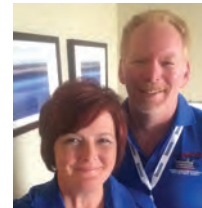


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# From the President

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Welcome to WARM WEATHER! I keep thinking about Global Warming? What is with all this snow and ice this past winter? I think we need to move the February Governors meeting where it is warmer! How about Hawaii? Not sure our National Treasurer would like that with the travel expense! Might have to make the meeting more than a week end!

Coming up this August is the NCCC 56th Annual Convention August 22nd -27th. Dave Walter and his team of workers have a great program planned for everyone attending. If you have not registered yet, there is still time to do so. Don't miss the experience and good times you will have visiting the Pocono's. This is a beautiful area and lots to do with and without your Corvette. I have always enjoyed Convention and made life long friends there. If you

don't try it, you'll never know what you are missing!

This year NCCC and the Indiana Region are hosting the Autocross Event at the new location for the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on June 25th -29th. NCCC member Guy Larsen owns the BG show and has invited NCCC to host the Autocross. This is great exposure for NCCC and many of the attendees are not members of NCCC. This will introduce many to all the good things NCCC offers. The NCCC Charity will also attend supporting Raffle sales for NKF and Membership. There has never been a NCCC event at this kind of venue before. Make sure you attend if possible and support the Indiana Region and NCCC. This is all good for NCCC.

The February Governors meeting business was conducted with Officers Reports and Officers Appointments. All the committees who work behind the scenes for all NCCC members to benefit from were also appointed. Under new business, a proposal was presented and passed to support the National Corvette Museum with a "Garage Sponsorship" at the NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green KY. The NCCC logo will be attached to the Garage for all to see. This is great exposure for NCCC since many people who use the new facility do not belong to NCCC. The Garages are to be completed by the end of April. On Memorial Day weekend this year, East Tennessee CC will be hosting the first NCCC event held at the MSP. Please come down and see the new garages, the NCCC logo, and the Low and High Speed events. Many NCCC Members, Clubs, and Regions supported the building of the track by sponsoring an acre. The Indiana Region is also hosting an event there September 19th and 20th, 2015.

My oldest sister once told me that money is replaceable. She said you can always get more money. What we cannot get is more time. There is only so much of that. Don't miss out on all that NCCC has to offer you as a member. Before you know it, time will run out. And then, who gets the Corvette?

*Dave Heinemann*



# JOIN US IN THE POCONOS!

For the 2015 NCCC National Corvette Convention  
To be held at Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony, Pa.  
Saturday August 22 thru Thursday August 27, 2015  
Activities include an indoor Corvette show on Sunday,  
Rallye and Picnic at the lake with games on Monday.  
The activity will move to Pocono Raceway Tuesday for  
the high and low speed events and tours of the track.  
Wednesday there will be Drags at Numidia Dragway.  
Thursday is golf, convention awards and final dinner.  
During the week there will be a National Champions  
dinner and a theme ( TBA ) dinner at the resort.  
There are committees working on local trips and tours.  
Corvettes at Carlisle starts Friday and is 2 hours away.  
Updated information will be at [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

## Join us in the Poconos for our 2015 National Convention

The host hotel is the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, PA. Our hotel contract will include three days prior to and after the convention days for you to enjoy the room rate of \$99.00 plus local taxes, so you can take advantage of an early visit or late stay at the discounted rate.

Check-in time is after 11:00am. Check-out time is before 11:00am.

Note: This rate is only for those registered for the NCCC convention. Also, for the registrants, the hotel will provide a discount for selected items if you are wearing your convention badge.

There are several different room choices available. The Galleria rooms are at the location for the concours, starting point for the rallye and most activities. Other rooms are available that are still on site, but may be a mile away from the previously mentioned activities. The Lodge is near the area where the picnic, funkhana and valve cover races will be held. The Willow Brook is about a mile from the Galleria and is not adjacent to convention activities. If you have a room location preference, identify them when you make your hotel reservations.

There is ample parking for tow rigs as well as Corvettes around the Galleria. If you plan to use a tow vehicle, please identify such during convention registration.

The hotel has a full indoor water park as well as a movie theatre and an ice cream parlor. No youth program is planned. However, if you want to make this a family vacation, Split Rock has a number of activities available for youth during the day. Children from 3 to 16 years of age are permitted in the Hospitality Room and can receive soft drinks and snacks. They may accompany you to most functions but are not permitted in the evening adult parties without a parent or guardian.

Tucked into the Pocono Mountains, there are opportunities for white water rafting, kayaking and canoeing near the Resort.

The host hotel has a 27-hole challenging golf course with undulating fairways, water hazards and spectacular view.

**Convention Registration:** The best way to complete the convention registration form is to do so online. Complete details can be found at [corvettesnccc.org](http://corvettesnccc.org). Registration will open February 1, 2015. Convention registration prices are per person and are date sensitive. The earlier you register, the greater the discount you will receive with breakpoints on April 1 and June 1.

There will be a link to Corvettes at Carlisle for a gate pass and preferred parking.

# 2015 NCCC Pocono Convention Tentative Schedule (02-07-2015)

## Saturday August 22

Registration and Tech  
Concours Move In & Setup  
Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
Welcome Party

## Sunday August 23

Registration, Tech & Day passes  
Concours Judging  
Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
National Awards Ceremony

## Monday August 24

Day Pass by appointment  
Rallye followed by a Picnic  
Funkhana & Valve Cover Races  
Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
Casino Evening Bus Trip

## Tuesday August 25

Day pass by appointment  
Numedia Dragway  
Matching Time Trials  
Bracket Drags  
Record Drags  
Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
Wine Trail Evening Bus Trip

## Wednesday August 26

Day Pass by appointment  
Pocono Raceway  
High Speed – 2.5 mile Road Course  
Low Speed – Infield Road Course  
Tour the Triangle at Noon  
OR Day Trip to NYC, Hudson River Cruise

Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
Country Western Party

## Thursday August 27

Day Pass by appointment  
Golf Outing  
OR Bus trip to Yuengling Brewery & Jerry's Collectable Cars  
Hospitality Room & Corvette Mall  
Final dinner with NKF Corvette Drawing

## Friday August 28

**Corvettes at Carlisle** – is the major Corvette event on the east coast and is only two hours from the host hotel. This is not part of the NCCC convention but the convention schedule has been tailored to permit those attending convention to also attend Corvettes at Carlisle beginning Friday.





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The Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta have just completed a fundraiser for the Gwinnett Community Clinic, with the assistance of Norman Freid, MD. The fundraiser, over a 6 month period, was a raffle for a golf cart, donated by Kart Guys in Loganville. The Corvette Cruisers presented a check for \$10,000 to the Gwinnett Community Clinic in December 2014. You can see the winner of the golf cart and Dr Freid on the club's web site, [www.corvettecruisersofatlanta.com](http://www.corvettecruisersofatlanta.com).

Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta formed 6 years ago and is charity driven. Earlier this year they donated \$2,500 to the City of Lawrenceville, through Paws Alive, for vests and other miscellaneous equipment for their patrol canines. And over \$5,000 to Belinda Lamb, totally disabled since birth, to help with the family van repairs and a new medical bed at her home. They are already working on their fundraiser plans for 2015, including an all Corvette show at the Old Towne Tavern next April, for a family's father who is totally disabled from a tragic fall at their home, while performing outside yard work. Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta thanks Olde Towne Tavern. They have been very supportive over the years.

The Gwinnett Community Clinic serves primarily Gwinnett County tax payers, but is open to the surrounding counties as well. For more information visit [www.gwinnettcommunityclinic.org](http://www.gwinnettcommunityclinic.org)

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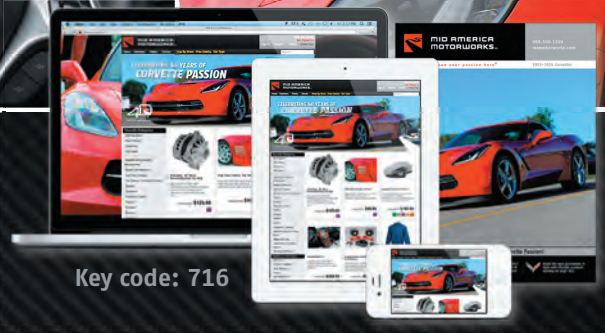
If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions, it is important that you notify NCCC of these changes. You can do contact your Regional Membership Director or, in the case of members-at-large, the Vice President Membership, Stephen Johnson. (Stephen's contact information can be found on the "2014 Executive Board" page and RMD contact information can be found in the "Regional News" section of this magazine.)

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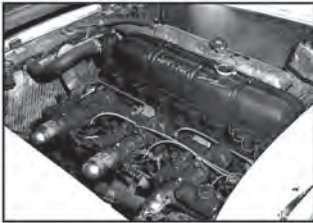
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And speaking of a great bunch of people – in this issue of Blue Bars you will find featured the top 15 women, men, and clubs for 2014. Making it to the top 15 takes a tremendous dedication of effort, time, and, of course, money. Join me in congratulating all of these individuals and clubs and especially your National Champions: Mary Wentzel, Howard Curtis, and the Cornhusker Corvette Club. They truly exemplify the spirit of the NCCC competition program.

At the November Governors meeting, your club governors voted in favor of a new rulebook for 2015 and 2016. The Competition Committee put this proposal together after many, many hours of work and believes that it will enhance the competition program and encourage new participation. We thank you for your support and fully understand that you, the members of NCCC, have entrusted the Competition Committee with the responsibility of the future of the program. The committee takes this responsibility seriously and

will continue to monitor results and participation to insure that we have moved in the right direction.

I hope you are looking forward to the 2015 NCCC Convention in the Pennsylvania Poconos. The East Region has been hard at work putting the plans in place for a great time for you. Whatever your interests may be – competitive events, parties, wine tours, or just relaxing, you will have fun. I'll see you there.

*Dale Samuelson*

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Class	Time	Index	Mens Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set	Class	Time	Index	Ladies Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set
<b>Group 3</b>													
DPA	9.01	9.28	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03	LDPA	9.83	10.13	Dolores Barnwood	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
DPB	9.73	10.03	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	08/13/09	LDPB	10.05	10.35	Vicki Burgess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
DPC	7.66	7.89	Carl Mover	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LDPD	11.30	11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF	10.20	10.20				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
RPB	9.97	10.27	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRPB	10.57	10.89	Sylvia Heidridge	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
A	9.98	10.28	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LA	10.60	10.92	Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
B	9.70	10.28	Jerry Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-523 Archway CC 2014	10/04/14	LB	10.31	10.62	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
E	10.90	11.42	Scott Mathusen	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	05/27/13	LE	11.09	11.43	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
H		11.42				01/01/97	IH		11.42				01/01/97
K		11.42				12/10/05	IK		11.42				12/10/05
N	11.23	11.34	David Ocker	Top of the Rockies CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2012	05/29/12	LN		11.88				05/01/09
CLM	10.12	10.43	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.32	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
<b>Group 2</b>													
A	10.90	11.23	Sian Diefreickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	LA	10.61	10.93	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
B	11.34	11.57	Larry Walker	Boone Trail CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LB	11.70	12.06	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.17	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.03	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.12	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	LD	11.92	12.28	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
E	12.69	13.08	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	LE	12.69	13.08	Ananda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.24				01/01/93	LF		12.24				01/01/93
G	13.04	13.17	Jim Thomas	Northern Illinois CC	NCCC Convention	06/28/12	LG		13.26				01/01/93
H	12.29	12.67	Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	12.34	12.59	Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2011	05/30/11
J	11.85	12.07	Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14	LJ	11.88		Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14
K	11.76	12.07	Joe Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	10/27/13	LK	12.71		Cathy Anthony	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	10/27/13
M	11.01	11.52	Travis Lochthead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LM		11.42				12/10/05
N		11.03				05/01/09	LN		11.03				05/01/09
CLA	12.92	13.31	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	LCLA	14.28	14.71	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	13.83	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99	LCL	13.67	14.08	Jeanie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
<b>Group 1</b>													
A	12.43	12.81	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08	LA	12.75	13.14	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08
AA	13.13	13.53	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00	LAA	14.73	15.18	Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
B	13.45	13.86	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04	LB	14.10	14.53	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01
C	13.20	13.47	Paul Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club 2010	10/09/10	LC	14.11	14.54	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
D	13.96	14.38	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LD	14.08	14.51	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
E	13.45	13.86	Dale Acker	Competition Conv OK	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LE	13.75	14.17	Sharon Meesman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07
F		12.75				01/01/93	LF		12.75				01/01/93
G	13.31		Paul Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14	LG	13.55		Jennie Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14
H	12.91		Brett Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-143 COAST 2014	10/19/14	LH	13.00		Mary Anne Kolb	Tin Hall Toys	SW-143 COAST 2014	10/19/14
J	12.50	12.75	Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LJ	12.64	13.02	Glenda Brown	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
K	12.03		Martin Phillips	Oklahoma City CC	SW-143 COAST 2014	10/19/14	LK	12.15		Mary Anne Kolb	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	10/27/13
M	11.73		Travis Lochthead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-143 COAST 2014	10/19/14	LM		11.73				12/10/05
N		11.33				05/01/09	LN		11.33				05/01/09
CLA	14.65	15.09	Jim Schweit	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	LCLA	15.44	15.91	Stu Schweit	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.26	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.77	Terrl Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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# FROM THE VP MEMBERSHIP



