7

#### **Richard Williams**

CC of Battle Creek / Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2006 and competing since 2008. What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013: getting to know the other Competitors, enjoying the Saturday night dinners, meeting new friends, traveling to new Cities, representing Battle Creek and remembering to take videos and pictures. I also enjoyed listening to the St. Augustine's drivers' meeting about snakes.

If I had it to do all over again, I would take someone with me to enjoy everything I saw and experienced.

My plans for the future: catching up on my home, garden and yard.

I will probably cut back on traveling and do more local car shows with the Corvette Club of Battle Creek.



#### **Ron Ruston**

Oklahoma City CC / Southwest Region

Jeannie and I joined the Oklahoma City Corvette Club and the National Council in January, 1990. I became a Lifetime member in 2008. In the beginning we participated in Civic Events (driving Football Queens), Parades, Parties, and lots of Meet and Eats.

Our first competition events were at the 1990 Southern States Corvette Festival (Oklahoma City Corvette Clubs annual NCCC event). We entered the Car Show and Rallye. We were instructed by the "old timers" not to Rallye with our spouse. Very Good Advice! The next day we were corner workers at the autocross. I entered my first NCCC Drag Race in a Chocolate Brown Big Block at Little River Raceway in southern Texas. A strip of old highway with tree limbs hanging over the strip and a left hand curve just past the finish line.

In '94 we became interested in Autocross and soon realized that our current Vette an '88 Convertible was not going to work for the high speed events. It was either install a roll bar or buy another car. We purchased a '93 ZO7 and the fun really began. Along the way we owned and raced the '93, and '75 3B. We currently have '95 3E and a '08 2K, both of which saw action in 2013.

Just before the 2013 Convention we noticed that we were both in the Top 10 in National points. We had already planned to take a trip after Bowling Green to Pittsburgh (to visit Jeannie's Family). I told Jeannie "there is a high speed at Newton, IA the weekend after Convention and that is kind of on the way home from Pittsburgh". That started it all we went somewhere just about every weekend to compete.

We had a blast!! We entered most of the Southwest Region Events spent a few weekends in the West Region at places like Council Bluffs and Ankeny, IA. And a good bit of time in the Southeast and Florida Regions. We were in Saint Augustine, Brooksville, Oak Ridge, and Huntsville. We spent Thanksgiving Weekend at Roebling Road. The racing was great, afterwards we all gathered for Thanksgiving Dinner, which was really special for us. The most enjoyment came from just being with the folks when we were not competing. I can't tell you how many beers were drank or how many runs we made for Ice Cream. The thing is you become friends with the guys you are trying to beat. As a competitor you're always trying to move up to the next place. You spend so much time together that the competition is almost secondary. Remember I said ALMOST secondary. One thing I must do is thank all the guys who helped me out when the Vette decided to act up. Without you guys we never would have made it.

The only thing I would do differently would be to start earlier in the year and go to a few more events. The group of us in 6<sup>tt</sup>, 7th, and 8<sup>th</sup> place were separated by only 28 points.

At this point I don't plan to run hard this year. I think we will take a couple road trips to some of our favorite tracks to see some of the folks. Just need to save up some money for the next time!!!!



#### **Jack Wilson**

Northern Illinois CC / Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991 and will begin my 22<sup>nd</sup> year of competition since 1992.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013: Janet & I again having a great time enjoying the same hobby, traveling to various places, and enjoying our friends. We have been blessed with "Living the Dream"!

If I had to do it all over again, I would have more power, stickier tires and smoother roads to travel on. We've had a great time. Don't need to change what's working.

What are my plans for the future? Try again this year to go faster, lose weight, stay healthy and keep smiling. Well, three out of the four worked last year.



#### **Don Parks**

Corvette Atlanta / Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974 and competing since 1975. What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 was going to 23 weekends of events plus Convention -- 309 events -- no regrets! Favorites are Roebling Road Raceway (GA) and Putnam Park (IN) High Speed.

If I had it to do all over again, I would change nothing. OK, maybe not taking the summer off...

My plans for the future are SOS -- no, not what you think... Somemore Opportunities Somewhere!



#### #11

#### **Larry Lichtenwald**

Muscatine CC / West Region

I have been a member of NCCC and the Muscatine Corvette Club since 1984. I started out as a Car Show and Rally person. In 2004 I had a chance to do something new. I ran in an Auto-Cross at the only paved half-mile track in Iowa at the time. I loved it and have been racing ever since.

I liked going to new places and competing against new people this past year.

One of the things I would change, if I could, is the argument between

my brain and my right foot last year at Hallett. If you race, you heard this before. The brain says, "Slow down; you will not make that turn." The foot says, "Oh, yes, we will." In the end, the brain says, "I told you so."

My future plan is to keep running, as much as I can, if we ever warm up and get rid of the snow.



## #12

#### **Tom Reitz**

Route 66 CC / Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1999 and competing since 2000. During the 2013 competition year I enjoyed spending time with my extended NCCC family, also the many parking lot parties and interesting hotels and of course being able to travel with my wife. Every weekend away from home was like a "mini-vacation".

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



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

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

#### **Francis Richmond**

Great River CC / Midwest Region

I have been a NCCC Member since 1979 in the MidWest Region and started competing in 2004. After 22 weekends of racing, I skimmed into the Men's Top 15.

2013's goal was to attend many High Speed courses; however, with my high speed car out of commission for eight months, it redirected my racing agenda.

Of course, Putnam is always a great time, unless you break the track record in your buddie's car. Sorry, Bill! Then, of course, Texas

is a favorite and double fun to see my son, Kent, first time ever running did very well. Ankeny, IA was great to finally get the Z06 back, but why was it Karla's day in the Z06 and not ME or the Bee?

As for next year: keep the Z06 running, attend more NCCC High Speed Events, Wheel to Wheel Events and anxious to try out the new track at the National Corvette Museum.



#### #14

#### Jon Manz

Cornhusker CC / West Region

I have been a member of NCCC since 2005 and competing since 2008.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2013 that I enjoy every year is the people. No matter how far I travel, or where I travel to, I find a familiar fellow NCCC competitor. I truly enjoy the people, as well as the sport. I always find that I learn new things year after year.

If I had to do it all over again, I would not change a thing. It was a fun year. My plans are to continue to compete at some level, and attend the events I enjoy the most.



#### #15

#### **Jerry Britner**

Tin Hall Toys CC / Southwest Region

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

One of the most important things I learned last year is that whenever two or more NCCC members get together, FUN is present. I feel the vigor of JOY flow through me as I talk with, listen to and compete with others on a regular basis. It often takes contrary action for me to make the time to participate, but I am always rewarded with a sense of delight as I connect with and stay involved with all my friends in NCCC.



If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is my impatient responses to traffic jams, my ability to empathize with a competitor's embarrassment and, most importantly, my acceptance of a disappointing day.

My experience continues to teach me that it's no coincidence - the key to having FUN with my Corvette is participating in NCCC. I've been doing it for almost 40 years now and I certainly intend on continuing this journey!



## Fully Vetted The four-decade story of a man and his dream car

Doc Lambert set out to buy his first Corvette back in 1969. The self-described farm boy from South Dakota had just returned to the U.S. after his first assignment following Air Force flight training —a tour of duty flying F-16s over the Ho Chi Minh trail. Having survived, he figured the time was right for buying his dream car. The only problem? A test drive revealed that his 6-foot, 4-inch frame didn't fit into the Corvette's small cockpit. He bought a Pontiac Grand Prix.

Within a few years, Doc found a better fit in a red 1962 Corvette that, being a convertible, at least offered more headroom. He adored the car, keeping it for three decades despite its limited legroom and other classic-car issues: the ragtop leaked and it didn't have air conditioning, a stereo, power steering or power brakes. "And it rode like my father's 1953 Chevy pickup," says Doc, who has called Fort Worth home since coming to work for General Dynamics in 1987. Even so, he restored the car to its rare original almond-beige color that perfectly complemented the fawn-beige interior. Doc regretfully sold the car at the 2005 Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show; in spite of its

practical shortcomings, he never really got over the classic beauty.

And that's why when Doc read in Corvette Enthusiast magazine about Classic Reflection Coachworks, which fits custom reproductions of classic Corvette bodies onto modern Corvette "donor" cars, he dreamed of having his '62 back — only better. He bought a 2003 Anniversary-edition red Corvette convertible, intentionally choosing one with an interior color close to that of his old '62, and put his name on the CRC waiting list. Nine months later when his turn came, Doc drove from Fort Worth to Lakewood, Wash., dropping the car off for a four-month-long transformation into an almond-beige 1962 Corvette.

Like all Corvettes, the sporty two-seat "Ann" (as he calls her, short for "Anniversary"), rides low to the ground and has a powerful, rumbly roar. But being a modern vehicle, this one gets 28 miles to the gallon and boasts the technology, safety and legroom of the 2003 model.

Already Doc has driven Ann in 20 states, hitting the highways to Corvette gatherings in Colorado and Missouri, as

well as touring to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and storied stretches of Route 66. Later this year, together with friends from Cowtown Vettes, he'll cruise in the car through Texas Hill Country towns and back roads, including the "Twisted Sisters" highways.

All that mileage adds up, but Doc explains that although his cars are carefully tended — hand-washed and stored under covers in the garage — they are, after all, for driving. "Corvettes are like airplanes," he says, "If you keep flying them, they don't break."

#### THE DETAILS

In the cover photo on the previous page, Doc Lambert holds the storyboard he uses at car shows to demonstrate how his 2003 Anniversary-edition Corvette underwent a transformation to

Anniversary-edition Corvette underwent a transformation to

become a 1962 conversion. A veteran, Doc first set his sights on buying a Corvette when he returned from Vietnam in 1969; more than four decades later, he's the proud owner of four Corvettes, including the very special conversion he calls "Ann." He has already chosen a car for each of his two children to inherit.

Now retired, Doc volunteers his time at Fort Worth's Veterans Memorial Air Park, where he acts as a docent, works on the airplanes and even does yard work. He holds his flight helmet and its bag, decorated with a series of patches that tell the stories of his many Air Force assignments.