Another long winter seemed to settle in over much of the country from December into March and many of us were wondering if we'd be able to take out our Corvettes during that time. Our members who are fortunate enough to live in the Florida Region, Southwest Region or even West Coast Region can pretty much count on

enough sunshine and clear roads to enjoy America's favorite sports car year round. I was brave enough to take the cover off my 1994 Blackrose coupe a few times between the southern New Jersey snow storms to get out for a drive.

Our membership numbers at the end of February were a bit down from last year; just about 17,000 members. That was around 700 fewer than this time in 2014, but we always know that our membership fluctuates from the end of fall renewals and into the spring. We had 247 clubs at the end of renewals, down from 263 at the start of renewals, but one of our West Region clubs renewed their members and re-activated their club. "Welcome Back."

We know that there are non-NCCC Corvette clubs out there who enjoy their cars and clubs activities as much as we do. However, we need to seek out those non-NCCC clubs and their members to show them the benefits of NCCC membership. The discounts, the activities, the insurance liability coverage, the competition with car shows and speed events, as well as the cruises and eat-n-rides are things we all can enjoy.

Our Youth members and FCOA members will one day become old enough to become Primary members and have their own Corvettes. Our Enthusiast members may also purchase a Corvette one day and be able to park the Mustang, Porsche or Camaro. The people who visit the National Corvette Museum will see our display and contact us. The person who enrolls in the High Performance Driving Event the Museum hosts will surely see NCCC members at the event and want to find out more about us. The local weekend cruise-in is always a "target rich environment" for new members.

Our Lifetime members who are in need of a new card should contact me so I can order your "new and improved" card. No one should again be asked at an event what the black card is. Our yearly cards and the Lifetime member cards look great!

Our members need to keep their club governors informed about any address, email, or contact information changes. Membership packets that end up getting returned due to inaccurate addresses gets frustrating and another packet must be sent to the correct address. The club governors are asked by the Regional Membership Directors to keep our members' information up to date for Blue Bars issues, membership packets and emails. I even had one governor contact me two years ago about one of his members not receiving his Blue

Bars issues. It turned out his address was incorrect AND he had not renewed his membership for the next year.

Spring has sprung once again and it's Corvette season. Drive safely, spread the good news and we hope to see you very soon at Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis, the Poconos, the next NCCC event or perhaps the weekend cruise-in.

*Steve Johnson*

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT for FEB. 27, 2015						
REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MALS	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN THE REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	10	249	20	23	CAROLINA CORVETTES	73
East Ohio Region	14	1072	30	169	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	232
East Region	26	1995	59	283	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	223
Florida Region	18	1424	37	248	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	330
Indiana Region	19	1178	18	124	CORVETTE INDY	202
Michigan Region	16	998	16	228	CORVETTE CLUB of MICHIGAN	178
Midwest Region	29	2192	30	475	CORVETTE CLUB of ILLINOIS	189
Northeast Region	6	208	12	45	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	88
Northwest Region	2	228	1	1	CLASSICAL GLASS CORVETTE CLUB OF TACOMA	125
Rocky Mountain Region	7	495	10	57	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	187
Roadrunner Region	13	797	15	64	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	116
Southeast Region	15	1225	11	125	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	318
Southwest Region	19	1239	38	128	TULSA VETTE SET	291
West Coast Region	24	1798	25	126	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	189
West Ohio Region	7	317	15	53	CORVETTE TROY	107
West Region	22	1576	15	359	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	372
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>16991</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>2508</b>		
Total Members Number Includes MALS and 8 Honorary Members						
<b>NCCC HAS 333 LIFETIME MEMBERS</b>						
					Steve Johnson	
					VP of Membership	



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ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB	MW-470	100
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HAMPTON ROADS CORVETTE CLUB	ER-343	15

Club Name	Club #	# of Members
TEXAS COMPETITION CORVETTE CLUB	SW-569	15
CROSSED FLAGS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-205	14
NEWPORT HARBOR CORVETTES	WC-180	14
MOUND CITY CORVETTE CLUB	EO-057	14
HEARTLAND CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WR-427	14
CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY	SW-468	13
CORNERSTONE CORVETTE CLUB OF CARROLL COUNTY	ER-535	13
INDIANAPOLIS CORVETTE CLUB	IN-103	13
CHEVY'S UNDER GLASS	CA-203	13
PLASTIC CARS, LTD.	CA-238	13
MID COAST CORVETTE CLUB	SW-170	13
CLASSIC CORVETTE CLUB OF MARYLAND	ER-546	12
MEDINA CORVETTE CLUB	EO-116	12
LIVING THE DREAM CORVETTE CLUB	ER-591	12
STREET DREAMS CORVETTE CLUB	ER-592	12
CINCINNATI CORVETTE CLUB	WO-018	12
CONNECTICUT MILITARY CORVETTE CLUB	NE-593	12
NORTHWEST INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	IN-477	12
FASS GLASS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-538	11
DELCO ELECTRONICS CORVETTE CLUB	IN-107	11
TOWN & COUNTRY CORVETTE CLUB	SE-102	11
HURON VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	MI-043	11
SHIAWASSEE CORVETTE CLUB	MI-145	10
CORVETTE CANTON, INC	EO-258	10
TRI-VETTES, LTD.	NE-090	10
GREAT LAKES CORVETTE CLUB	MI-381	9
LAKESIDE CORVETTES	MW-333	8
SPARTANBURG CORVETTE CLUB	CA-177	8
CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS	RR-415	7
MUSCATINE CORVETTE CLUB	WR-151	7
SUN CITIES CORVETTE CLUB	SW-085	7
CORVETTE CHARLESTON	CA-161	7
PLATTE VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	WR-268	6
FUN CENTER CORVETTE CLUB, INC.	EO-104	6
C.O.A.S.T.	SW-143	6
FREE WHEELING CORVETTE CLUB	CA-220	6
CORVETTE CLUB OF COLUMBIA	CA-334	6
GREENVILLE CORVETTE CLUB, INC.	WO-244	6
WEST FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	FL-250	6

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



Well, we survived another winter in Northeast Ohio – I've lost count of the snow/cold days that schools lost this year...I don't know about you, but I'm craving some sunshine!

Please feel free to send articles and photos that you'd like to see in Blue Bars. They will be placed as space allows – we have to think in multiples of four pages, so sometimes just one little article/photo won't make it in.

My buddy, Sylvia, and I have worked hard in putting together this issue of Blue Bars – the process is getting easier – we hope you enjoy it!

See you at Convention 2015 in the Poconos!

*Elaine Heretta*

BlueBars@corvettesnccc.com

I know this is very late and should have been written long ago - like three or four years ago - as Ray has been gone for over five years now. But, I think that I finally have my head back on right and my brain working properly, and I felt I could, and should, do this now.



I want to thank everyone so very much that came and visited, sent cards, prayed and supported me in every way when Ray had his heart attack in Florida. Needless to say, Florida is not my favorite spot anymore. I especially want to tell everyone that came to the funeral parlor that I really appreciated them being there. Since it was the last week of racing, I only had him laid out for one day before the funeral, so anyone who came from Florida had a chance to get back. I thought it was just amazing that over 300 of you came to pay your respects in that one day. I just don't know how I can really thank all of you enough for everything you did. THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

All my love,

*Sharon Meesseman*

# FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



## Insurance Report:

Our 2015 year is well underway. We have been most fortunate to have had our Legacy Ins. Agency and Philadelphia Ins. Co. work together to provide all of our National, Regional, and Club officers with an additional \$4M D&O (Directors & Officers) Umbrella Policy on top of the \$2M D&O Policy we have

in place. They have provided this policy to us at a very reasonable price. This means we have gone from the \$1M coverage in 2014 to \$6M in 2015. This is what happens when we collectively operate and perform our business in a professional and ethical way. Thanks to all for your good work.

I get calls from a number of individuals asking insurance questions. When I ask if they have read the FAQs on the NCCC Website, I get responses like: “No.” “I wasn’t aware we have FAQs on the Website.” “Do we have a Website? How do I get on it?” Unfortunately, there are some members who either haven’t been properly informed, didn’t understand what they were being told and didn’t ask, or forgot about it. I ask everyone who knows how to get on the NCCC Website to make this a point at your club or regional meetings to take the time to educate the members. We put new club and regional officers in place who do not understand where to find information to share with their members. The FAQs are regularly updated. If you have a question after reading the FAQs as a member, ask your Governor if they know the answer. If the Governor doesn’t know, they are to contact me for an answer and respond back to you.

We are looking for another safe and successful year of Club, Region, & National events of all kinds throughout the United States without any incidents. I can ask no more of our members than to keep up the excellent attention you have given to provide a safe environment for yourself and everyone around you.

## Convention Steering Committee Report:

The 2015 Convention in the beautiful Pocono Moun-

tain area, located in Lake Harmony/Long Pond, PA, put on by the East Region is well underway. The Pocono Int’l Raceway will be a focal point for both the Low Speed & High Speed Autocrosses. Numida Drag Strip will be the venue for drag racing, and the Split Rock Resort in Long Pond, PA, will be the center of all the rest of the activities for the Rallye, Funkhana, Car Show, Entertainment, Parties, etc. You won’t want to miss what they have planned. We are having a great response in registrations and participation in all the events, trips, tours, etc. **See you there!!!!**

2016 Convention is hosted by the Cornhusker Corvette Club. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center just off of I-80 in West Omaha, NE. This is an ultra-modern facility with both hotels connected to the convention center. There is lots of concrete parking. Everyone will have four lanes to get there and a new four lane highway to RPM (Raceway Park of the Midlands) about 20 minutes away for the low and high speed events. **Everyone come ROARING INTO OMAHA IN 2016.**

2017 Convention is only two years away. At our Feb. 28, 2015, St. Louis Governors’ meeting, we had no bids received. It is extremely important bids be submitted by the Feb. or latest April meeting two years prior to the year of the convention bid. If you would like to consider this, please go to the NCCC Website under the Convention section and see what is necessary to submit a bid proposal, or contact me. It takes a lot of planning, preparation, support, sponsorship, etc. to put on a convention!

**This goes for all future conventions in 2017, 2018 .....**

**Thank you all for your support and have another happy and safe year in 2015.**

*Jack Wilson*

BusinessManager@corvettesnccc.com

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



Hello to all Corvette enthusiasts! This is my first *Blue Bars* report and am getting involved with all the activities associated with position of Public Relations. There are so many tools available within the Public Relations tool box to promote NCCC. If you are not familiar with all we have at your disposal, take a few minutes and log on to the NCCC web site and click on Public Relations. Once there, you can review each of our outreach programs.

**Displays:** The displays were updated at the end of 2014 with the addition of a dual-banner unit that can be used both indoors and outdoors. This unit is very similar to the pull up banner display we have had for some time and many of you have used for your events. The new two-sided banner adds versatility to how the unit can be utilized at your event. In addition to the two banners, we still have one table top unit after retiring the one damaged table top unit. A full description and photos of each of the three units are included on the web page.

**Social Media:** NCCC has pages on both *Facebook* and *LinkedIn*. In fact, on *Facebook*, we have a page to promote NCCC and also a page to promote the 2015 Convention. If you haven't visited these pages, I personally extend an invitation to visit our pages and help promote NCCC simply by clicking on the "like" button. I also would encourage you to like or comment when you see a post about one of our local clubs or NCCC on other *Facebook* pages and posts.

**PR Offerings:** I'm sure each of us have had the question posed to us from a non-NCCC member, "What is the value of NCCC?". Well, we have the answer with our "*Why NCCC*" documents. "*Why*

NCCC "is a great instrument to use by your local club and region. There are two versions for you to choose from; one for printing to use as a hand-out, the other is a presentation format. Take some time to look these over and I believe you will agree they are a "must have" to share with others and help promote NCCC.

In addition to the above, the Public Relations web page also lists and provides illustrations of the advertising and the publications where the ads have been placed. We can each serve as ambassadors of NCCC and can help promote the organization as we move in our daily world – both at events, with friends and as you share your Corvette experiences on Social Media. Let's continue working together to grow our membership! I look forward to working with everyone. Let me know if you have any suggestions.

*Denny Luther*

PublicRelations@corvettesnccc.com



*Plan a proper homcoming*

Corvette Clubs who choose to visit the Museum for a special "Club Weekend" can experience the Museum in a totally unique way. Our team can assist with customizing your trip to suit your club's interest and schedule.

### Club Visit Package

This special package includes a guided NCM tour, Plant tour, boxed lunch from the Corvette Cafe and special commemorative hard card with lanyard. Ask about adding on some laps at the NCM Motorsports Park! **\$20 Museum Members / \$25 Non-Members**

For more information on club visits, log on to [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org)

To book your trip, contact Stephanie Morrill at [stephanie@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:stephanie@corvettemuseum.org) | 270.467.8837

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



The NCCC Sponsorship Program is ever changing and we have some new “faces” among the crowd for 2015. Companies such as Michelin North America, Mid America Motorworks, Zip Products, Corvette America, Corvette Central, XCEL Credit Union, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, Legacy Insurance, Hagerty Insurance, Bloomington

Gold, and Autoanything.com have signed up once again to be part of the sponsorship team for NCCC. These companies have been very loyal to our organization and we appreciate their continued support. Their involvement with NCCC varies from advertising in print and on the web site to support of the annual convention to participation with the NCCC Charity Program and the Scholarship Program to working with FCOA so their activities with us reach into areas that can be beneficial to all members.

Michelin North America will be involved with convention by providing a Ride and Drive event at the Pocono Raceway as well as sponsoring the High Speed event at the convention. Mid America Motorworks will be an active participant at the convention events as well as providing support for a NCCC scholarship and helping with FCOA. Our friends at Zip Products are active in advertising, will be a sponsor of the rally at the convention, and sponsor our annual web site contest. Corvette America enjoys participating with the convention activities as a general sponsor and we can count on that same support from Corvette Central. XCEL Credit Union continues to advertise with us and I hope some of you are taking advantage of the great rates that they have. The insurance group is “covered” with participation from Legacy, our NCCC insurance company and Hagerty, who provides some great deals on specialty car insurance. Bloomington Gold is advertising with us and providing a space for NCCC to set up “shop” at the Bloomington Gold event in June but more about that later. And last but not least, Autoanything.com still wants to sell you car parts for a variety of vehicles. Check them out on the Discounts for NCCC page of the NCCC web site.

The first of the new faces is not new in the Corvette world but new in participating with NCCC. Corvettes of Carlisle, as part of Carlisle Events, will be advertising with us for the first time and how appropriate since their HUGE event takes place the day after convention is over ( actually the last day of convention) and is just a mere 1 1/2 hour drive away. If you have never been to Carlisle, take this opportunity to stop by and spend some time ( and money) with the numerous vendors at this annual showcase. Corvettes EVERYWHERE! To quote Lance Miller, “Life is Good” at Carlisle.

The next new face is a company name Novistretch and they produce performance protective covers for your front bumper and side mirrors. They are anxious to be part of NCCC and display

their new product at convention as well as participating with advertising in BLUE BARS and our web site and we are glad to have them. Andy and Harold Holeman may be familiar to some of you. especially if you purchased items from C5 Creations. The father and son team have a new product that they are excited to share with us.

And last but not least, this company is not new to NCCC, but has been working on other things the past few years. However, Eckler’s is alive and well and anxious to be involved with NCCC again. They will have some participation with convention and have a few new ideas that are unique. Eckler’s will be providing a calendar for 2016 for each primary member that will include photos that have been used in BLUE BARS. Eckler’s will be offering a special sale for each region during the week of October 4-11, 2015. Your region will be given a code to utilize for online orders. You, as a member, will receive 10% off any online order and your region will receive 5% in total sales from online orders that will be awarded as gift certificates to be used in your region. More detailed information will be provided at the NCCC Governor’s meeting in April so check with your Regional Officers for more specifics. Information will also be.... on the web site, of course.

The Bloomington Gold event has a new home this year, at the Indy 500 track, June 25-27, 2015 and NCCC will be involved with a speed event. We will also have a space in the Garage area, GG32, to be specific, so drop by, check out our display, visit with prospective members and buy a raffle ticket for the 2015 that will be given away at convention. Oh, and you can always volunteer to help!! It is a new location and sounds like a great event. My thanks to Guy Larsen with Bloomington Gold for donating the ad space for NCCC in the Bloomington Gold Review.

Convention in the Poconos will be a great event and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Due to the timing and location, we should see more vendors as they head toward the Corvettes of Carlisle event. Dave Walter and Joe Vasta have organized a great week of activities, social and competitive, for all members so take some vacation time and join us. It is always great to make new friends and renew previous friendships at this annual event.

As announced at the February Governor’s meeting, there is no change in the status of the 2014, 2015 GM Corvette logos and trademarks. I continue to try to gather additional information to pass on to the members and club officers.

Plans are being made to participate in the Mid America Motorworks Funfest event for 2015 in Effingham, IL. Dates for the event are September 17-20 and the list of activities seems to grow each year. The Yager family does a great job in providing a full 3 days of events that include a fun run, display show, club activities, displays of their vendors, automotive industry experts, and of course the Saturday night concert. Always a fun event!

Lots of activities, locally and nationally, for NCCC members to be involved in. Enjoy your car, enjoy your friends and club members- that is what NCCC is all about!

*Debbie Lindsey*

Sponsorship@corvettesnccc.com



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

**LESSON #1:** FCOA (FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN.) is the youth organization of NCCC. It's a unique "Corvette Club for kids" formed to interest the younger generation in the Corvette hobby. This is the generation that is the Corvette enthusiast of the 21st century! FCOA members are the foundation of NCCC's future and hopefully FCOA members will join NCCC as a Youth Member when they have their 16th birthday!

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Pat Kelly*, FCOA Director

# \*\*\*\*\*FCOA LOGO CLOTHING FOR KIDS\*\*\*\*\*



It's easy to order FCOA logo clothing items for your favorite FCOA members! FCOA items are also available at Governors Meetings & NCCC's Convention. Youth t-shirts are either 100% pre-shrunk cotton or heather ash 99% pre-shrunk cotton/1% polyester. Onesie & infant sizes are white 100% soft cotton. Questions???? Contact Dennis or Gene Patrick at dpatrick48@aol.com or 614-860-0137. See pictures on [www.corvettesnccc.org/FCOA1.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/FCOA1.html)

*All prices include \$3 mailing cost ~ allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Make your check payable to Dennis Patrick and send with the order form to:*

Dennis & Gene Patrick ~ 7214 Fox Lake Drive ~ Blacklick OH 43004-9545

## FCOA LOGO CLOTHING ORDER FORM

QUANTITY	ITEM	SIZE	PRICE	TOTAL COST
	FCOA white bib	Large w/velcro closure	\$14	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Infant 6 month	\$15	\$
	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	\$

MAILING INFORMATION (please print):

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, 9-digit Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of questions please also provide e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*BLUE BARS 2015-2*

## FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**\$10.00 one-time Membership Fee**

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

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



**Applicant:** (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  boy  girl

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-digit Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information:**

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

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

NCCC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

QUESTIONS????? E-mail FCOAkids@aol.com or call 262-971-5046

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

<i>Office Use Only:</i>	Date Received:	Check #
<i>Blue Bars 2015-2</i>	FCOA Number Assigned:	Date Packet Sent:

## FCOA Membership Count by Region as of March 7, 2015

REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-2015	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 03-07-2015	# MEMBERS 02-28-2014	% INCREASE 02-14/03-15	CLUB WITH THE MOST FCOA MEMBERS IN EACH REGION	# FCOA MEMBERS
CAROLINA	23	0	23	0	23	23	0.00%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	9
EAST	287	0	287	-4	283	303	-6.60%	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	44
EAST OHIO	171	0	171	-2	169	170	-0.59%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	33
FLORIDA	248	1	249	-1	248	252	-1.59%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	101
INDIANA	121	5	126	-1	125	120	4.17%	IN-513 HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	26
MICHIGAN	234	6	240	-8	232	245	-5.31%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	49
MIDWEST	475	4	479	-4	475	489	-2.86%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	183
NORTHEAST	45	0	45	0	45	47	-4.26%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CC	5
NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
ROADRUNNER	64	1	65	-1	64	68	-5.88%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	28
ROCKY MTN	57	0	57	0	57	58	-1.72%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	22
SOUTHEAST	121	6	127	0	127	126	0.79%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	69
SOUTHWEST	129	1	130	-2	128	134	-4.48%	SW-055 COWTOWN & SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY (TIE)	30
WEST	364	5	369	-7	362	389	-6.94%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	126
WEST COAST	125	1	126	0	126	131	-3.82%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	28
WEST OHIO	54	0	54	-1	53	59	-10.17%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2519</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2549</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>2518</b>	<b>2615</b>	<b>-3.71%</b>		

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

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

Look how many FCOA members turned 16 already this year!  
Have you encouraged them to be Youth Members of your club?

website: [www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html)

**Pat Kelly, FCOA Director**

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

Also check out the information about FCOA apparel & books!



# #1- 2014 Ladies Champion Mary Wentzel

Corvette Club of Michigan/Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1979 (Lifetime Member)

I've been competing since the Mid 80's in SCCA with 10 National SCCA Championships in Corvettes and one championship in Dan Livesey's Camaro from California. I didn't start running very many NCCC events until the late 1980's early 1990's.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014 was making many new friends and seeing how other regions run their events. A special thanks to Cliff Payne and Fran Beach for their continued support and hospitality through the years. It was nice racing throughout the fall and early winter down south. I did enjoy running our 1986 Corvette against Betty Parks. She is one of the most fantastic competitors that I know and a terrific lady. It was also enjoyable running our 2002 Black Z06 with over 249,000 miles on it near the end of the season. We bought it from the estate of Ted Godett and it was his daily driver. It was not my intent to run for #1, but I enjoyed the many week-ends of racing. This is the first time I have been #1 in NCCC.

A special congratulations to Howard Curtis for his second #1 first place. He did a great job and attended lots of events. I guess racing is just in your blood. Also, congratulations to all the other Top 15 competitors. Thanks to Linda & Dave Goebel for their continued support.