Laura Samuel Meyn, Contributing Editor, 360 West magazine

Article and photos were submitted by Doc Lambert, member of Cowtown Vettes.



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# About the Front Cover: Northern Rays Ltd. CC

The Northern Ray's Ltd. Corvette Club in Itasca, Illinois just celebrated 40 Years of Dedication to the Preservation of the Corvette. We did it in style and grace with a series of events including a photo shoot at the beautiful Robert R. McCormick Mansion at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. This was a fitting site for the anniversary picture as it represents the spirit of giving that the McCormick family extends in a big way. Our Northern Rays family has created its own "spirit of giving" and has kept it alive for 40 years.

We are thankful for the opportunity to share our passion for driving, racing, repairing and simply enjoying our Corvettes! Northern Rays is also thankful for the opportunity to help others in our community and abroad. Through thoughtful planning our Club continues to support

organizations such as the Northern Illinois Food Bank, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and, New Life For Haiti, just to name a few. The spirit of giving resides within each of us.

Northern Ray's members have left their mark on Corvette competition in the Midwest

Region. Our club has celebrated wins in high speed, low speed, drag racing and concours. We truly enjoyed coordinating the Drag Races at the 2011 NCCC National Convention in Tinley Park, Illinois, and, as we look forward to 2013, Northern Rays will continue to partner with local clubs to sponsor racing and rallye events. Partnering is a great way to learn, grow and support Corvette Fun. You can always learn more about our club and upcoming events through Facebook and our website at <a href="https://www.northernrayscorvetteclub.com">www.northernrayscorvetteclub.com</a>.

To our Northern Rays members, our partners in NCCC and to all those who share the "spirit of giving" - Thank You for making the past 40 Years of Corvette celebration possible. We wish you good health, peace, and as always... remember to Save the Wave!

Article and photo were submitted by Sue Lopardo.



### About the Back Cover: Sioux Falls CC Trip of a Lifetime



At one of the SFCC meetings Cheryl Nielson, our Chips editor, asked me to write an article for the Chips to review the Corvette trip to California taken by a few SFCC members this past August. Since the trip lasted eighteen days I will break it down into 4-5 day sections. Following is a recap of Day 1-4. I know there are many small groups that take similar trips and would encourage you to share your story with everyone who reads the Chips.

As I sat down to write a recap of a Corvette trip to California a few song titles came to mind. "California Dreamin", "See the USA in your Chevrolet", and "Memories are Made of This", are a few that help summarize the trip.

About ten years ago Colleen & I flew to a meeting in Palm Springs. We decided to rent a car and spend a three day weekend driving up the coast to San Francisco. The trip was great but the rental car didn't do justice to the roads and three days was entirely too short. On the flight home we started dreaming about doing that trip again with two major changes. We would spend enough time to savor all that the west coast has to offer, and we would do it in a Corvette. Fast forward to 2010 when we shared our dream with a few SFCC members. Instantly several expressed that they would like to take a similar trip and soon after, the planning started. Fast forward again to August 11, 2011, when six Corvettes departed Sioux Falls for the eighteen day "Left Coast Power Tour". I'm sure everyone understands the "Left Coast" part of the name, but the "Power Tour" portion may have some readers guessing. The combined horsepower of the one ZR-

1, two ZO-6's, two Grand Sports (with headers & tune jobs), and a stock C-5-was 3003 HP in addition to some really great sounding exhaust systems. All the cars had CB radios to help make traveling easier and keep the group together, but the only "Rule" we had was to arrive safely at the motel on the same day as the reservation. If anyone had a site to see or a relative to visit along the way, "do it and we'll see you at the motel". Although CB's are old technology they are a helpful tool once you learn our own special lingo like, AIS, clear after the red SUV, debris on the left, I'll block, switch, we've got a rabbit, etc. That's a story for another time.

AUGUST 11: Depart Sioux Falls, destination FT Morgan. CO about 600 miles.

Nordstrom's, deWit's, Larson's, Olson's, Rolling's and Skiles's headed west on I-90 to Murdo and took HWY 83 south to I-80 and then on to FT. Morgan. The highlight of our first day on the road was sharing the road with hundreds of Harley's traveling to and from Sturgis. We followed two Harley's from Texas for about an hour who apparently felt the posted speed limit was only a suggestion. In a short 600 miles we were sipping on a cool beverage and enjoying our evening meal.

AUGUST 12: Destination: Richfield, UT. About 540 miles

We left Ft Morgan at about 8 AM to avoid the Denver rush hour, headed west on I-70 through the Eisenhower Tunnel and stopped in Vail for a little sightseeing and shopping. Marc does a little skiing, so he knew where to find the best Bloody Marys, so the guys sampled while the ladies shopped. For the remainder of the trip we used that Bloody Mary as the standard to which no other compared. We picked up subs, traveled until we found a scenic overlook for our noon picnic. That scenic overlook was dwarfed by the scenery offered by the Rocky Mountains, Glenwood Canyon, and the colorful



treeless rock formations of Utah. The CB chattered with frequent reports of 104 degree outside temps, and frequent

comparisons of the Corvette's water & oil temps that were always in the safe range. America's Sports Car is truly an engineering marvel offering great mileage, creature comfort, performance and handling.

AUGUST 13: Destination Barstow, CA: About 540 miles without scenic routes.

Today's drive included stops at the new bridge (Mike O'Callaghan-Mike Tilman Memorial Bridge) at Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Route 66 and the Mojave Desert. We headed west on I-70 to I-15 and headed south toward Las Vegas and Hoover Dam. Since we wanted to see the USA and enjoy the beauty Mother Nature created we exited I-15 and took back roads along Lake Mead (Mother Nature had a little help, aka, Hoover Dam). What a contrast with rugged



desert hills on one side and Lake Mead on the other side of the road. Miles of NV 169 were lined by a woven wire fence about one foot tall which was built to prevent the endangered desert turtle from being hit by cars. We spent a couple of hours sightseeing at the Colorado River Bridge which is often called Americas Newest Wonder. It opened for traffic in October of 2010, is 2000 feet long and is supported by a 1060 foot concrete arch. From Hoover Dam we headed south on NV 95 and hooked up with a section of the storied Route 66, which was in very poor condition, which meant speeds of 50-60mph, as it travels along the Mojave Desert. Earlier in the day we were traveling on test sections of the interstate with posted speed limits of 80 mph with more beautiful rock formations similar to those in the five National Parks that dot the southern Utah landscape. Arches, Canyon land, Bryce, Capitol Reef, and Zion National Parks could be the foundation of another Corvette trip someday. We exited RT 66 and headed for Barstow, CA on I-40 where we were greeted with outstanding hospitality by the owner of the Country Inn & Suites. The owner then directed us to our roped off special parking area and joined us for our happy hour to share her views on hospitality, local history, local attractions, the CA wine industry, the economy and politics. She set the hospitality bar high, but we were continually impressed by

the top quality service and hospitality we received throughout the entire trip.

AUGUST 14: Destination San Luis Obispo, CA About 270 miles

Some, who are reading this may be asking, why not fly to CA and rent Corvettes to drive up the coast. You could fly in one day versus driving for three days. I agree, one day of hassles and unpleasant memories or three days full of fun and pleasant memories made my decision clear. Standing between Barstow and San Luis Obispo is a series of mountain ranges. We had another choice to make, take the interstate system around the mountains and through LA or take the less travel two lane roads through the mountains. Two lane roads through mountains usually have more corners and Corvettes like corners, another clear choice. When I looked at the map, I noticed that HWY 58 crosses a vast area with no towns. No towns on a map usually means wide open spaces a commodity not usually associated with CA. Many motorcycle riders and sports car drivers have heard of the Tail of the Dragon in the Blue Ridge Mountains of KY & NC. It's 318 corners in 11 miles. HWY 58 can most accurately be described as a Texas sized Tail of the Dragon. It is 70 miles of high plains ranch country with too many curves to count, constant hills, and straight sections. (aka corners, apexes, elevation changes, and straightaways). When we hit the first set of curves I was following a sport bike with CA plates, who by watching the way he down shifted, braked late and leaned hard, must have



been familiar with the road. I thought I might try to keep pace with him and after exiting the second set of curves; I checked my rear view mirror and saw it was full of Corvettes ready for more. Seventy miles later we pulled into a gas station expecting to get a little grief for my spirited Sunday drive. All I heard was "WOW", "let's do that again", "that's a Corvette road", and a few other comments including words used more frequently in bars and at race tracks. The idea of driving it again was a good one, but we had an appointment at the J Lohr Winery. Marie Nordstrom and Jolene Lohr are sisters and the Nordstrom's were gracious enough to line up

a very special two day tour of nearly every aspect of the wine making business with Jerry & Jolene Lohr as our hosts. When we arrive we were welcomed by Jerry & Jolene, given a brief overview, toured the equipment and buildings used to process grapes all the way to the temperature controlled barrel room where the wine ages to the perfect time to enjoy it. We experienced a barrel room tasting, during which Jerry used a thief (insert picture) to extract the wine directly from the barrels for the tasting experience. We ended the evening with an excellent meal prepared and served at the winery. J Lohr shared his knowledge of how to enjoy wine more by pairing the proper wine with the appropriate courses served at any meal. "Memories are Made of This"

#### TRIP OF A LIFETIME (The Heart and the Heartbeat)

Part Two of the Trip of a Lifetime will cover days 5-10 of our 18-day Left Coast Power Tour.

AUGUST 15: Destination J Lohr Winery at Paso Robles, about 40 miles

This is our first day without driving the majority of the day and it is time to start learning about the art of wine making. As we drove the 40 miles to Paso Robles my mind wondered to the "lazy days of summer" and the people who talk about that topic. What do they drive and how do they invest their allotted 24 hours of each day. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy driving your Corvette to experience the great country we live in. I hope as you read this your mind wonders to people and places you can travel to next summer.