If I had it to do all over again, I would start running earlier in the season. This cold snowy weather is not fun. I know my husband says... travel less.

My plans for the future are to compete in events as time will allow.

A special thanks to all the workers at all the events for volunteering their time and efforts to put on events. None of this would be possible without them. Also, thanks to my husband, Bruce, for his continued support... tire changing, filling the gas tank and general upkeep on our Corvettes. We don't intend to run as many events in 2015. It is great joining the past lady champions.



# #2

## Betty Parks

Corvette Atlanta / Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1974

I've been competing since: 1975

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014 was spending weekends with our extended Corvette family across the country. As usual, we traveled to all Southeast events, and most (if not all) Florida, Carolina and Indiana Regions events. We did attend a Midwest weekend – returning to Rantoul, IL. Competition was quite fierce all year but soon forgotten when the tailgating began.

I was fortunate to assist the Murphy's with the 2014 NCCC Convention. It was a blast having the opportunity to showcase our favorite track - Roebing Road Raceway and showing off our Southern hospitality!

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

My plans for the future include enjoying and spoiling the three grand boys as much as we can during the week and spend the weekends with our Corvette family. Isn't that how you're supposed to spend your retirement?!!



# #3

## Chris Reitz

Route 66 Corvette Club/Midwest Region

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

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014 was getting to know some of the new (or new to me) racers from outside the Midwest Region better and traveling and competing with so many of our friends. The parking lot parties are so much fun! Walking, walking and more walking with my Fitbit buddies.

If I had to do it all over again, I would not change a single thing. It was another great race season.

My plans for the future include Tom and I competing at our favorite places in the company of as many of our friends as possible. We may even throw in a new venue or two.

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.

Congratulations to Howard Curtis and Mary Wentzel on being our Champions for 2014. Howard is inspiring to me in that I will still be as active in racing as he is when I grow up.

Just prior to the writing of this, I experienced the tremendous family love and support of this organization first hand. I will be forever grateful that a car has brought so many fantastic people into my life. The motto "Come for the Car, Stay for the People" could never be more appropriate than for this outstanding group of individuals whom I have come to love, respect and cherish. I can't thank you enough for your love and support.



# #4

## Linda Goebel

East Tennessee Corvette Club/Southeast Region

I first joined NCCC in 1971 to compete with our Corvette. This is the 5th year in a row I have been in the top 15 Ladies. I am a member of East Tennessee Corvette Club (3<sup>rd</sup> year in the top 10) and the Southeast Region.

Congratulations to everyone in the top 15, especially Mary and Howard. We all spent so much time together. It was another great year of fun times, parties and events. We have made many new friends each and every year. The lifelong friendships are far more important to all of us than any awards or recognition for being in the Top 15.

I want to acknowledge everyone who made the Convention in Savannah the FUN HIGHLIGHT of the year. What a great place to enjoy our Corvettes, our Corvette family AND enjoy a unique old city with wonderful food and attractions. A special thank you to everyone who put on the more than 200 events I attended. Without you, none of this would be possible.

My “what would I do different” two years ago was, “Don’t hit so many pylons! Workers – I promise”. Last year, I said “If you don’t want them knocked over you have two choices – don’t let me run or space them out A LOT!” That was more accurate.

This was the worst “stay indoors” winter in years. I am more than ready to get the next season started! We plan to travel further distances when possible in 2015. Three years ago, I wished for more horsepower. It will happen in 2015! Look out pylons, fast ladies are looking for you!



# #5

## Beth Waters

Irish Hills Corvette Club / Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 2011

I've been competing since: 2012

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: meeting new friends and spending time with my husband

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Not a thing.

My plans for the future are: Continue competing and making new friends along the way





# #6

## Teresa “Bamagirl” Eller

Cornhusker CC/West Region

I’ve been an NCCC member since 2004 - also began competing in 2004

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: It was just a ton of fun. Joe and I were able to take our 4 year old grandson racing with us and he was bit by the Vette bug. Hanging with my sisters from another mother and the big brothers I never wanted till I got them. Competing with the NCCC family isn’t like anything you will ever do in life. If you have never tried it, you should. If you are a lady, I don’t want to hear “I can’t do it.” I know a lot of ladies that do it every weekend and we all had to start on the first race. Harold House once told me that Auto crossing is like tossing a rock in a pond - the bigger the rock, the more ripples it makes. I didn’t understand it till I ran for the top 15 and realized the more I raced, the more friends I got caught in my Ripples. If you stay in your club events or region events, you will never get to see the big splash. This is the only thing you will ever do in your life that age, sex and races don’t matter. We have ladies that kick everyone’s butt and we have people 16-80 years old. I have seen the power of friendship and love in this group of people and if you have been racing a year or 30+ years, you are one of us. We are all Blessed to have each other.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: I would have all my Racing friends live in the same town with a huge track to play on in the back yard. None of our cars would ever have problems, nor would we ever have a sick day.

My plans for the future are: To keep playing with my extended family on the weekends and making my ripples Bigger and Bigger. I hope to have a few more PJ days with some Close friends with maybe a little Sweet Tea in the pool on a hot summer day.



# #7

## Mary Anne Kolb

Tin Hall Toys/ Southwest Region

Larry and I joined NCCC through Longhorn Corvette Club in 1984. They were such an enthusiastic bunch and eager to add competitors to their group. We loved the people and decided we could do that. For several years, we did all the local things and all the activities that the club offered. In 1989, the Convention was in New Orleans and we traveled with a large group from the Southwest Region for our first convention with our ‘74. Wow, what a trip. We did everything and had the best of times. When we came home, Larry was so hooked. He went out and found an old pieces and parts ‘66. When he was done, we had our “Little Red Corvette.” We loved that car. In 1996, we joined Tin Hall Toys. We competed in the region and attended the conventions until we crashed it into a wall at TMS. Larry worked on getting the car back together for several years and shortly after he completed it, Larry passed away. The end of a beautiful 45-year era for me, but I will always treasure the wonderful memories. In 2008, my friend Tracy Gaudu convinced me that I should get out and race with her and I did. I found with the help of all my friends in the SWR I could do this. They are my family. In 2009, a big tall handsome man, aka Doc Lambert, came along and the rest has become history. We began racing together. The only question was “my car or yours.” He helped me set a drag record in 2010 (my car), 2012 (his car), 2014 (my car). I am one lucky lady. This is special because these were all done on my birthday. I turned 70 in 2010. Not bad for a mature lady.



Since Doc and I met, we have competed in our region and at conventions. This year we were visiting family in California and saw that the West Coast Region was having an event, so we joined in. What a wonderful group of people. When our regional events were completed, we saw we were in the national top 15, so we decided to go out and explore and see if we could retain our standing. We did better than we thought. We both were able to improve in our positions. I am so glad I did it. The month of November in the Southeast region was awesome and memorable. I met new people and I believe I have made lifelong friends.

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If I had the opportunity to do it again, I would do it again, but I think I would like to try to attend more out-of-region events. There so many people out there that I only see at convention and I would like to know them better.

In many ways, I am a very blessed person. I have a wonderful family and the best of friends. I want to thank Doc for being there for me. I could not have done this without him. He is one terrific man. This year, I lost two of my dearest friends, Ted Molenda and Larry Warrell. They were my big brothers and I will forever miss them. So my plans for the future are to make every day the best it can be and appreciate all I have, as I know there are no promises about tomorrow.

# #8

## Carolyn Samuelson

Northern Illinois Corvette Club/Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1979

I've been competing since: Racing competitively since 1980 and never want to quit.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: Racing and having fun with the competitors in the MW Region. I didn't travel nearly as much as 2013 and was fortunate enough to win the ladies Regional title. I especially enjoyed Convention in Savannah and competing at Roebling Road.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Had a great time and would not change anything.

My plans for the future are: Meet new friends and continue to do what I like best - racing my Z06 and drinking margaritas!! Also, to enjoy retirement and spend more time with my grandchildren. Always look forward to attending some new venues and Convention in the Poconos.



# #9

## Luann Morris

Plateau Corvette Club/ Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 2013

I've been competing since: Labor Day Weekend 2013

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: The awesome people I have met and making The Top 15!!!!!!!

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Getting my husband to get a tow hook installed before going to St. Augustine. He didn't make it to the swamp, but still had to be pulled out of the soft ground!

My plans for the future are: Continue to autocross.



# #10

## Joan Heinemann

Windy City Corvettes ~ Midwest Region

I have been an NCCC member since 1975.

I have been competing since the early 1980's.

I love traveling not only in the Midwest Region but also other regions for events. I would encourage everyone to take a year and travel to different events, not only in their region but in other regions. Dave and I had such a great time attending events in 2014. The NCCC family welcomes you to every event you attend. This year we traveled eight hours to run Rallies in Minnesota, we ventured to many Autocross events, we attended a number of Concours and People's Choice Car Shows (Dave does a great job cleaning the Corvette ~ I am very good at pointing out the smudges, finger prints and cone marks that he got!), and my favorite High Speed events at Putnam Park. Convention in Savannah was, of course, the highlight of the year. There were great events, parties, dinner on a cruise boat, and seeing all the sights in the Savannah area. The NCCC events are a big part of the year, but the best part of National Council of Corvette Clubs are the friends you meet, the parking lot get together, dinners and the different places you are able to visit around the USA! The events would not be possible without NCCC members who volunteer to work all the events throughout the year! Thank You to all those who work the events!

It is exciting being in the Top 15 again. It was not a goal for 2014, but I found myself being a passenger in a vehicle that was attending events all over the USA. I hope that I have the opportunity to continue traveling and attending events in the future. Only God knows what tomorrow will bring! I look forward to 2015, seeing old friends and meeting new friends!



# #11

## Jeannie Ruston

Oklahoma City Corvette Club/Southwest Region/Lifetime Member

Ron and I joined OCCC January of 1990, back in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century!

We became involved in the competition program by working and supporting our club and Southwest Region competitors at OCCC's Southern State Festival the summer of 1990. I learned a lot those years, by working, watching and talking to those members who competed. In '94, we started racing an '88 convertible and found I really enjoyed the driving, competition and the friends we were making along the way.



In 2014, Ron and I made the decision not to travel out of our home region; instead enjoyed our home tracks, friends and Saturday evening gatherings. Sure glad we did, as one of my favorite tracks is no longer available this year. One of the best parts of the year, we were still able to see our friends across the country at Convention and National meetings, as well as those who traveled into our region with a goal of finishing in the National Top 15. I set my personal goal to reach for Ladies #1 in Southwest Region and kept track of the National points to see where I was placing.

Thank you to Ron for taking care of Bullet and trailering us safely to and from each event. Thank you to family and friends who helped me (us) with a room at night, advice, encouragement and that last day when Bullet's shifter decided to let me know it had a mind of its own! Thanks to Ron and Doug, for a quick track repair, I was able to get back in and drive and complete my day.

I look back on the year with a smile and a grateful heart and wouldn't change a thing. Plans for the future, "keep on keep'n on enjoying family, friends and competition NCCC style."

Yes, Life is Good!

# #12

## Janet Wilson

Northern Illinois Corvette Club/Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991.

I am starting my 24th year competing since 1992.



What did I enjoy most about competing in 2014? All the weekend "road trips" with Jack to the events around the country in the 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 2015.

# #13

## Bonnie Goodson

Oklahoma City Corvette Club/Southwest Region

I became an NCCC member in 1982 and began competing that year.

Really enjoyed trying my hand at Roebing Road, Hallett, and the Waco Events.

If I could change something: my clutch (throw out bearing) wouldn't go away about mid season.

Hope to continue having fun with my car for some years to come.



# #14

## Kathy Gau

Cornhusker Corvette Club/West Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1999

I've been competing since: 1999

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: Traveling to races and visiting with all the friends we have made in NCCC.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: I would not change a thing!

My plans for the future are: Getting back on track to race more this year.

We appreciate all the hard work and efforts of the Clubs that sponsor events.



# #15

## Tammie Kleemeyer

Route 66 Corvette Club/Midwest Region

I have been an NCCC member since 2012. I started competing in August of 2013 with 2014 being my first full year of competition.

What fun it was! I had no idea how much fun racing and competing could be. I really enjoyed traveling to other regions and meeting new friends. The long road trips with my husband and best friend, Brian, were much more enjoyable since I started competing. I love being a part of this wonderful NCCC family.

If I had to do it all over again, what I would change would be to have started racing sooner.

I really can't express my gratitude enough to the NCCC workers and clubs for putting on the events all over the country. So, "Thank You"!

I would like to congratulate Mary Wentzel and Howard Curtis for being National Champions.



My plans for the future are to try harder and to learn more about autocrossing. Of course, keep traveling and meeting new people, making more memories and having lots of fun!



**#1**

**Howard J Curtis**

Elkhart Vette Set/Indiana Region

I have been an NCCC member since 1998

I have been competing since 2001

What I enjoyed the most about competing in 2014 was the journey. Meeting new members. Catching up with old friends. Having people walk up to me and say we know who you are even though we have never met. The support from all the Vette family. Moral support from my Club members. Making new friends and the help and support that I was given on the road. I feel like a Winner and that is different from a Champion.



If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is...Don't let people beat me..... or NOTHING !

My plans for the future are a little up in the air. I am 80 and have battled against Cancer (I'm on the mend) for the past six months. I will cut back a little on the Racing.....or maybe not. OR- go on a speaking Tour and tell how fast I used to be.

To NCCC the members and especially the Workers. Did I mention...THANK YOU for helping me be A WINNER !!



# #2

## Bruce Wentzel

Corvette Club of Michigan, a founding club of NCCC / Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1973

I've been competing since: 1964

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: Putting faces with names of people I've heard of but not met. Showing what a helluva car the Corvette is by flogging a Z06 with a quarter million miles and she kept on ticking .



If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Do less traveling, have more fun by taking Steve Cronberg's advice and not "chase points," not being victimized by old age and treachery, a battle I've never been on the youth side of before, LOL.

My plans for the future are: Do less traveling.

# #3

## Steve Cronberg

East Tennessee Corvette Club/ Southeast Region

I've been a NCCC member since: 2005

I've been competing since: 2012

2014 was much more relaxing with not trying to win the championship. What I enjoyed was being able to help people to become better drivers and watching everyone else compete.



2015 brings more fun and expanding my racing to another level. I look forward to seeing our family again this spring and trying to improve my driving. 2014 was GREAT. 2015 will be better.

# #4

## Dave Heinemann

Windy City Corvettes/Midwest Region

I've been a NCCC member since: 1975

I've been competing since: 1980

I decided in 2014 to try to be #1 Men's Competitor in the Midwest Region. I started in March attending every event I could within the MW Region. I had never been #1. I think I have been every place from #2 all the way to #30. When there was not an event within the Region. I traveled to several events outside the MW Region. I was gone every weekend March through October. I traveled with club members, other MWR club members, other NCCC members and friends to all the events. We stopped along the way at hotels, had breakfast, lunch, dinner and partied after the events with our fellow competitors.



Would I change anything....not a chance. I had good times and memories to last a lifetime. I finally became the #1 man in the Midwest Region.

I am glad Carolyn Samuelson runs with the ladies and not the men. I would then be #2 again. Along the way on my quest to be #1 man in the MWR, I acquired enough points to end up #4 in the Nation. WOW! And I had a blast along the way doing this and never expected to be #4 in the Top 15 of NCCC. What an Honor! And I got to do all this traveling with my best friend and lifelong partner, Joan. She sleeps while we travel to and from and I do all the talking. It's the only way I get to say anything! I am so glad that NCCC has a program that allows us to travel together to all kinds of different places with friends we have made in NCCC. Life doesn't get much better than this. We only have so much time here on earth, and I am fortunate to be able to do something we both enjoy. Thank you, National Council!!

Oh, my plans for the future? Well, that has kind of been decided for me by NCCC. In November of 2014, I was elected to the Presidency of NCCC. Will I still compete? Yes! Will I be MWR #1 man again? Maybe someday? Will you still see me out there somewhere? Yes! For 40 years, NCCC has been a HUGE part of our lives. In life, your Family should always be #1. Joan and I have our Family of five Children and their better halves and seven Grandchildren, and have grown to include all our Friends and Members of NCCC. NCCC has become our extended family and we love it. We are blessed!

Howard Curtis has a saying I love: "Don't let your memories be bigger than your DREAMS." Everyone in NCCC should practice this everyday of their lives.

In closing this Bio for 2014, I want to thank all the clubs and all the workers in all the Regions and NCCC for allowing us to have fun with our Corvettes. You are the BEST!

## #5

### David Waters

Irish Hills Corvette Club/Michigan

I've been an NCCC member since: 2011

I've been competing since: 2012

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: The camaraderie that NCCC brings.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Would have focused on racing more than other events.

My plans for the future are: To keep competing in Auto-X and making new friends from around the nation. Staying in touch with the ones I have met in 2014 - what a great group they are.



## #6

### Robert Hall

Flint Corvette Club/Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1995

I've been competing since: 2000

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: I like to compete at different tracks and see how other regions handle their events. I also enjoy seeing members of other clubs that I wouldn't see otherwise.

If I had to do it all over again, what would I change: Not much, I was fortunate to be able to compete out of region from October thru December, which was a treat for me.

My plans for the future are: To compete as much as I can as my health permits.



# #7

## Tom Reitz

Route 66 Corvette Club/Midwest Region

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

During the 2014 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. We did have a few minor mechanical breakdowns, but nothing too big to hold me back for long because owning two Corvettes is a big plus, as when one is broken down you have another to fall back on.

In the future, I would like to try places I have not raced at yet. Different venues are always a challenge. I am looking forward to racing on the new NCM Motorsports Park track, as well as Raceway Park of the Midlands in Pacific Junction, Iowa. I would also like to spend more time drag racing; it's something I used to do a lot of, and have gotten away from.

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



# #8

## Jeffrey Craig

St Louis Corvette Club/Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member for 10 years.

My little sister got me interested in autocrossing five years ago and the trouble started. My Dad and I decided we should build a dedicated racer to save some cone rash on our street cars. Within two years, Jerry (my father), Peggy (my sister), and my wife, Patricia, had all started racing.

Some of my favorite moments this last year have been racing at Putnam Park, Iowa Speedway and time spent with my racing friends. I have especially enjoyed the time spent with my father this year. We spent a lot of hours travelling to events, wrenching on cars and bench racing. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

Congratulations to Howard on coming in #1. I guess you started listening to all of the advice you gave me! (It worked sometimes!)

If I could change anything during the last year it would be to crush a few less cones and break master cylinders. I hope to attend some different events and possibly a high speed or two in the coming year. I look forward to seeing my NCCC friends on the road.





# #9

## Don Parks

Corvette Atlanta / Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 1974

I've been competing since: 1975

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014 was: Lots of autocrosses - lots of weekends. Went to 23 weekends of events plus Convention – 299 events – no regrets! Favorites are Roebling Road Raceway (GA) and Putnam Park (IN) High Speed.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Nothing

My plans for the future are: SOS – no, not what you think. . . Some more Opportunities Somewhere!



# #10

## David Goebel

East Tennessee Corvette Club/Southeast Region

I am a member of the East Tennessee Corvette Club sponsored by Reeder Chevrolet in Knoxville, Tennessee. I joined NCCC in 1971 with my wife, Linda, to compete in our Corvette. This is my third consecutive year since retiring that I finished in the top 15. I just completed my first year as Southeast Regional Executive, a job I am proud to do for our Region and NCCC.



Congratulations to everyone in the top 15. We sure had a lot of fun in 2014. Almost half of this year's competitors have not been in the top 15 in recent memory. I am proud to call them friends. After more than 300 events, several final positions were not settled until the last weekend in Huntsville, Al. Congratulations to my two special friends, Howard and Mary! What a year you both had!

Last year, I promised a "new look" for our Race Car. We did that! I promised Linda more horsepower a few years ago. We are finally doing that, too. We have a new engine for the RP, so it finally will have more power than our 2012 Z06 street car. We also purchased a 2015 Z06 that will out power them both (Oooooh Wow).

Winter seems to be a bad time for us. Every winter, we seem to have health scares. I believe it is the lack of activity. We cannot wait to start traveling with our Corvette family! It truly is therapy! 2014 was the first full year we used a motorhome to pull the race car. It allows us (including our dog Mazie) to travel to events farther away. Everyone should get out and have as much fun as we do! You won't regret it!

# #11

## Jack Wilson

Badger State Vettes, Inc./Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991.

I will begin my 24th year of competition since 1992.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: I enjoy "Living the Dream" at this time of my life, having a great time enjoying the same hobby, traveling to various places and enjoying our friends.

If I had to do it all over again, what would I change: 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 it all over again this year to go faster, lose weight, stay healthy and keep smiling. Well, three out of the four worked last year.



# #12

## Joe Eller

Cornhusker Corvette Club / West Region

I've been an NCCC member since: 2004

I've been competing since: 2004

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: Spending time with our NCCC family. I'd like to thank Harold & Barb House and E.J. & Anita Poss for helping us get started in the NCCC Competition back in 2004. Harold provided me with the motivation and encouragement to make the Top 15 that first year; and we've been having an incredible life ever since.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Nothing.

My plans for the future are: Learning to drive the C5 Z06 that we bought last fall and attend as many events as our schedule permits. We're excited about seeing our family again in the 2015 racing season.



# #13

## Doc Lambert

Cowtown Vettes/Southwest Region

I joined NCCC (Cowtown Vettes – Southwest Region) in 1996 and have been competing ever since. I was first a "Waxer." I restored my '62 to NCRS Top Flight status and competed in car shows, funkhanas, and rallies throughout the SW Region. I even ventured out to NE, IA, IL and WI to participate.

In Nov 2008, I had a "Heart Adventure" (Quintuple Bypass) and, as I recovered, I added a couple of items to my bucket list! I purchased an '08 Indy Pace car and visited all 48 lower states in 2009 – e.g. clam chowder in Maine, and stopping at the VT Teddy Bear Factory to buy a teddy for my Granddaughter, etc., etc. Then began to be a "Racer" – experiencing the other side of competition – and was hooked.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: At the start of 2014, my only goal was to participate in as many SW Region events as possible



and support a fellow club member as he raced to be number 1. He seemed to falter in September and I was doing rather well and that continued thru October when I finished #1 in Cowtown Vettes and unexpectedly finished #1 in the SW Region! Then I realized that I was also in the top 15 nationally – and since this would probably be the only time for that, I decided to attend four additional weekend events back “East” for additional points – Nashville, St Augustine, Savannah and Huntsville. The competition was great and the people were like family. Thank you. The whole 2014 season reminded me of the camaraderie that I experienced in my fighter squadrons in the Air Force, especially during local “Turkey Shoots” (bombing competitions) where you competed for best bombs and strafe scores, and bragging rights!

I want to thank Cowtown Vettes and the SW Region for all the support during 2014 and especially Mary Anne Kolb, my ‘sidekick’ through all the competitions and travel.

Plans for the future are: Now it’s someone else’s turn in the club and region – I’ve got some military reunions to attend in 2015 but, more importantly, three of my four grandkids (all under 8) are moving from the east coast back to the Ft Worth area – I’ve got “Grandpa” duties to perform!

## #14

### Larry Lichtenwald

Muscatine Corvette Club/West Region

I have been a member of NCCC and the Muscatine Corvette Club since 1984. I started out as a Car Show and Rallye person. In 2004, I got another Corvette and started to Auto-Cross. I Auto-Crossed part time, till retirement, and full time ever since. I like the traveling, place to place, every weekend to see my friends in different parts of the country.

One thing I would change is, not running the Southern Swing at the end of the season. Too many good times and points were lost.