We arrived at J Lohr at 9 AM to beat the heat as we toured the vineyards and the farm equipment used to produce the many varieties of grapes needed to produce quality wines. There is real science, intensive management, untold hours and a great deal of hand labor involved in the production of quality wine grapes. Wine grapes are much smaller than table grapes and it takes years of intense management to make a vineyard productive. Different root stock, climates, soils, and elevation all have impact on producing grapes used to produce the wide variety of grapes used to satisfy our individual preferences for wines. Since Seven Oaks is a popular J Lohr wine we had lunch and wine in a vineyard, on top of a hill, under one of the many oak trees in J Lohr vineyards. This unique experience is one that will forever be a memory. It wasn't elaborate, it wasn't costly, and at 100 degrees plus it wasn't even comfortable. The people and the setting make it a lifelong memory.

During an awesome evening meal at McPhees in Templeton, Jerry Lohr explained how each of the wines we sampled matched the different courses we enjoyed. After toasts, thanks, and hugs we said good bye to Jerry & Jolene and joined the ranks of regular tourists.

AUGUST 16: Destination Morgan Hill on CA HWY 1.

We headed north on Hwy 1 from San Luis Obispo with the Pacific Ocean on our left and mountains on our right. Our first stop along the coastal highway was the Hearst Castle. We toured the home, gardens, pools and heard the history for about four hours and didn't come close to seeing it all. We had a late lunch at Rugged Point, followed the curvy, foggy coastal highway through Big Sur, Monterey, Carmel and then headed inland toward Morgan Hill. Along the route we passed through Castroville (the artichoke capital) and Gilroy (the garlic capital) as we made our way to our motel that would be our home for the next six nights.

#### AUGUST 17: R&R day, zero miles

After breakfast the ladies took half of the Corvettes to shop and the guys spent most of the day at the pool talking about the upcoming car activities in store for us over the next several days.

AUGUST 18: Destination Carmel, about a one hour drive.

The car activities over the next several days are all part of the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance which is the event our West Coast Power Tour was planned around. Today most of the vintage automobiles that will be judged on the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach are driven on a HWY 1 tour and then parked on the streets of Carmel for a free viewing. The Concours d' Elegance is a by invitation only, judged vintage car show held at the famed Pebble Beach Golf Course. The charitable event features the rarest restorations seen any where in the US and possibly the world. The owners include car enthusiasts with one collector car or many, like Jay Leno who have large collections that range the entire history of automobile production. Today's show is very casual and the owners are happy to share their passion for vintage automobiles. The drivers and passengers dress in period correct attire, including leather driving gloves and goggles. The side streets are lined with modern exotic cars and collector cars owned by the viewers. As the vintage cars began to arrive the sights, sounds and smells make us all appreciate how technology has improved the traveling experience. Even among the most expensive and exotic European cars, six Corvettes from SD drew ample attention, compliments and photos. Our joke of the day was asking each other "did you see Jay Leno" "NO" "neither did I"

When the vintage cars left town, we had lunch at the Hog's Breath Saloon, made famous by its former owner Clint Eastwood. As we departed Carmel, we experienced our first traffic jam. We drove in stop and go traffic for about 15

miles, but it was like a slow moving car show as we shared the roads with very courteous car lovers.

AUGUST 19: Destination: Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito & Muir Woods. About 90 miles

We have a few more days of car activities planned, so it's time to do something not related to cars. As we arrived at the Golden Gate Bridge tourist center the strong Pacific breezes were cool, but the daily fog was nearly absent, so we had great views of the bridge, the city and Alcatraz. The Redwood forests will have to wait for another time because parking was nonexistent, so we had to settle for the view along the 20 minute drive to Sausalito. Scoma's Restaurant is right on the bay and we had a great view as we enjoyed our lunch. Poor planning on my part put us in stop and go traffic as what appeared to be half of the population of San Francisco headed out of town on Friday afternoon toward the Monterey/Carmel area for the weekend. The ladies enjoyed the shops in Sausalito and even I did a little shopping. I found my brand of eye drops at the first pharmacy I stepped into. Am I just lucky or a focused shopper?

AUGUST 20: Destination: Guys and Marie headed for Laguna Seca Raceway. Gals, Garmin's, and credit cards headed for San Jose.

Fort Morgan is located halfway between San Jose and Monterey which made it logistically simple for everyone to enjoy their passion. (Cars or shopping). By this point in the trip the gals had all the best shopping spots in San Jose pinpointed on their Garmins, so half of the Corvettes headed for shopping and the other half headed for the 2.3 mile, 11 turn road course at Laguna Seca. The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is a weeklong series of racing events for cars dating from pre-war through the 1970's. Cars are broken into classes based on era, horsepower, and technology. It's exciting and nostalgic to see the progression of technology that racing has brought to the vehicle we drive today. My personal favorite was the Grand Am class that ran when road course racing in the US peaked in the late 60's and early 70's. The four major US manufacturers were heavily involved with factory backed cars. We watched Camaros, Mustangs, Challengers, and AMC Javelins battle it out on the track just like when the major four marketing plans were driven by "Win on Sunday, sell on Monday" philosophy. Much of Corvette's current sales success in North America and Europe has been driven by Corvette's domination on road courses.

Two of the benefits of watching road races are that you can move around the infield freely to watch from numerous vantage points and the pits are always open to spectators. The owners, drivers and pit crews are eager to share their

knowledge if they aren't busy preparing for their next race. As we were walking through the pit area, Art asked again if I had seen Jay Leno and I responded "no". Art pointed over his shoulder and said he's right there. I responded "yeah sure, but did look the direction Art was pointing and much to my surprise Jay Leno was posing for a photo with a fan. As Jay started walking, I asked for a photo and he very graciously obliged. Our discussion was brief and very cordial, but I was very impressed with his willingness to interact with fellow car lovers.

Later in the day we joined our wives for dinner at an authentic Mexican restaurant. We shared stories about the races and the shopping experience. Credit card balances were not discussed.

AUGUST 21: Destination: Guys and Marie: Concours d' Elegance, Gals and Garmins: Shopping somewhere

Once each year about 200 of the most prized collector cars in the world roll onto the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach for the Concours d' Elegance. The Concours is a contest of elegance, well preserved or totally restored cars and motorcycles that must be driven. The cars are judged but there is no score sheet. The winners are chosen based on the eyes and the hearts of the judges. Be sure to put the Concours d' Elegance. on your bucket list. Since words can't describe these beautiful cars, you'll have the chance to view them at upcoming SFCC meetings. Collectively we took hundreds of photos that will give you a feel for engineering and craftsmanship that has had major influence on the automobiles that we drive today.

Dinner that evening next to the pool again did not include credit card balances.

Articles and photos were submitted by Mike Skiles, member of Sioux Falls CC.

#### **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.

April 25-26, 2014

No Governors Meeting during Convention Week
September 12-13, 2014 (Annual Meeting)

November 7-8, 2014

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#### From the VP Competition

A good portion of this country has survived a brutal winter, so it's nice to finally enjoy a beautiful spring and summer. Many look forward to the first sounds of robins and the smell of flowers blooming. I look forward to the first sounds of engines revving and the smell of hot rubber as many of our members enjoy the first autocross of the year.

NCCC is many things to many people, but to me the competition program has always been a very important part the organization. Whether your interest might be a judged concourse or a high speed autocross, NCCC offers events for all tastes. Of course all these events would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of many, many workers. The entire NCCC organization, from elected national officers to the corner worker chasing cones, is made up of volunteers. As you enjoy this spring, take time to say thanks to those individuals that make all we do possible.

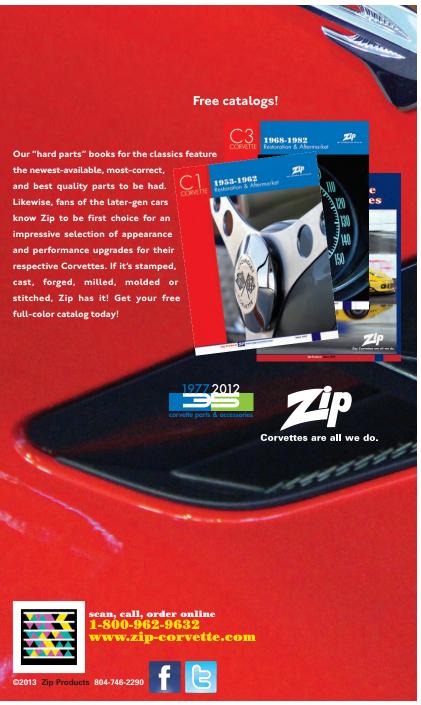
And speaking of saying thanks, I hope you'll join me in saying thanks to your RCD. Each Region of NCCC has a Regional Competition Director that is responsible for the competition program within their particular Region. Additionally, the RCD's as a group make up the NCCC Competition Committee. The Committee is responsible for the NCCC competition program. This includes, among other things, maintaining and updating the competition rulebook. For any number of reasons, the proposed changes to the rulebook for 2014 never made it to the floor of the Governors meeting for approval. The Competition Committee invested much time and effort to generate this proposal and has agreed to use this as a starting point for creating a rulebook proposal for 2015. I believe any proposals from the Competition Committee should be membership driven. As the committee considers what the final proposal will look like, take time to offer your ideas and input to your club Governor. The final proposal really should come from you.

The 2014 Convention is just around the corner. I know there is a whole crew of people working

hard to host NCCC's annual event. Savannah, Georgia is a great place to visit, offering plenty of attractions for everyone. Savannah is steeped in history and the riverfront is lined with restaurants, stores, and clubs. Put the convention on your calendar and enjoy a fun week with your friends – you're going to have a great time!

Enjoy your Corvette and your time with your NCCC friends – both are special.

#### Dale Samuelson



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#### From the VP Membership



As we emerge from the winter of 2014, the winter that never ends, our membership numbers are again on the rise. Just like the thermometer will be rising once the springtime is again in full bloom, new members will be joining our clubs as the season changes. The beginning of March finds our membership at just over 17,100.

One of the new clubs that

became part of National Council at the end of 2013 was Irish Hills Corvette Club in the Michigan Region. Another new club joining us during the mid-winter was Vegas Valley Vettes in the Roadrunner Region. Both clubs formed from a small group of existing NCCC members and first-time new members. We extend our sincere appreciation to their governors for getting both Irish Hills Corvette Club and Vegas Valley Vettes up and running.

There are other non-NCCC clubs out there throughout our many states and regions that seek out information about us and then take that information back to their Board members to make the "pitch." Our Regional Membership Directors and VP of Membership are asked many times during the year about what it takes to become an NCCC club and we do our best to guide them into the "NCCC Family."

With many of our members updating or replacing their Corvettes with the 2014 Stingray, I am sure they are turning the heads of almost everyone, Corvette and non-Corvette owners. We can all remember the days when the Corvette really got our attention and we knew that someday, maybe someday, we would be able to say we own a Corvette. Perhaps many of us were inspired by articles in car magazines, an autocross or a car show.

My inspiration was in 1976 when I read an article in one of the better car magazines about three Corvettes that set out from New York City and headed for Alaska. They got chipped, battered and bruised as they traversed the Alaskan-Canadian and through the Yukon Territory. During this time, I was in my junior year at the University of Georgia where I was also being inspired by Dr. Emory Thomas' history course about the War Between the States. The "Yukon Corvette" article stuck with me for many years but, thankfully, so did the stories of Dr. Thomas.

Many years later I re-read two of his books entitled "Travels to Hallowed Ground" and the "Bold Dragoon." The "Travels" book took me on the back roads of such places as Virginia and Pennsylvania and the less-traveled roads of those battlefields and their stories, the ones that are great Corvette drives. "The Bold Dragoon" took me along on rides with the cavalry where I could conquer along with the "General" and, thinking of my own travels in a Corvette, look just as good as he did all shined up and in a parade or out to do battle around the road course at an HPDE.

For all of the members of National Council, we can probably think back to the time that really got us excited about Corvettes and the day we hoped we could own one, maybe even several. My motivation came after reading about those Yukon Corvettes making their way towards an uncertain destination. The enduring inspiration came years later while driving my Corvette along the roads of Manassas near Bull Run and along Seminary Ridge and the Round Tops at Gettysburg. Mapping out the Battle of Gettysburg and others in a big sandbox in Dr. Thomas' class was going to put me on the right road for years to come.

#### Steve Johnson

#### 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, Stephen Johnson. (Stephen's 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.

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REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MALs	LARGEST CLUB IN THE REGION	MEMBERS	FCOA
Carolina	13	295	15	Corvettes International	63	23
East Ohio	17	1051	35	Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.	211	175
East	28	2226	54	Cumberland Valley CC	231	303
Florida	21	1323	38	Corvettes of Naples	238	250
Indiana	19	1169	19	Fort Wayne CC	153	121
Michigan	15	1099	21	America's CC of Michigan	227	258
Midwest	31	5329	32	Suburban CC of Minnesota	165	505
Northeast	2	276	12	Cc of Vermont	92	48
Northwest	1	135	1	Tacoma CC	131	1
Rocky Mountain	10	029	18	Colorado Springs CC	170	09
Roadrunner	13	823	14	Desert Corvette Assn	137	89
Southeast	11	1284	15	East Tennessee CC	275	130
Southwest	20	1486	36	Tulsa Vette Set	437	136
West Coast	27	1261	26	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	195	139
West Ohio	2	338	16	Corvette Troy	110	09
West	25	1772	14	Cornhusker CC	365	395
		(es of 9/11/13)				
TOTALS	271	18472	366			
	(as of 10/7/13)	(as of 10/7/13)	(as of 10/7/13)			
TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MALS AND	NUMBER INCLUDE		8 HONORARY MEMBERS	ERS		
NCCC HAS 310 LIFETIME MEMBERS	ETIME MEMBERS					

## From the Business Manager



#### **Insurance Report:**

I am pleased to announce our 2014 insurance is again through Legacy Insurance Brokers. Legacy has served NCCC well since 2012. To better serve our members, Legacy and I have mutually developed

FAQs which are on the NCCC Website under the Insurance Program category. The FAQs have been put into the categories of: Contacts, NCCC Ins. Coverages, Certificate of Insurance, General Waiver and Release Form Information, and NCCC Notice of Claim Form and Accident Claim Form. In addition, a Summary of 2014 NCCC Insurance Program Enhancements has been added.

Please familiarize yourself with the current information provided in the FAQs and Summary for 2014.

I would like to emphasis, anyone with questions beyond what is identified in the FAQs is to contact their Club Governor first. If the Club Governor cannot answer the question, then the Club Governor will contact me for an answer. I will contact Legacy to formulate an answer and contact both your Club Governor and Regional Executive back with the answer. Your Club Governor will advise you of the answer. This has been done to enhance the chain of consistent communication throughout the organization.

#### **Convention Steering Report:**

We are looking at a great turnout for our NCCC Convention August 25-29, 2014 in Savannah, GA. Plans are set for an enjoyable experience for all.

Preliminary plans are being established for our NCCC Convention August 22-27, 2015 in Lake Harmony (Poconos), PA. Further details will be provided later this year.

As of the Feb. 22, 2014, St. Louis Governors' Meeting there are no bid proposals for a 2016 Convention. Therefore, under the NCCC By-Laws, the 2016 Convention is officially vacant. I asked everyone to think about considering an "out of the box" convention that could consider a possible shorter weekend type convention. The Top 15 would be recognized, a Rallye, Funkhana, a couple of party nights, and maybe an autocross or drag might work in. The point is we need to think of something out of the conventional mode we have been doing. It is becoming harder to find venues to have events, regions are having difficulty getting members to undertake a two year endeavor to prepare and execute a convention, in addition to cost escalation. I asked the Regional Executives to gather ideas and provide me with feedback from their members. If you have a thought, please contact your RE.

Thank you all for your support and have a happy and safe 2014.

Jack Wilson

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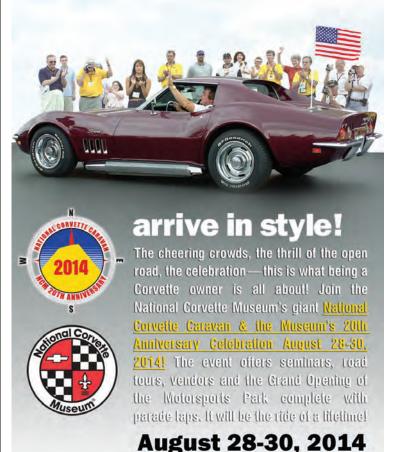
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# From the Director of Public Relations



What is your passion with your Corvette? Regardless of what it is, there is someone out there who has that common passion. They might not be in your club or region, possibly not even in NCCC. Having been a Corvette owner since age 15 and joining our first Cor-

vette club in '03, we can fully relate to that scenario. So get out there and share your Corvette excitement, passion and your stories; it is just one way you can do your part for your club, region and national. Don't forget the kids and youth either; they are our future!

Regardless of what the audience, venue, etc., I would ask all of you to continue the efforts in promoting and getting the word out about NCCC. To assist, I am more than willing to work directly with your club, region and your sponsoring dealerships and utilizing our arsenal of advertising media. We continually need to be more visible in any venue that involves the Corvette, even more so at the larger events and in Corvette publications. If you know of an event or publication that we should be at or in, please contact me.

**Promotional Displays & Care Packages:** The displays are offered on a first-come basis, the new fairly empty calendars have been posted by Joan. There are only a limited number of units, so make your reservation early.

- The two large Promotional Displays set up on a tabletop. These are complete with the stand-up display board, along with photos, DVDs and a widearray of promotional materials. These units are expensive to ship out, so please request and fully utilize them when they are booked and shipped.
- The smaller Promotional Banner Display was very busy last year and is being booked regularly this year. Remember, its focus is <u>ONLY for INDOOR events</u>. This display is perfect for your indoor club car show display where you don't have room for the larger table display. This unit also ships both directions for less cost than the table-top units ship one direction.
- We offer "Care Packages" for events that only contain promotional materials. These are for events when the use of the displays isn't needed or can't be used.

Update on a New Direction: I've had some clubs asking

if we had any drag racing or autocross DVDs, beyond what is shown on our normal NCCC DVDs. We have received a few of these already, but would welcome any video footage of any NCCC event that they would be willing to share. We are targeting compilation of a couple "specialized DVDs" that could be targeted at audiences. You can snail-mail them to me or drop me an email and I'll provide some FTP instructions on how to get them to me electronically. **PR Offerings**: promoting NCCC is a task for all of us and it starts with leveraging the many tools you have available to you.

We have NEW "Why NCCC" documents that are 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. NOTE: If you have copies of the old version, please recycle them – do not continue to use them. The two versions of each document have their own purpose: one is for printing at your local copy shop (bi-fold), the other is a "presentation/viewable version" that enables you to link and/or use it in your newsletter, email it to your members or to prospects, etc. These documents can be found on our National website on the Public Relations and the *Membership* pages.

As an NCCC member, you are a very important part of our NCCC sales team. Promoting NCCC is not just the responsibility of public relations or any specific National, Regional or Club Officer. Public relations should be something that every NCCC member can be involved in. Unless you help to promote the many benefits of why your club is a part of NCCC, most will never know; and more importantly they won't know why they should remain members.

• LIMITED TIME OFFER: Do you have a dealership that sponsors your club? If so, discuss with them the opportunity of a promotional flyer for all new Corvette owners. This joint flyer is just one more way that we can show the benefits of your club, NCCC and the dealership, hopefully, so that fewer new Corvette owners head towards non-NCCC clubs or no club at all. Think of the times when you purchased your Corvette, how excited you were and how proud you were to show it off. When people asked, you shared all including where you purchased it. Well, this joint brochure is a tool

that that new Corvette owner can now pass on to that someone who might be interested in buying a Corvette or looking for a Corvette Club. I would invite you to contact me so we can work together on this. There



is a sample of this on the NCCC website. It is located on the PR page. ETCC has stated that they gained <u>nine</u> new members in February alone, from the dealership <u>using this flyer</u> – please contact David or Linda Goebel to hear the rest of their story.

• 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. In the past several years, we have seen a need to only send 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 make them better with more impact, or what might have even worked better than the display itself – I would like to hear about it.