My future plans are to keep running and end the season in the Top 15, as long as it is still fun. Maybe even upgrade to a newer car.



## #15

### Harold Penley

Plateau Corvette Club/Southeast

I've been an NCCC member since: 2013

I've been competing since: Labor Day 2013

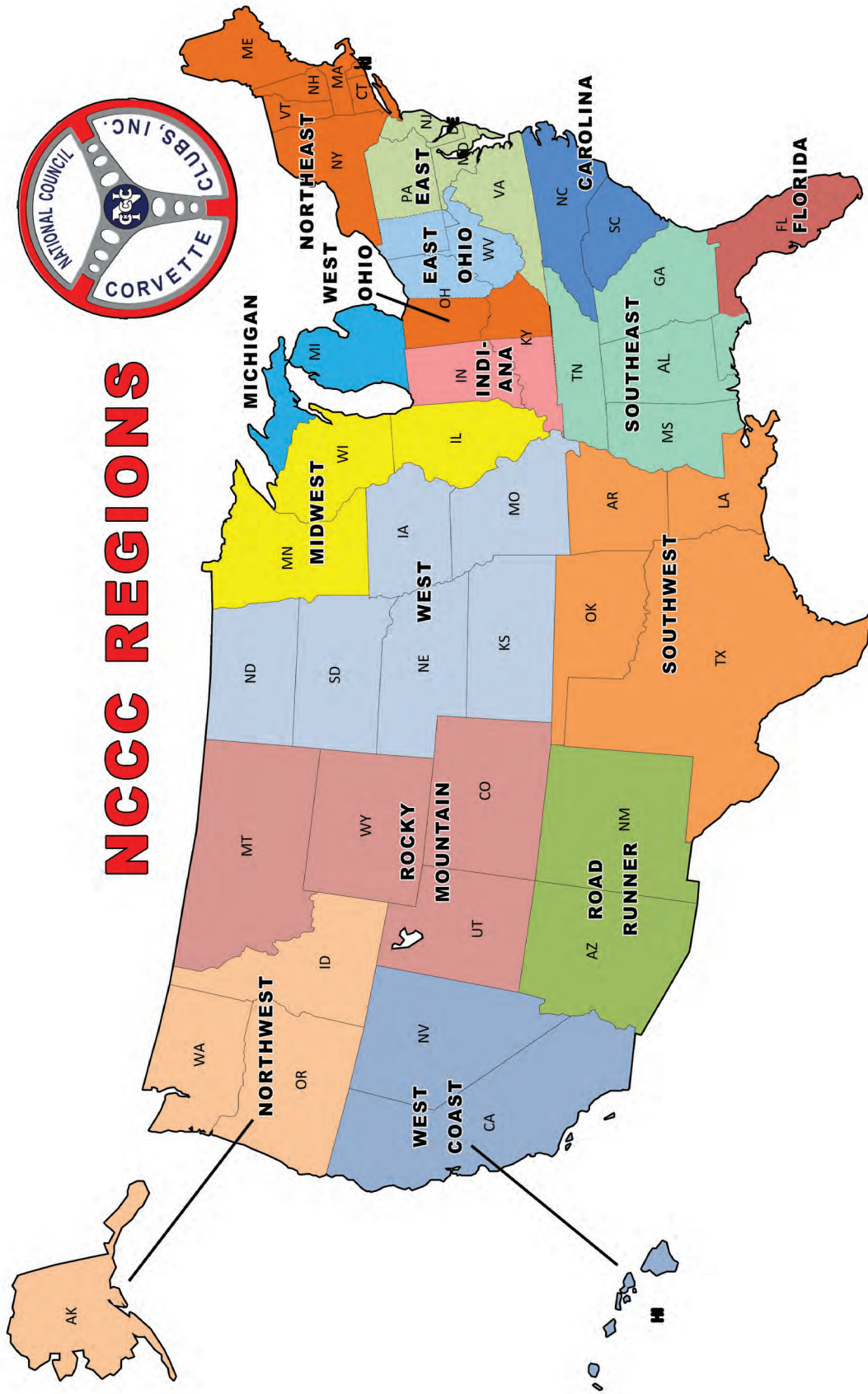
What I enjoyed most about competing in 2014: Traveling with my wife, Luann, and meeting new members in South Carolina, Michigan, Indiana, Florida and Illinois. Most interesting track was Roebing Road as I had seen it on TV as the main testing track for Motor Week with John Davis.



If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: Put a tow hook on the front of my Vette. Had to get towed out of the swamp at a St Augustine autocross.

My plans for the future are: To continue competition in the Region and do a track day at Road Atlanta.

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By the time you read this, we will be counting down the days till the start of the NCCC Convention at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, PA. For more than a decade, members in the East Region have had to travel a minimum of 700 miles to attend an NCCC convention. The last NCCC convention in the East Region was in 2003 in Hagerstown and the prior NCCC Convention in the East Region was in 1990 at the Split Rock Resort. If you attended a NCCC convention in the East Region prior to 1990, you have to look back to the 1960's. The 2015 convention is in "our own backyard!" Given our history, this may be your last opportunity to attend a local NCCC convention in quite some time.



Dave Walter, the 2015 NCCC Convention Director, has been working hard to ensure the 2015 convention is successful and that everyone has a good time. He has planned the traditional convention competitive events with the capstone events - the high-speed and low-speed auto-xs at the Pocono Raceway. For those not interested in speed events, he has planned several local sightseeing bus trips, a theme dinner and even valve cover races. He has even thoughtfully planned for the convention to end on Thursday so you can attend *Corvettes-at-Carlisle* on Friday. For up-to-the-minute information about the Convention, go the NCCC convention website at: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2015.html>. **Come join your friends in Lake Harmony in August.**

With each regional article, I like to include a spotlight article to present information about East Region clubs. This month, I'm replacing the spotlight article with a story that made a significant impression on me.

Prior to the March East Region quarterly meeting, I received an email from a father asking that his son be able to make a presentation at the meeting. Dylan Healey and his dad, Jim, drove from Connecticut to central Pennsylvania just to make this presentation and what an impressive presentation to the regional governors it was! When Dylan had finished, East Region governors had only one recommendation – that Dylan create a "YouTube"® video to tell his story in exactly the same manner as he had done in his presentation.

Dylan had a close attachment to his grandfather who was a Corvette aficionado. When Dylan was very young, his grandfather shared his love of Corvettes with Dylan. "Pop Pop" took him to car shows, gave Dylan his winning plaques, his photos and magazines, and Dylan helped him take care of his Corvette. Unfortunately, "Pop Pop" was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The life expectancy for this disease after diagnosis is typically very short and this was the case with "Pop Pop" who died when Dylan was twelve years old. Due to the close relationship between Dylan and his grandfather, Dylan wanted to do something in his grandfather's memory. Dylan decided to do a fundraiser for pancreatic cancer. Dylan did not have any business experience and did not know how difficult it can be to accomplish something in corporate America. So, he accomplished tasks that folks many years his senior could not have accomplished in a similar time!

Dylan created a Facebook page for this charity at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corvettes4cancer/320702418140338?fref=nf>

and a web page at:

<http://www.corvettes4cancer.org/Home/Home>

In 2015, Dylan established an ambitious first annual Corvettes4Cancer Road Rally. The Rally takes drivers from Watkins Glen International Speedway to the National Corvette Museum stopping at four speedways in four days along the way. Try to imagine the effort to coordinate the hotels and tracks for this venture! The rally not only benefits cancer research but should also make for a fun trip for Corvette enthusiasts.

Everyone has their favorite charity; therefore, I hesitate recommending one charity over another. What makes this one special is --- Dylan. You see, Dylan founded the non-profit "Corvettes4Cancer" **when he was thirteen years old** and also created the website and Facebook page for this organization. At the ripe old **age of fourteen**, Dylan established the Road Rally (*see details at the preceding links*). At NCCC national meetings, many lament that our members are either senior citizens or approaching that cherished status and that we need to attract more youthful members. I believe we should search for more youth like Dylan.

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We just got home from the National Meeting and are looking forward to our Regional Banquet this weekend! The Banquet will be put on by Competition Corvette Association, Inc. The Region will induct Bob McKee into the Hall of Fame. Bob's NCCC number is 0002. He has owned 27 Corvettes and has been a member of Buckeye Corvettes for 50 years!



The guest speaker at the Regional Banquet will be Richard Morrison. He helped engineer and design the tooling for the first mass produced fiberglass car in history. His father convinced GM that a fiberglass molded car would be easier to produce. Today the fiberglass company still produces all the structural composite body panels for the Corvette. The Region would like to thank the following Top Ten Men and Women and the workers who participated last year.

### TOP MEN

Terry Muich  
Ted Vannelli  
Michael Getzy  
Dan Gallagher  
Tim Paul  
Fred Dugach  
Paul Kessler  
William Faunce  
Charles Makrucki  
Bruce Warnick

### TOP WOMEN

Linda Vannelli  
Cheryl Getzy  
Regina Muich  
Kathi Dembowski  
Donna Huddle  
Faith Swan  
Carol Etzel  
Bethany Knapp  
Cynthia Flanhofer  
Beverly Sells

### WOMEN-WORKERS

Sharon Burk, Peggy Stephens, Debi Faunce, Beverly Sells, Bobbi Deken, Gail Negard, Crystal Faunce, Karen McClain

### MEN-WORKERS

Donald Burk, Roger Flading, Doug Lawrentz, Terry Sells, Daniel Lyden, Charles Stephens, Donald Obert, Warren Obert, Dave Lehere, Dave Flanhofer, Eric Flanhofer, Terry Negard, David Tousey, Tim Obert, Thomas McClain, Steven Hamilton, Jack Liles, David Ryan

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Greetings from cold and frosty Michigan! While most of us here are tired of it, this winter is not as bad as where we were this time last year! But spring is just around the corner – we think...

2014 was an interesting first year for me as Region Executive. I was able to meet with almost all the clubs as planned. The idea was to get to know as many members as possible over the course of the year and I very nearly did that; my apologies to Kalamazoo and Flint because of scheduling conflicts. Hopefully, I will be able to get to the clubs again this year and make it to all before the end of this coming summer.

Now that the New Year is well under way, everyone is thinking about the new 'driving season' in Michigan and many plans are being made. Michigan's newest club, Irish Hills Corvette Club, will be sponsoring the 2014 awards banquet, in Jackson at the end of March, for all the award recipients from last year. Many thanks to George Duncan, Dave Waters, Brian Smith and the rest of the club for putting on what is one of our many fun events that start out our year!

I would like to congratulate Irish Hills Corvette Club for being the number one points club in 2014 and members George Duncan, Nicole and Chris Jackson for finishing first in PC car shows. Jim and James Sweet of Shiawassee Corvette Club were first in Rallyes; Bruce Wentzel, of Corvette Club of Michigan, first in Speed Events and the overall, Champion again this year, James Sweet! As well, Bruce finished second nationally, Dave Waters came in fifth and Bob Hall, of Flint Corvette Club was sixth. In the women's division Beth Waters finished fifth and IHCC club points put them in seventh nationally and CCM was fourth overall. Very big congratulations to Mary Wentzel of CCM for being the Number One Lady in the nation, Great job, Mary. Most of the Michigan clubs have their sanctioned events on the calendar for this summer including shows, rallyes, speed events and even Funkhanas, all over Michigan. Calhoun County Corvettes, in conjunction with Kalamazoo Corvette Club and Michigan Autocross Group, will be putting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rookie Driving School at



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the Eaton Proving Grounds in Marshall on Saturday, May 9th. This has become an event that many of us have participated in and enjoyed while learning about how our Corvettes ‘handle.’ The flyer and all the details for the school will be posted on the Michigan Region website in the next couple of weeks.