**Social Media:** We continue our efforts with *Facebook &* Linked-In to promote NCCC. For Facebook, we do utilize a separate page to promote each Convention and, yes, we have already started promoting the 2014 Convention. There will be posts periodically keeping NCCC and Convention buzzing on FB. We would invite you to visit it, like it and share it – your activity helps us to get the word out about this NCCC and Convention. If you see a post on Facebook or Linked-In for NCCC or one of the clubs around the nation holding an NCCC event, 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 visibility higher to everyone around the world. I would invite you to tag the National Council of Corvette Clubs in your NCCC event posts or even social, there isn't a simpler or easier way to help spread the word!



**Current ADs and Event Promotions:** For 2014, the ADs are again changing with a new distinctive look, to help catch the reader's eye. You will see that they will all sport the 2014 Stingray, using a photo I took that has been cleared thru GM (EMI); no logos! I would invite you to check out the special wording about the C7 photo (bottom of the ADs). I mention this in particular since several clubs have been asking what they can legally use; so, hopefully, this will aid your questions as

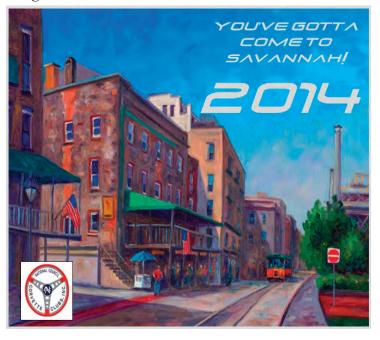
well. Keep in mind that asking forgiveness after-the-fact is not a good idea. If you have questions, we will be more than willing to work with you to help discuss and obtain the proper approvals. AD Samples can be viewed on the NCCC website – the PR Page; some of the new ADs include:

- Hemmings Motor News special Corvette Editions
- National Corvette Museum ADs in each of the Café Tablet Tops being renewed Spring 2014
- National Corvette Museum "American Sports Car" magazine (the next edition with have the new AD)
- Sponsorship promotion brochure for Convention 2014
- Vette Vues Magazine AD trade
- National Corvette Restorer's Society

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, searching for events and opportunities to promote and help grow NCCC. I welcome the opportunity to partner up with you to assist your club, your Region and NCCC at these events. It might even be visiting 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 needs to be important to all of us. There is no single individual nor 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 concerning 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 enjoyed 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



# From the Director of Publications



I'm sure that most of you have read my report in the Winter 2014 issue of *Blue Bars*? However, if you have not, please do so and then encourage your club's Newsletter Editor to consider submitting a Job Application for the office of Director of

Publications to the NCCC President, Hal Bellamy, before November 1, 2014. I would like to make this transition from one Editor to another as painless as possible for all of our NCCC members.

I will try to use as many articles as possible in the upcoming Summer and Convention issues of *Blue Bars*. Unfortunately, I will be unable to use those Articles where the Club submitted a photo for a cover of *Blue Bars*. All remaining Articles that have been submitted to me for inclusion in *Blue Bars* will be given to my successor, listed in chronological order as I originally received them.

REMINDER to Governors and Newsletter Editors...Please arrange for hardcopies of your club's newsletters to be mailed to PAT CLARK (Michiana CC) at 50866 Country Knolls Drive, Granger, IN 46530. Electronic copies of club newsletters should be emailed to PATSY SHEARER (CKCC) at wlshearer@cfl.rr.com. Pat and Patsy will then peruse the newsletters they receive for articles of interest for Blue Bars.

Please refer to the *BLUE BARS* Submission Policy on page 2 of this issue. It can also be found at www.corvettesnccc.org and click on 'Blue Bars.'

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 <u>BlueBars@corvettesnccc.org</u>.

The deadline for submitting items for each issue of *Blue Bars* is shown below:

Summer issue - May 31
Fall / Convention issue - August 31
Winter issue - November 30
Spring issue - February 28

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

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

There's a new star in the heavens now...signifying the passing of **Ted Molenda**, beloved husband to Bernyce, governor of Tin Hall Toys CC, avid NCCC member and competitor and friend to many.

**Ted**, we will miss you. (Bernyce was NCCC Treasurer 2009-2012 & and is currently the 2014 Convention Treasurer.)

Sylvia Hoaldridge



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Check the NCCC website, corvettesnccc.org, and click on BLUE BARS for more information about this position. Any questions can be directed to Sylvia Hoaldridge at BlueBars@corvettesnccc.org.

# From the Director of Sponsorship



Sponsorship Views Spring 2014

The challenge of developing new sponsor commitments is definitely that- a challenge. As the corporate world grapples with new ways to run their businesses more effectively and efficiently, the opening of doors for sponsorship seem to be dwindling some. However, no reason for

despair here, as NCCC is very fortunate to have extremely loyal sponsors who have supported us for many years and continue to return to be part of the largest Corvette Club group in the USA.

We have a variety of companies providing different forms of support to NCCC this year. ExCel Credit Union continues to sponsor NCCC with their ads in BLUE BARS. AutoAnything.com and Seat Armour are advertising on the NCCC web site. Zip Products is the sponsor of our NCCC web site contest. Michelin North America will be participating with our convention by sponsoring the band on Tuesday night and providing on site support at the speed events. The band members will include a few individuals that work for or with Michelin. One face, in particular, may be very familiar. Mid America Motorworks will be celebrating their 40th anniversary with us at a special party on Wednesday night at convention, as well as providing support to our scholarship program and FCOA. Expect to see some club competition that evening. Goodyear Tire and Rubber will help with support for all of the convention activities. Corvette America, Hagerty Insurance, and Legacy Insurance will also be general sponsors of convention. For our rally event, Zip Products will be our sponsor and Corvette Central will sponsor the concours event. And of course, we have Paragon Corvette Reproductions assisting, once again, with the registration materials. What a great group of sponsors!

There are two new companies providing discounted products to our members and they are listed on the Discounts for Members section on the web site. Logoballpro produces coasters that are very good quality- stone and brushed aluminum- and you can add your club logo. These would make a great gift for your club members or even yourself. Check the web site for their information and a 15% discount. Another new item listed is Empire Car Covers. They have a variety of car covers for a variety of cars and are offering our membership a 40% discount on their products. Cool deal! I hope all of you will visit the Discounts for Members page to shop for all of these items.

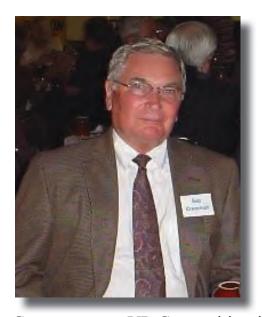
I have had the privilege of participating in the Corvettes of Carlisle event for the past 12 years to promote NCCC membership and the NCCC Charity Program. Due to the convention schedule, I will not be able to attend this year but NCCC will have a presence there. York County Corvette Club will be hosting their annual concours events and Cumberland Valley Corvette Club will be hosting speed events over the weekend. NCCC will have their display with the York County crew as they solicit membership into NCCC so drop by and better yet,

offer to help in this area to provide information about NCCC. If you are not able to attend convention, make plans to attend this great event that draws Corvettes from across the country and Corvette owners from around the world!

We are branching out with our participation at major car shows and will be participating in the Bloomington Gold event, June 26-29, 2014. Larry Pagliaro, MW RE, has agreed to solicit support from Midwest region members to help at the NCCC display. If you are attending the event and can spare a few hours, we would love to have your assistance. We are there to promote NCCC membership, FCOA and the charity program by selling raffle tickets for the 2014 NCCC/NKF raffle. Please contact Larry or me about how you can help. This is the second year that the Bloomington Gold event has been in Champaign, IL and their attendance is growing.

It has been an interesting winter across the country with regard to weather- even in Texas- but the spring time will bring out all of the Corvettes and their owners to enjoy America's favorite sports car. We hope you plan to be part of the action that will happen in Savannah, Georgia, August 25-29, 2014 at our annual convention. As Forrest Gump said, "Life is like a box of Chocolates" and what better place to experience that life than in Savannah. Hope to see you there!

### Debbie Lindsey



Bob Creasman was VP-Competition in 1981 and a Lifetime Member. He joined EO Lake Shore Corvettes in the early '70's, then moved to Competition Corvette Assn. until moving to Florida in 1988 where he, along with wife Judy, became Members-at-Large. Bob was Governor for both clubs, an EO Region Office for many years and very active in competition when in Ohio. He and Judy moved to Colorado in 2005.

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	FCOA white T-shirt	Infant 12 month	\$15	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Infant 24 month	\$15	\$
	FCOA white onesie	6 month	\$16	\$
	FCOA white onesie	12 month	\$16	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Youth extra small (2-4)	\$16	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Youth small (6-8)	\$16	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Youth medium (10-12)	\$16	\$
	FCOA heather ash T-shirt	Youth extra small (2-4)	\$16	\$
	FCOA heather ash T-shirt	Youth small (6-8)	\$16	\$
	FCOA heather ash T-shirt	Youth medium (10-12)	\$16	\$
	FCOA heather ash T-shirt	Youth large (14-16)	\$16	\$

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2014 FCOA Membership Count by Region as of February 28, 2014									
REGION		ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL		# MEMBERS 02-28-2014				# FCOA MEMBERS
MIDWEST	506	4	510	-21	489	509	-3.93%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	186
WEST	398	3	401	-12	389	416	-6.49%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	138
EAST	305	3	308	-5	303	300	1.00%	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	48
FLORIDA	251	4	255	-3	252	257	-1.95%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	99
MICHIGAN	258	2	260	-15	245	270	-9.26%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	52
EAST OHIO	178	0	178	-8	170	178	-4.49%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	38
WEST COAST	139	1	140	-9	131	145	-9.66%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	25
SOUTHWEST	136	4	140	-6	134	138	-2.90%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	37
SOUTHEAST	132	1	133	-7	126	136	-7.35%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	62
INDIANA	125	0	125	-5	120	132	-9.09%	IN-513 HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	24
ROADRUNNER	68	2	70	-2	68	78	-12.82%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	29
ROCKY MTN	60	1	61	-3	58	64	-9.38%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	23
WEST OHIO	61	1	62	-3	59	63	-6.35%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	31
NORTHEAST	48	0	48	-1	47	49	-4.08%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CC	5
CAROLINA	23	0	23	0	23	21	9.52%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	9
NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
TOTAL	2689	26	2715	-100	2615	2757	-5.15%		

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

Also check out the information about FCOA apparel & books!



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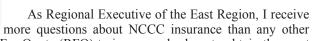
For more information about Carolina Region activities, please contact the RE, RCD or RMD shown above, or go to www.corvettesnccc.com and click on Carolina Region.



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topic. NCCC periodically issues a Request For Quote (RFQ) to insurance brokers to obtain the most economically feasible insurance for the corporation. In doing so, the coverage may change slightly from year to year. Jack Wilson, the NCCC Business Manager is highlighting the coverage available to NCCC members through FAQs that are posted on the NCCC web site. Due to the periodic changes, it is incumbent upon NCCC members to review the FAQs periodically to understand this benefit. A link to the FAQs is provided for your benefit.

#### http://www.corvettesnccc.com/Insurance/insurance lin faq-2-17-2014.pdf

Too often in life, we do not understand the good things in our life until we are forced to do without them. One of the statements I've heard often about NCCC and its constituent clubs is "I came for the car and stayed for the people!" How many times have you or members in your club faced adversity and had club members assist you? This has occurred frequently within my club. As I have gotten involved with people from other regions, I've learned this camaraderie is not unique to my club, but also exists across the organization.

Some members may say "What's in it for me?" This question has been raised so often the national organization addresses benefits of NCCC on the national website.

#### http://www.corvettesnccc.com/BenefitsNCCC\_2014\_promoview.pdf

However, it's difficult to document the caring that members have for each other in such a document. If you think you have a tight-knit club, get involved with members outside your club by attending sanctioned events by other clubs. Meet new people! Talk to them about your interests and theirs. I think you'll find the fellowship found in your club exists across the organization.

Starting last year, we began spotlighting different clubs within the East Region so other ER clubs learn more about their neighbors. This issue's article (see below) was developed by Ron Hamrah, governor of the Corvette Club of America (CCA - ER-001).

Joe Vasta, Regional Executive

Hello my fellow East Region members. This being my first article, I would like to start off by thanking the ER board of governors for allowing me the opportunity to represent the region as RMD. Although the ER membership numbers are down from the last issue, I am happy to report I am receiving many new and renewal membership applications so our membership is on the rise.

In other news; The Enthusiast class, for those that do not yet own a corvette, is getting a lot of attention. This new membership class can be a big boost to clubs looking for larger membership, leading to new friendship, event support, and the promotion of the love for the Corvette. We are already seeing interest from those that would like to join and have signed up our first member with anticipation that there will be several more to come.

Save the wave.

Andy Alleshouse, Regional Membership Director

NCCC EAST REGION MEMBERSHIP as of February 28, 2014	
Total Number of Associate Members	0
Total Number of Chart Members	1
Total Number of Companion Members	20
Total Number of Lifetime Members	32
Total Number of Primary Members	1391
Total Number of Sponsor Members	2
Total Number of Spouse Members	677
Total Number of Youth Members	3
Total Number of enthusiast members	1
Total Number of Active Club Members	2127
Total Number of FCOA Members	294

Club Spotlight

Corvette Club of America, Inc. - Founded by a small group of Corvette enthusiasts at the club's first meeting on July 17, 1956. The Corvette Club of America (CCA) is the oldest Corvette club in the world. In the early days, our club members raced against sports cars from such clubs as the Sports Car Club of America and the Porsche Club of America. We are sponsored by Sport Chevrolet of Silver Spring, MD, who hosts our annual Car Show. They also hold monthly Shop Nights throughout the year, where we have the opportunity to exchange information and knowledge on how to best maintain and enjoy our Corvettes. By 1959, the CCA sought to promote a nation-wide interest in Corvette ownership, operation and knowledge. We are proud to be a co-founder of the NCCC and to have club number ER001.

CCA members pursue our automotive passions while having fun. Our activities include social events, car shows, and racing events. Our social events include brunch and dinner cruises, and pool and holiday parties. The CCA sponsors an annual car show for all GM brands in connection with Sport Chevrolet. This year we will hold our 41st annual show. We also actively participate in shows sponsored by other clubs. The CCA hosts

multiple autocross events each year as well as autocross classes for both Corvette and non-Corvette owners. Members also attend other clubs' racing events, participating in drag racing, autocross, and HPDE events.

the Dick Thompson Award. The of competitive activities within the very special perpetual trophy recogtive spirit. The award is based on

The CCA is very active in givlong term charities are the Wells/ Montgomery County, Maryland. In at the University of Maryland to cal Engineering. The 2013 graduate supports Corvette Racing. We are Corvette Museum and a member of NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling

Our members are mostly from DC area, however, we also have well as one couple from Dubai, who to attend the groundbreaking



NCCC EAST REGION MEMBERSHIP BY CLUB					
as of February 28, 2	2014				
	Active	FCOA			
CLUB	Members	Members			
Allentown Area CC	93	6			
Baltimore County CC	22	1			
Beachcomber CC	101	6			
Bel Air CC	176	44			
Central Pennsylvania CC	90	2			
Classic CC of Maryland	12	1			
Cornerstone CC of Carroll County	13	1			
Corvette Annapolis	78	6			
CC of America	179	8			
C of North Delaware	45	0			
CC of Northeast PA	73	10			
County Corvette Assn	58	5			
Cumberland Valley CC	218	30			
Free State CC	172	10			
G-Burg Vettes	57	7			
Hampton Road CC	17	1			
High Point Cruisers	17	0			
Keystone State CC	48	22			
Lancaster County CC	159	41			
Living the Dream CC	19	0			
MAL	51	28			
Northern Virginia CC	78	3			
Perry County CC	35	4			
Pocono Mountain CC	41	1			
Revolution CC	15	3			
Street Dreams CC	12	0			
Tidewater CC	18	0			
Tri-County Vettes	26	9			
USA-1 CC	43	5			
York County CC	161	40			

intent of the award is to grow the level CCA through the establishment of a nizing both Corvette and the competithe NCCC point system.

ing back to the community. Among our Robertson House and Hospice Caring in addition we established an endowment help a student in the School of Mechaninow works at Pratt and Miller which ongoing supporters of the National their One Acre Club supporting the new Green, Kentucky.

Maryland, Virginia, and the Washington some members located in other states, as joined us on our 2013 NCM Caravan ceremony for the Motorsports Park.

Ron Hamrah, CCA NCCC Governor

Jon Thorn, 2014 NCM Caravan Co-Captain

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The new Stingray is here! Even with the snow and cold, I have seen several new ones on the road! The Region, as always, is planning events. One weekend in particular will be July 4th, 5th and 6th. This will be three days of autocross events. As the details are finalized, check our website for all events.

This year our Banquet is being hosted by the East Ohio Region and Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. I would like to thank all competitors and those who came out and worked the events in 2013.

As R.E., I have encouraged all the Governors to promote the NCCC Convention. I hope the Region has a good turnout and the Convention does well.

One more thing: we lost our location for the Chili Cook Off, but Buckeye Corvette Club, along with Skipco Auto Auction, our sponsor, stepped up and a BBQ was held for all the East Ohio Region clubs. A total of 113 East Ohio members came and enjoyed an evening of good food and conversation! Skipco Auto Auction provided a 2014 Stingray for all to go over and sit in.

Terry Sells, Regional Executive

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Hi Gang,

What is happening in your clubs? Do you have an Autocross,



Are you planning an event this year? If so, please contact our RCD and have him put your date on the Region calendar?

I would like to thank all the Florida Region Governors who attend our meeting. The governors who don't attend, PLEASE make an effort to attend our next regional meeting on Sunday, June 1st 2014. This is something that ALL Governors need to do. There are only four Region meetings a year. If it is the expense of making the trip, have you club pay for your gas. It is in their best interest that all the Governors are in attendance. This is how all clubs are kept abreast of what is going on in NCCC and in our Region.

I would like to congratulate the following:

Top club for 2013 for the Florida Region North Florida Corvette Assn. Top Man for 2013 for the Florida Region Larry Kupka

Top Women for 2013 for the Florida Region **Deb Murphy** 

Top Rallye Competitors for 2013 for the Florida Region

Deb & Denny Murphy
Top Worker for 2013 for the Florida Region
Carolyn & Manny Montgomery

Let's Vette Together Soooooooooooo!!!

Glenn Hutchinson, Regional Executive



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Greetings from STILL cold and blustery Michigan! However, there are now signs of the coming Spring that give us hope that the weather will allow us, soon, to return to the road in our Corvettes. The Michigan Region set up the competition calendar for the year; the Detroit Tigers are at Spring

Training, and last weekend, on our way to and from St. Louis for the NCCC Governor's meeting, we observed literally thousands of Canada Geese flying **south!** 

Plans are now well underway for the annual Michigan Region Awards Banquet for all those that participated in the 2013 sanctioned events in Michigan and around the country. This year's banquet is to be held at the Fire Keepers Casino/Hotel just east of Battle Creek on I-94. This effort is a collaboration of Calhoun County Corvettes and Kalamazoo Corvette Club and has come together very quickly with the help from both clubs. The committee includes Arlene and Tom Matteson, Beverly and Sheldon Smith, April and Mike Beery of Kalamazoo; Marilyn and Bob Creighton, Stevie and Larry Karlo, George Yeager, Sue Green, Angela Hanlin and Michelle and Randy O'Neil of Calhoun County. Everyone has taken a part of this effort and put forth what will be a great and enjoyable event for all those who attend.

If you would like to join us, the flyer can be found at <a href="www.michcorvette.org">www.michcorvette.org</a> under the 'Flyers' page and the sign-up deadline is April 4th for the banquet and March 22nd if you would like a room at the hotel. This should be a great time and everyone is looking forward to the event, so please join us if you can! We will be happy to receive everyone from the various clubs, as well as their friends and relatives.