The region also has a small group working on the issue of attendance at sanctioned events and what needs to be done to change, update, or correct the format to make the events better attended. Many ideas are floating around like how can we get sanctions for ‘drive & dine’ events; do workers require additional points and recognition; structured pricing by event type for uniformity; etc. No idea is being overlooked and Dwight Theodore is heading up the research and development of these ideas. Nearly all the regions are facing the same situation, so we in Michigan are not alone in this effort; much is yet to be done. We have encouraged all the Michigan membership to contact Dwight with ANY ideas or thoughts regarding this issue, which is one many regions are facing.

We now have a couple of new region officers for 2015. Edna Stoel, from the Lakeshore Corvette Club, is the new Secretary and Brenda Shatkosky, from Calhoun County Corvettes, will serve as Treasurer. My “Thanks!” to the our outgoing officers, Mary Wentzel, who was our treasurer for many years, and Kirk Lucksheiter, who served as secretary; both were of valuable assistance during this last year when I moved into this new position.

So, the New Year is shaping up to be a great deal of fun, but some work as well.

See you all soon!

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It is getting closer. Spring that is. As I write this article, we are still in the depths of Winter. But, Winter this year really started late in the Midwest. I was driving my C7 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, as they had not yet needed to salt the streets in my area. In addition, the February Governors meeting is later this year and I’m still preparing for the meeting this coming weekend in Saint Louis. Obviously, I will not have any news to share from that meeting. It has been a nice, quiet, uneventful Winter for the region, but that will soon change as our first events are just a month away. I cannot wait. Now, what has changed are a number of Governors and our Region Membership Director. First, I would like to welcome our new Governors. They are; **Mark Herman (Midwest Corvettes)**, **John McClay**, Acting Governor



(**Glass Favorites**), **Bill Panzer (Northern Rays Ltd.)**, **Bill Esicar (Great River Corvette Club)**, **Bruce Blunt (Badger State Vettes)**, **Larry Higgins (Rolling Prairie Corvettes)**, and **Joan Thomas (MAD City Vettes)**. This may be a record for Governor changes in the Region at one time. I expect that this will be a very positive change, as these new Governors will bring many new perspectives to the group. Often time change can be very good. Therefore, we welcome the new Governors with open arms and high expectations. **Shannon Davis, (Central Illinois Corvette Club)** is our new Region Membership Director. Shannon joins **Bill Docherty (Windy City Corvettes)** Region Competition Director, **Nancy Bailey (Northern Illinois Corvette Club)** Treasurer; **Chris Reitz (Route 66 Corvette Club)** Secretary, and I was re-elected as Region Executive (that is probably obvious since I am still writing these articles). This is your elected 2015 Midwest Region Officer team. **Joan Thomas (MAD City Vettes)** will return as Region Webmaster and **Matt Waters (Sunburst Corvette Club)** continues as our Region Facebook editor. The Midwest Region Party hosted by **Dave and Joan Heinemann (Windy City Corvettes)** is scheduled a few weeks from now and, by the time you read this article, it will be history. I am sure it will be a fun night, as we know the food is great and the facility has been very accommodating these past years. I personally want to thank the Governors for approving the financial support for the party. It makes it an affordable event for all region members to attend. I would also like to recognize **Joan Heinemann and Mary Ann Bugbee (Windy City Corvettes)** for leading our Awards Committee. It is a big job and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Be sure to thank them the next time you see them.

I am sure that I will have plenty of new topics to report in my next article. So until then, get ready for another great season of Midwest Region events and activities. I hope you all can take advantage, as I am sure you will enjoy them and the camaraderie that goes along with them.

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## Competition News

Scheduling is complete for 2015 and we have 171 events on the calendar. 156 low speeds, three concours, two people’s choice, and 10 rallyes, plus several Non-sanctioned events to enter. Event sites are still a problem due to repurposing, or repair. Insurance requirements are becoming stricter and costs are going up. Members must realize that we are guests at our event sites, and that one accident, burnout, or other bad behavior could get us banned from the site. We have more than 30 events less this year due to sites being unavailable.

For 2015, I have prepared Guidelines to help clubs be more consistent in running registration, driver meetings and tech. This should help new Governors and Chairpersons, and make event required tasks easier to understand and quicker to perform. Our initiative for 2015: In speed events, numbers displayed on cars must be 6” minimum, on the door of the car, and easy to read. Tech will no longer accept numbers on windows, rear hatch, or not easily readable at a distance. For 2015, there is a revised rulebook. I hope that all competitors check out the changes. You can access the rulebook on the NCCC website under Competition Manual. Result, registration and tech forms are

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also available there. Since forms do change, please download a fresh copy of any form used for events. The next revisions of the Competition Manual will be for 2017.

MW members applied for 120 assigned numbers for 2015, the highest number to date. Thanks to all who participate. The policy of assigning vacant numbers at an event will continue, and a \$10 fee paid by MW members requesting a specific number at a speed event.

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## Membership News

By the time the new Blue Bars comes out, I sure do hope spring has sprung. Seems like this has been an extra-long winter with a new C7 sitting in the garage. As for the MWR, we still are the biggest region in the NCCC family. Numbers are down by only around a 1000 throughout the last renewals of NCCC. The MWR is always growing with new members joining weekly and/or monthly. Let us keep the MWR number 1. Continue to encourage Corvette owners to look at NCCC with all of the benefits and opportunities that we offer. I also encourage clubs to stay on top of FCOA members. Remember, everyone; the kids are the future of NCCC.

Within the year coming, I will try to do things a little different so please be prepared and patient, as far as renewals. For starters, MAL's renewals will be sent out in September. I also will encourage Governors to try to have club renewals to me by November, so that we will not wait until the absolute deadline as we did this year. I would encourage any feedback to be sent to me to make renewals go as smooth as possible for everyone.

As for the Spring and Summer, we have a lot of competition going on. I ask everyone to come out and check us out. We have some incredible drivers. Our own Dave Heinemann, NCCC President, is Number 1 in the region and Carolyn Samuelson, our NCCC VP of Comp's wife, is Number 1 Ladies in the MWR. Bring a fellow Corvette owner to an event. Let them see what is involved with NCCC and see some of the events that we all do whether it's racing, car shows, Rallyes or Funkanas. Some do not even know what all is involved with NCCC. With closing, everyone have a safe and happy Spring, enjoy the American Dream and "SAVE THE WAVE." Feel free to contact me for any needs.

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## **MIDWEST REGION CLUB SPOTLIGHT**

**Chicago Corvette Club**—will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father's Day Car Show on Sunday, June 21, at the McDonald's Corporation Employee Parking Lot at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and McDonald's Drive in Oak Brook, Illinois. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola Medical Center. Last year's event raised over \$3,500 for the House. For more information on this event, see our website: [www.chicagocorvetteclub.com](http://www.chicagocorvetteclub.com) or contact Jon Kurtz at [jonkurtz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jonkurtz@sbcglobal.net).

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Greetings from the Arctic record - setting North East. Everyone is SLOWLY recovering as the sun shines longer. Our hardy souls have started plans for warmer weather! Adirondack C.C. has a poker run in place for May and plans for a show in Sept. Bay State C.C. will be celebrating their 45th ANNIVERSARY this spring along with some competition events. Connecticut Military C.C. is planning events to benefit our nation's veterans. Corvettes of Buffalo has an itinerary in place for their show in June and caravan in September. Southern Tier C.C. has their upcoming weekends filling in and Tri-Vettes has RECRUITED some NEW MEMBERS! The convention for 2015 is CLOSE TO HOME and has promise to be a GREAT TIME! MAKE PLANS to come out and enjoy the beautiful COUNTRYSIDE of the POCONOS ! ! ! There is more information on our WEBSITE every day and making COMMUNICATION easier - make the effort to get involved! SAVE THE WAVE and stay WARM !



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The 2015 competition season is well on its way in the Rocky Mountain Region. During the year, it's great to see all the friends at the car shows, rallies, autocrosses and anywhere in between! Some of our greatest times are at the after event get together where you learn a new competitor's goals and maybe help them on their journey; or renew old competitor friendships.



The Rocky Mountain Region has great clubs and great people. Let's all get together and share some stories at our events. Let's have some fun.

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**Rocky Mountain Region highlight - individual:** Barb Zornes – TORCA – 1st in Ladies for the Region.

We have a great group of women competitors in the Rocky Mountain Region and I'm honored to be among them. We tease each other and fondly give each other grief but also encourage each other at events, especially autocross. I was hooked the first time I attended a drivers' school 15 years ago with my 1965 Sting Ray coupe (which I've now owned for 21 years). As more ladies joined in the competition with newer cars over the years, to stay competitive I bought a '96 Collector Edition LT4 in 2004 and autocrossed that until 2010 when my fiancé (now husband) and I purchased a 2004 Commemorative Edition ZO6, which we still love competing in and seem to keep up fine with the C6s and now C7s. There's no doubt that autocross is my favorite Corvette activity and I love inspiring others to come out and try it and then mentor them. When not enjoying an autocross, rallye, or other Corvette get-together or working at my full-time job at the police department, I am usually busy fulfilling my duties as my club's governor (sixth year -- yes, I actually enjoy it!) and as the treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Region. My husband and I often talk about our Corvette hobby and how we cannot think of any other activity we

would enjoy as much as a couple that encompasses fun, excitement, competition and, most of all, fellowship.

**Rocky Mountain Region Highlight - Club:** CSCC – Top Club in the Region

Yes, the Colorado Springs Corvette Club is the #1 Corvette club in the Rocky Mountain Region! But things are just different out here in west. It might be the thin air, or perhaps the open spaces, or the majestic mountains. Oh, sure, we love our Corvettes just as much as the rest of the USA, but they are a tool to something much larger. We have joined a Corvette club because we have a Corvette; but we stay because of the people. Our Corvettes don't define who we are. Our Corvettes are tools that allow us to be better people.

We're different when it comes to competition. Our events are so enjoyable that we only need to hold two or three in one day to satisfy our need for speed. In the Rocky Mountain Region, we compete on, what we believe, is a fair level. We turn in three or even four runs per autocross because we believe we are competing for that autocross, not just participation points. We realize that this puts us out of the running for any National award in NCCC. We cruise the high country, enjoying the fall colors. At car shows, polishing the hood truly reflects the smiles of those who pass by.

We would also like to suggest delivering Blue Bars electronically. It would be timelier and cost efficient – especially to those of us in the west.

The region has a Men's winner also, but Ladies first!

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This article is addressed to all NCCC members. It is written right after the February Governor's Meeting in St. Louis. Those who attended endured some of the worst travel conditions in years. It made no difference if you drove or flew, the delays were many.



The meetings ended Saturday afternoon, but many did not get home until Monday. Despite the conditions, almost ALL National Officers (elected and appointed), almost ALL Regional Officers, all Committee Chairman and most Committee members were at the meetings. Those who did not make it to St. Louis sent another member to represent

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them. Most of the Club Governors who regularly attend were also there. If someone in your Club attended the meeting, please give them a “shout out” for their determination and their commitment to YOUR organization.

No one gets paid to represent you. They do it for the love of the organization.

Everyone who drove, got to use car control and concentration skills, learned from years of Corvette autocross to get home with no dents several hours later than usual. Others had to have extreme patience to sit in hotels and airports for hours or in a few cases - days. Please show them some appreciation!

As of 3/1/2015, the Southeast had a membership of 1,224 with 15 clubs. Our membership numbers took a dip at year end, but many of those members are already rejoining, so we expect our numbers to be back at or greater than where we were before renewals, thanks to the recruiting efforts of our clubs and the variety of events offered that are especially crafted for enjoyment of the Corvette.

The Region’s first 2015 events were March 28 - 29 in Nashville, TN at the Historic Music City Motorplex. Thanks to Nashville Corvette Club for another great weekend of racing and hosting the 2014 awards banquet! The Regional awards were presented to our winners - congratulations for another great year!

The next “big happening” in the Region will be the Memorial Day weekend at the NCM Motorsports Park. Please attend and have a good time. The autocrosses are all sold out, but there are other fun activities! Come and see the NCCC Logo displayed on one of the new permanent garages at the Motorsports Park!