This was a great year for Michigan with several competitors finishing in the top ranks nationally, as well as a couple of our clubs. Congratulations to Bruce Wentzel, CCM, for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Rich Williams, CCBC, for 7<sup>th</sup> Place; Mary Wentzel, CCM, for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ladies Division; and to the folks at Corvette Club of Michigan finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall and Corvette Club of Battle Creek, ending up in 12<sup>th</sup> Place. Locally, congratulations go out to those who finished first in their categories: Michelle and Randy O'Neil for Concours; Mary and Bruce Wentzel for Speed Events; Jim and James Sweet for Rallyes. James Sweet and Mary Wentzel are also the overall Champions for 2013; and Brenda and Andy Harrison are the Michigan Rookies of the Year. 2013 was a great year and 2014 will be no less exciting, I am sure.

Looking forward to the coming season, Michigan Region has once again set up a full calendar of events that will be guided by our new Region Competition Director, Dave Waters, who I am sure will keep everyone informed and up-to-date with all that will happen in the Region this year. See you all on the road and remember to "Save the Wave"!

Mark Hanlin, Regional Executive

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#### Region News

It is getting closer. Spring that is. As I write this article, we are still in the depths of Winter and just coming back from our February Governors meetings in Saint Louis. Our first region events are just about a month away. Cabin Fever is killing me so I cannot wait, as I am sure all Midwest Region members will agree. We have had a rough Winter.

However, before we totally move into 2014, I have some unfinished 2013 business. Our Congratulations to **Ed Cassel**, **Wisconsin Corvette Club** as Men's 2013 Champion and **Linda Fairlamb**, **Northern Rays Ltd**, our Ladies 2013 Champion and **Nancy Bailey**, **Northern IL Corvette Club**, our Workers Champion. These honors were announced at the Governors meeting by **Bill Docherty**, our Regional Competition Director this past weekend. Congratulations to Ed, Linda and Nancy as well as all members of **Windy City Corvettes** previously announced as the #1 club.

I would also like to welcome a new Governor to our team. **Jay Randall** took on the position for **Suburban Corvette Club in** December. We all look forward to working with Jay in the future.

I am one of the judges for the 2014 NCCC Club Newsletter contest and two of the fourteen entries are from the Midwest Region. Both Central Illinois Corvette Club and Sunburst Corvette Club have entered the contest and both have very competitive newsletters. I am very happy that our region clubs are now in the running. Good luck to both clubs, and there are many quality newsletters in the contest this year. If you want additional information about entering the Newsletter contest, please review the requirements on the NCCC website. Entries for 2014 are closed but will open later this year for 2015. Entries are being accepted for the NCCC Club Website contest until July 13, 2014. We have some great Websites in the region, which I think would do quite well in that contest. Please give some thought.

I would like to cover some topics that were discussed at the February Governors meetings. Dave Heinemann of Windy City Corvettes announced that he was running for President of NCCC in the election that will be held later this year. Sylvia Hoaldridge, NCCC Director of Publications (Blue Bars Editor) will be moving on from that position near the end of this year. If you are interested in seeking additional information about this role, please contact your club Governor as a starting point. Sylvia has held the position for the past 12 years and is looking forward to transitioning it to another qualified member. **Debbie Lindsey**, NCCC Director of Sponsorship is planning to have an NCCC display at Bloomington Gold in June. We will be promoting NCCC as well as selling NCCC charity raffle tickets. More information will be available in the coming months and I will be contacting our region's Governors for member support of this event. An NCCC booth has been set up on other national Corvette Shows in the past so having it in our own back yard is exciting. We would like to get as many Midwest Region helpers as possible. Again, more to come... Gary Cockriel of the National Corvette Museum honored us by attending our Regional Governors meeting to do a Q&A regarding our recent purchase of an Acre at the Motorsports Park. Gary did a great job of answering both prepared questions as well as impromptu questions from our Governors. He then attended the National Governors meeting in the afternoon where he upped the pace of the presentation covering current NCM news and topics such as the next steps in repair work of the Sink Hole, the recovery and restoration of the affected Corvettes as well as announcing a new special event titled Sink-Hole De Mayo that will occur on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. (Gary's joke, not mine). I personally thought the museum staff did a great job of quickly establishing and communicating recovery and repair plans, which now allows for some light-heartedness. Thank goodness, no one was injured and thanks to Chevrolet for helping with restoration efforts. Gary Cockriel and Mitch Wright will be our Regional Motorsports Park team contacts going forward. Bill Docherty is heading our Motorsports Park planning team of Arnie Bailey, Northern IL Corvette Club, Francis Richmond, Great River Corvette Club and JW (James Weddington), Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club. Gary Kelly, Badger State Corvettes has also played a key role in initiating our region's involvement. Watch for more information on our access to the Motorsports Park track, in 2015.

Larry Pagliaro, Regional Executive MW-RE@corvettesnccc.com

#### **Competition News**

The 2014 competition season is here and our region has 205 events scheduled, March through October. Whether you like to attend Rallyes, Concours and People's Choice, or Autocrosses, you have plenty to do this year. Most flyers should be out by the time this is published, so you can plan. Remember that every competition event is also a social event. Drive out and see why we have so much fun at our events. Competitors

always get together for dinner and guests are welcome.

Windy City Corvettes, the 2013 Region Champion Club, organized our Annual Awards Party in March. Ed Cassel and Linda Fairlamb were the 2013 Champions and 43 men and 24 women earned 200+ points. Nancy Bailey was our first Worker's Champion. Congratulations to them, and Thanks to all who supported our competition events last year.

The Midwest Region is planning to hold an event at the new NCM Motorsports Park in 2015. We hope to hold a High Speed Driving Experience with a day at the Museum. We hope to be able to have a Touring session to allow NCCC members to drive their Corvettes behind a Pace Car and experience the new track.

**Dale Samuelson**, a member of MW-167 **Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, is our new NCCC VP of Competition. Dale and his wife Carolyn are die-hard competitors and well known throughout NCCC. We look forward to working with him and all the RCD's.

Planning is underway for our Annual Fundraiser at Rantoul Aviation Center in October. Crossed Flags Corvette Club and Mad City Vettes donated 10 sanctions for this weekend. The weekend has been successful enough to allow us to waive the event Head Tax again for 2014. I am looking for Team Leaders for Registration, Tech, Workers, and Clean-up. Please e-mail me if you can fill these positions.

I admire courage and the ability to bounce back from life's adversities. **Jim Butler and Catherine Rees** lost everything in the Washington, IL tornado last year. Members of **Mid-Illinois Corvette Club** helped them salvage some of their possessions. As I write this, the frame of their house is almost complete and they have purchased a new special edition Corvette. I have heard that Catherine plans to autocross this year. Go, Catherine!

Bill Docherty, Regional Competition Director MW-RCD@corvettesnccc.com

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Greetings from the snowy and COLD northeast! Hopefully, everyone is well and warm. Fortunately the days are getting longer and warmer weather is on it's way. Welcome to the new officers for 2014.

The region is planning many events to get out and make the season enjoyable. Adirondack is gearing up for their event in Lake George, Bay State has a few events inked in on the calendar. Corvettes of Buffalo has an event around Niagara Falls, Southern Tier and Tri-Vettes are meshing out dates for some track time. Our Connecticut C.C. will be trying to squeeze in as much as the daylight will allow.

There are a couple of things that are being implemented to improve communication and, hopefully, make our organization grow stronger. One is devotion by Jack Wilson, Business Manager, to make insurance parameters and FAQs (frequently asked questions) posted on the website and an open line of communication with him.

The second is by the NCCC Webmaster who has installed a UNIFORM LINE OF COMMUNICATION for our organization. The process involves "GO DADDY" server with "Squirrel Mail" outbox. Joan Thomas has created a mailbox for every office and each club. Later in time it will be TWEAKED for personal passwords. Details of this process are forthcoming.

The parliamentarian has also installed a unified form for by-law requests and changes on the website.

A representative from the National Corvette Museum attended (Gary Cockriel) and said they are still looking for the cause of the cave-in and hope to have it ready for the 20th caravan in September. THANKFULLY, no one was there to be injured. GM is going to repair the cars. The Museum board is being proactive for the FUTURE of the complex in that they are having the grounds seismically tested and a study done. Gary also mentioned that parking spaces are available for a fee for the Caravan on a first come-first served basis. (through the website)

If anyone is planning to participate in the NCCC upcoming Convention in Savannah, GA, register SOON as the main hotel is filling fast. There is a provision on their website that you can register to join in the NCM caravan.

The NCCC Convention for 2015 is being hosted by the EAST REGION and will be looking for OUR SUPPORT. Please pencil in August 24-28 2015 for a GRAND TIME in the POCONOS!

Save the Wave and stay safe.

Ray Schafer, Regional Executive

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The 2014 Competition Season began with Desert Corvette association's annual mainstay Sweetheart Concours and People's Choice

car shows on the weekend of Valentine's Day. Their Corvette and all-Chevy show garnered over 160 entries and was, as always, outstanding. By the time you read this, the Roadrunner Region will have seen a series of monthly activities with something for every Corvetter.

Corvette Club of Arizona will have held their Corvette and all-Chevy People's Choice car show in old downtown Chandler AZ the last weekend of March. April will have seen Thunder Vette Set in Sierra Vista AZ holding the first of two Vette Thunder weekends for 2014. They will have hosted a People's Choice car show, Gimmick and Chance Rallyes, two Autocrosses, and two Matching Times Autocrosses. Phantom Vettes, the region's newest club in El Paso TX, will be co-hosting the weekend with TVS. I am confident that the lessons learned will help PV host their own speed events in the future.

Mid-May will see Verde Valley Vettes hosting a People's Choice car show in Cottonwood Arizona and Memorial Day weekend will have been the time for Tucson Corvette Club's annual Superbash weekend with a People's Choice car show, Gimmick and Chance Rallyes, an Autocross and a Matching Times Autocross.

Kim Sheridan is replacing me as your region web master. Please check www.ncccroadrunner.com

I would like to close this message by announcing that Debi Hamersly, Roadrunner RE, and I, your RCD, will be stepping down at the end of June 2014. We have endeavored to help and support our region clubs and their events for many years. Debi has been RE for three years and has been instrumental in improving communication between club Governors and attempting to organize cooperative efforts to revitalize region participation. I am in my twelfth year of serving as your RCD. I tried to encourage event safety, greater participation in all types of competitive events, and to increase the number of events held within our region.