A special thanks goes to the clubs that have donated their unused sanctions to help establish the following remaining schedule for the Region:

Sep 5-7 21 Low Speed events Knoxville, TN (Regional Fund Raiser)  
Oct 10-11 14 Low Speed events Knoxville, TN (Regional Fund Raiser)  
Oct 31-Nov 1 14 Low Speed events Huntsville, AL  
Nov 28-29 10 High Speed (w FL) Roebing Road Raceway  
Dec 5-6 14 Low Speed events Huntsville, AL

The Region is still looking for more unused sanctions to add more venues to this schedule. Nashville will be looking to host another weekend in the fall. Please contact Don Parks to donate your unused sanctions if you’ve not done so yet. Remember to check our website ([http://www.ncccsouth.com/SE\\_Reg/](http://www.ncccsouth.com/SE_Reg/)) for the latest information about what’s going on in the Region!

For those who may not have heard this sad news, the Region lost Dee Cloud, Governor of Stevenson Corvette Club, last November. Dee formed his club back in 1980 and maintained the club’s membership in the Region until his death. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family and club members.

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Each year NCCC has a newsletter contest that clubs can enter as a way for your club’s newsletter editor to be recognized for all their hard work they do in keeping your club members informed. While the deadline for entering the newsletter contest has passed for this year, it’s not too late to start thinking about next year. The rules are on the NCCC website and I would encourage your club to look into this if you’ve not entered for 2015.

Check out the region website for region news and schedule of events. If there is something that you would like to see the region involved with or an event for the region to participate in, contact your club governor or any of the regional officers (contact information is on the region website). Remember this is your region and we need your input for activities that will appeal to all members.

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In the West Region, we have officially put a fork in winter. Spring is finally here! We are not only looking forward to a fun-filled competition season packed with car shows, autocrossing, rallies, and some high speed events, we are looking forward to spending time with our Corvette friends and family enjoying the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, a weekend cruise down the Interstate, or a visit to the local winery. New & old members alike, there is a full menu of activities and events for you to choose from. Racer or non-racer. You are a member of the NCCC family. There are numerous benefits. The #1 and most important benefit is the friendship and support of fellow members. Chris Reitz, member of the Midwest Region, said it best, “There is no better organization on this planet than NCCC, and no better people than its members.”

Whether you are an experienced racer or a novice, and you intend to compete in any speed events, be sure to review the 2015 competition manual to review all the new rule book changes. There have been a lot of changes to the competition rule book, and it is important that you become familiar with the changes.

The 2015 Convention is to be held in Lake Harmony, PA on August 22-27. Many members of the West Region will be receiving special recognition for placing in the Top 15 nationally. Congratulations to all those who have placed nationally. If you have not already registered

# Regional News

for the convention, rates will change May 1<sup>st</sup>.

A very special thank you to the Corvette Club of Iowa for hosting the West Region Banquet on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Echo Valley Country Club to recognize the West Region members that achieved 200 regional points for the 2014 competition year. Also, a special thank you goes out to Kathy Brisbois for continuing to be our West Region Webmaster for another year.

We are currently accepting applications for the West Region Scholarship Program until August 1. Children and grandchildren of NCCC Members are eligible to apply. The Scholarship Fund is funded by permanent number requests. Even if you don't race, I would like to encourage you to get a permanent number, so that we can continue the benefit of scholarships to our member's family.

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2015 will be a banner year with increased membership in most clubs because of new people purchasing C7's. 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 to for answers.



Last year we had some very competitive battles and we are looking for more action in 2015. Starting this year, NCCC has relaxed some of the requirements for "Street" tire classes (Group 1S). You can now go plus or minus 1" in Diameter and/or 1" Wider on the tire "if it safely fits on the wheel". You can also have an air bridge installed. Previously, these changes would bump you up to Group 1 and you would have to run with race tire equipped cars. To check on your points during the year go to: <https://93075438.domainhost.com/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2015/Programs/PointsCalculations.php?Region=WC> The only thing that changes year to year is it has 2015 in it, so you can just change the year if you have it saved as a Favorite. Check out the regional calendar on the web page at <http://www.ncccwcregion.org>. Expand your circle of friends and have more fun. Ask your club to host an event in 2015. Your Regional Officers are willing to help your club put on an event.

Cliff Harris, our RMD, has noted clubs are growing in membership with the C7 and a lot of them have never owned a Corvette. Be sure to wave at them. They will be confused at first but keep waving and

they will figure it out. Help your club grow by getting it involved with a car show, rallye, autocross (or all three) might ignite a life-long passion for the hobby. .

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,

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## MEETING DATES

*Listed below are the meeting dates for the  
2015 thru 2018 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 24-25, Annual Meeting During Convention Week, September 11-12, November 13-14  
2016: February 26-27, May 6-7, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 9-10, November 11-12  
2017: February 24-25, May 5-6, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 9-10, November, 11-12  
2018: February 23-24, May 4-5, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 7-8, November 9-10

## AROUND THE REGIONS

**Fort Wayne Corvette Club** – At the 2014 Warsaw Indiana Air show member Alan Lucht challenged his 2005 Corvette to a race against a world famous aerobatic airplane, the Pitt's Special. The car and plane started evenly at the beginning of the runway with the object being to race to the end and back. Prior to race day Lucht made four practice runs between 141 and 146 mph. On race day, two trucks stationed at opposite ends of the runway marked the finish line/breaking points. The Corvette got the jump off the line with the plane soon catching up. While Lucht was busy focusing on his driving and breaking points he could hear the plane roaring down the runway next to him. At the breaking point he hit the brakes turned around and punched it for the return trip down the runway. In the meantime, the plane went vertical and came swooping back down. Racing down the runway, he could hear the Pitt's Special getting closer as he neared the finish line. Pictures later confirmed the Corvette was slightly ahead of the plane at the end of the race.

**Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Inc.** - The Club unveiled their new website [www.nicccorvette.com](http://www.nicccorvette.com) this past year. Utilizing the latest in technology members are now able to have the calendar automatically link to their outlook or smart phone calendars making it easier to stay up to date on all activities throughout the year. Like many other NCCC Clubs, Northern Illinois also has a new Facebook page which they hope will attract new faces to the many events and charitable programs they sponsor throughout the year.

“Investing in Ourselves” is a project the Club began early 2014 is designed to gain additional exposure for their club with the ultimate goal of increasing membership. Members are encouraged to provide the committee with thoughts or suggestions.

**The Wisconsin Corvette Club, Inc.** – Door County in northern Wisconsin was the destination for the Club's fall 2014 Corvette Weekend. Members enjoyed a rustic road tour through Two Rivers, Sturgeon Bay, Jacksonport, Bailey's Harbor, Ellison Bay, Sister Bay and Fish Creek. The landscape and surrounding scenery displays a radiant glow as the area comes alive with fiery reds, oranges and dramatic shades of yellows before winter sets in. Dinner was a Fish Boil. Each day participants ventured at to enjoy nearby attractions including the SeaQuist Orchards Farm Market considered a premier cherry grower in Wisconsin.



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## National Council of Corvette Clubs Partners with Corvette Museum

*Collaboration to grow and increase awareness, cross promote*



With nearly 300 Corvette clubs in the U.S. alone, the National Council of Corvette Clubs is the largest non-profit, all volunteer Corvette organization in the country. The mission of the group is simple – promote Corvette ownership, but even more-so, encourage others to participate in the enjoyment of using the car. When the NCM Motorsports Park opened, NCCC President Dave Heinemann saw an opportunity for their organization to get more use out of their cars while encouraging visits to the National Corvette Museum.

At his first official meeting as President of NCCC, Dave presented to the board the idea of sponsoring a garage at the NCM Motorsports Park. “Having a sponsorship of a garage at the track is a great way to get our name out in front of Corvette owners who like to have fun with their car,” Dave said. “We use the car, not just show it. I see this as a collaboration and an opportunity for not only us to grow our membership, but for the Museum to grow theirs as well.”

NCCC will be hosting their first event at the Museum and Motorsports Park Memorial Day weekend, providing three-days of Corvette fun at both facilities. The event is sold out, and according to Dave, participants are coming from 15-20 states or more. “I’m a firm believer of the Museum. There is nothing else like it in the world, yet our organizations have a lot in common,” Dave said. “We complement each other and I wanted to be a part of the excitement that’s been grown at the Museum and track.”

As President of the NCCC, Dave also represents the organization on the National Corvette Museum’s Board of Directors. Even prior to that, Dave joined the Museum as a Lifetime Member, took delivery of he and wife Joan’s 2014 Blade Silver Stingray through the R8C Corvette Museum Delivery program last year. “Dave’s energy for the Museum and Motorsports Park is infectious,” Wendell Strode, Museum Executive Director said. “We are thrilled to have him on our board and are looking forward to exploring ways to partner with NCCC, cross promote our offerings and grow both of our memberships. We are thrilled to be able to welcome their group to Bowling Green for the Memorial Day weekend event.”

Dave echoed Wendell’s sentiment. “Our motto has always been ‘We joined for the car, we stay for the people’ and I think NCCC and the Museum are going to make new friends and have even more people to stay around for.”

Membership for the NCCC is \$35 the first year, and \$25 renewal annually. NCCC is comprised of regional clubs, each offering their own events and activities to participate in. To learn more about NCCC and become a member visit [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org).

## Special to Corvette BlueBars

### Corvette Racing's Oliver Gavin "hacks" his way to success

Long before "hacking" became a popular term, young Oliver Gavin experienced the most memorable "hack" of his distinguished racing career.

A former British Formula 3 series champion and McLaren Autosport Young Driver of the Year award winner, Gavin, a native of Cambridgeshire, England, was in France helping the Renault F1 team conduct some straight-line and development testing.

After a couple of prior adjustments, Gavin was seeking to get the F1 seat fitted just right; he asked the team for yet one more seat adjustment.

While the race cars were high tech, the process by which race seats were made was then not. A large, black plastic garbage bag was placed inside the car. The "part A" and "part B" chemicals were mixed and poured into the bag as Gavin settled inside the cockpit.

There was just one catch. "They started pouring and just kept pouring - way more than I was expecting," said Gavin. "As the foam started to form it quickly engulfed me in the cockpit. I was stuck in the car. There was foam everywhere. They had to free my hands from the steering wheel."

The team mechanics were all having a big laugh. One of them handed Gavin a hacksaw blade to cut himself out of the cockpit while they headed to lunch! "It took me nearly an hour and a half to cut myself out," laughed Gavin.

Since joining Corvette Racing in 2002, Gavin, now age 42, has been fitted for a lot of seats and helped the team find solutions or "hacks" to the endless cycle of racing challenges. Along the way he has claimed 44 GT race wins - 40 in the American Le Mans Series and four at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The 2014 debut of the new Corvette C7.R produced four wins for Corvette Racing's Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia, but surprisingly none for Gavin and co-driver Tommy Milner who had taken four wins and the 2012 ALMS GT Championship and a pair of wins in 2013.

Any disappointment over the 2014 season is long since passed as Gavin, Milner and the fabled Corvette Racing team work with Michelin to find further refinements, car set-ups and adjustments for the 2015 TUDOR United SportsCar Championship season.

"We are heading into the 2015 season with great excitement," said Gavin during testing at Daytona. We have a full year with the new Corvette C7.R under our belts."

To prove the point, Gavin then won the pole for the season opening Rolex 24 At Daytona, to become the 12<sup>th</sup> different driver to claim the GTLM class pole in the first dozen TUDOR Championship races.

Gavin and Milner, joined at Daytona by IndyCar star Simon Pagenaud, went on to lead the GTLM race at several stages before joining class winners Magnussen, Garcia and Ryan Briscoe on the 2015 Rolex 24 podium.

Quiet, confident and persistently hacking away at problems, and even finding a bit of humor in them, Oliver Gavin's 2015 high-speed hackathon is officially underway.



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