At this point in our lives, we have made some changes to future plans that have left us temporarily "Vetteless" so we must step down. We have many great friends in the region, and, more important, throughout the NCCC community. As dedicated Life Members of NCCC, our hearts will always be with our NCCC family. We will stay close and hope to maintain all of our great friendships nation-wide.

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Save the wave.....

Paul Hamersly, Regional Competition Director

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The Rocky Mountain Region hopes all is well at the museum and all the special Corvettes will survive their ordeal in time for the reunion.

The competition season is in full swing in our region. I know we will have a great year with fun for every taste in the competition world. We will put on some wonderful car shows for the Corvettes, great rallies will come into play for the adventurous people, and we'll have plenty of Auto-X opportunities for the adrenalin junkies. I hope with all of these, our great group of people continues having fun and enjoying friendship. In the end, that's what NCCC competition is all about.

I wish all in Colorado a much better year than we had in 2013, without the floods, fires and avalanches. Keep the faith.

Pete Urenda, Regional Executive

This issue of Blue Bars will arrive, roughly, in the middle of the competition season. At this time, many events are being offered (shows, auto-x, parades, rallyes, etc.). What a perfect opportunity for you to demonstrate your enthusiasm for these events and your fellow NCCC friends. The Rocky Mountain Region Challenge is for you to invite one non-NCCC Corvette aficionado to join you on one event. Share the wealth NCCC has to offer. Engagement begins with you!

On another note, don't forget to sponsor your Kids, Grandkids, Nieces or Nephews in that wonderful program: FCOA. An inexpensive way to garner a smile. Perhaps they are in, or going-to, college? Let me remind you that NCCC has a scholarship program aching to help your family J

Lastly, to the Rocky Mountain Region. The RMR has some of the best clubs out there, but, let's not keep it a secret. Submit a contribution to the newsletter or website contest. What about the Duntov Performance Award? We know who will be recognized if we don't get involved. Wooooohoooooo!

Party on, Garth...

Wayne Umland, Regional Membership Director

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The "new guy" has the privilege of writing about the Southeast

Region News this time. I need to Thank Amelia Workman (RMD), Don Parks (RCD) and Betty Parks (Secretary/treasurer) for their Input for this article.

I want to encourage any Southeast Club to send me a "Club Spotlight" article for Blue Bars. We want to hear about your Club! The Region has 17 clubs and 1197 members as of February 2014. That's over 4 years of Club Spotlights if everyone participates!

Our activities for 2014 are listed on the Regional Website, NCCC-SOUTH.com. Please be sure to check the calendar for event flyers and to see if additional activities have been added.

April 19-20 there will be 14 low speeds at the Nashville Fairgrounds. This is the same location as the Bowling Green Convention and runs on the main track. Nashville Corvette Club invites you to join them for 2 days of competition. It is always a fun filled weekend!

Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26, there will be 21 low speeds at Pellissippi State College in Knoxville, TN. East Tennessee Corvette Club is hosting this great weekend as well as another 21 events July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, July 4-6 at the same location. Both are Regional Fundraisers.

Valley Vettes and Town & Country Corvette Club invite you to their 14 low speeds on November 1-2 and 14 more December 6-7 in Huntsville, AL. at John Hunt Park for the season finale.

Competition in the Southeast would not be complete without the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Roebling Road Thanksgiving Weekend November 27-30 hosted by Corvette Atlanta and North Florida Corvette Association. We have Thanksgiving Dinner together. Practice is available Nov. 28. Great parties, great track, it doesn't get any better than this! Come set a track record (see current records on our website)!

A special thanks goes to all the clubs that have donated their sanctions to the Region to make these events possible. If you do not plan to use your sanctions and have not donated them yet, please do so now by contacting Don Parks, RCD.

The ultimate activity this year is the Savannah National Convention August 24-29. Geographically located in the Southeast Region, it is a favorite

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NCCC SOUTHEAST REGION POINT STANDINGS						
FINAL 2013						
	· ·	Men Competitors				
Place	Name	Club	Points	Events		
1	Steve Cronberg	East TN CC	1196	128		
2	Gary Davenport	Vette City Vettes	1066	128		
3	Don Parks	Corvette Atlanta	953	128		
4	David Goebel	East TN CC	921	114		
5	Lynn Ryder	Nashville CC	858	114		
6	Jack Filippone	Corvette Atlanta	763	128		
7	Larry Odom	Nashville CC	535	70		
8	Harold Penley	Plateau CC	471	63		
9	Thomas Adams	East TN CC	371	49		
10	Gary Pilson	East TN CC	364	75		
11	Brandon Davis	Member-at-Large	292	28		
12	John McGee	Vette City Vettes	266	122		
13	Gary Aired	East TN CC	247	61		
14	Ron Jarrell	Nashville CC	243	28		
15	Dale Johnson	Nashville CC	232	32		
16	Mike Dill	Nashville CC	212	28		
	Тор	Ladies Competitors				
Place	Name	Club	Points	Events		
1	Betty Parks	Corvette Atlanta	1094	128		
2	Linda Goebel	East TN CC	983	114		
3	Freda Davenport	Vette City Vettes	600	82		
4	Luann Morris	Plateau CC	369	56		
5	Julie Ryder	Nashville CC	349	52		
6	Stephanie Strauss	Corvette Atlanta	302	128		
7	Kathy Cronberg	East TN CC	247	68		
8	Cindy Dill	Nashville CC	201	28		
	Workers					
Place	Name	Club	Points	Events		
1	Stephanie Strauss	Corvette Atlanta	302	128		
2	John McGee	Vette City Vettes	266	122		
3	George Kimble	Nashville CC	163	74		
	Clubs					
1	East Ter	East Tennessee CC		128		
2	Nash	Nashville CC				
3	Corvet	Corvette Atlanta				

gathering place filled with Southern Hospitality. To quote Deb and Denny Murphy, "You've gotta come to Savannah!"

Dave Goebel, Regional Executive

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By the time you read this, we will have had our Regional Awards

Banquet and I would like to congratulate all of the top ten men and women. You put a lot of time, work & money into achieving this award. The Okahoma City CC did an outstanding job of putting on the awards banquet; thank you for all of your hard working in doing this. I would like everyone to think about next year's awards banquet and what kind of awards banquet

you would like to have. I encourage you to send me your thoughts or give those to your club governor.

There are many things happening within NCCC and those can be found by looking at the National website. A few items to look at are the latest news for NCCC members tab to see the latest info on the site, conventions tab will give you info on the current and next year convention, find out about sponsors and discounts offered to members or there are links to other regions websites. This year's convention is in Savannah, GA and there are activities that would interest everyone. I hope you have planned to attend.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event or governors' meeting.

Cheryl Surdick, Regional Executive



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The West Region has a full schedule of events on the calendar for

the 2014 competition year. After the very long and cold winter that the entire country endured, f you are hosting non-sanctioned events, let the WR Webmaster, Kathy Brisbois, know so these

it's a perfect time to enjoy your Corvette. If you are hosting non-sanctioned events, let the WR Webmaster, Kathy Brisbois, know so these can be put on the website as well. Promoting all the events in the region is a win for all members.

A special thank you to the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club for hosting the 2013 West Region awards banquet at the Indian Creek Country

Club in Marion, Iowa. Congratulations to all the award winners. It was a great time, and it is always great to see everyone after the long winter. The Cornhusker Corvette Club is once again hosting an auto-cross school on Saturday, May 3 at 122 & I. In addition, there will be a course design class at the same time. It's always a good time, fun to learn something new, and sign up some new members. On the same Saturday, Glass Express is hosting a People's Choice at the Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph. There certainly is not a shortage of Corvette functions to enjoy. Take in an event out of your region. See how other clubs are doing things. Now is the time for your clubs to make changes and promote new members and interest. Check out the NCCC website for "What's New", and stay informed. Be safe out there.

Jon Manz, Regional Executive

### **WEST COAST (and NORTHWEST) REGIONS:**

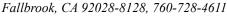


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2014 will be a banner year with the new clubs and increased membership in most other clubs. The Northwest Region has added a new club and we have a new club in Las Vegas. There is a variety of things to do, and something for everybody. If you wish to enter the competition events, get with your governor to find out if you need to do anything to meet the entry requirements. View the NCCC handbook on line for help. Our RCD, Joe Orrico, will be at a lot of events. If you have any questions, Joe will be the man to go too for answers.

Last year we had some very competitive battles and we are looking for more action in 2014. Check out the regional calendar on the web page at <a href="http://www.ncccwcregion.com">http://www.ncccwcregion.com</a>. Expand your circle of friends and have more fun. Ask your club to host an event in 2014. Your Regional Officers are willing to help your club put on an event.

Cliff Harris, our RMD, has noted clubs are growing in membership and the reason seems to be the clubs are doing events, going on trips and in general having a good time making new friendships. Clubs that are dropping out are the ones you never see at events and then they seem to fail. Help your club grow by getting involved.

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

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

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

Save the Wave!

Allen Morris, Regional Executive Joe Orrico, Regional Competition Director Cliff Harris, Regional Membership Director / Webmaster Ellis Chee, Regional Treasurer Cindy Orrico, Regional Secretary

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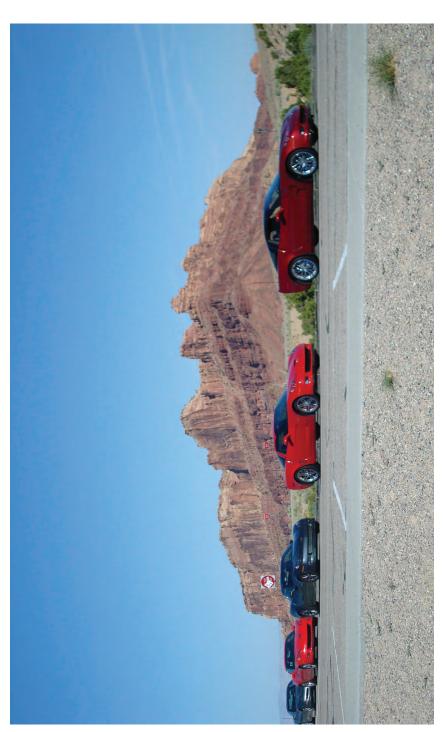
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