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From the President



Welcome to 2016 and all that NCCC has planned for you, your Corvette, and your Club to have fun.

The first NCCC meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Saturday afternoon, February 27th in St. Louis, MO. There was normal business conducted along with the appointing of Committees and NCCC Officers that serve the various positions such as Directors of Publications, Sponsorship, Distribution, Future Corvette Owners Association, and Webmaster. The NCCC Ambassadors for the National Corvette Museum (NCM) were also re-appointed for the second year. We also welcomed returning NCCC Elected Officers Dale Samuelson, Jack Wilson, Jeannie Ruston, and new to the NCCC Officers Board this year Chris Reitz as NCCC Secretary.

I presented to the Board of Governors two new positions for 2016 and both were approved. Starting this year, Teresa Eller will be the Director of Social Media, and Walt Jenkins will be the Director of Informational Technology. The Director of Charity resigned on February 10th not allowing enough time to appoint a new Director at this meeting. A new Director will be appointed to this position at the April 23rd meeting after all applications received have been reviewed by the E-Board.

There also was discussion about why so many of our NCCC members did not receive the NCCC calendar from Ecklers Quality Parts and Accessories for Corvettes - one of our sponsors. It was discovered that over the years since NCCC first started the Data Base for membership, some members had opted out of receiving material from the sponsors who support NCCC.

Due to so many members not receiving this and the potential in the future of receiving other items, NCCC will be resetting the "opt out button" so every NCCC member will receive the 2017 Ecklers NCCC calendar this fall. If NCCC members do not want to receive this item or any sponsor items in the future, they will need to contact their club Governor who is the only person who can "opt out" you receiving items. At this time there is nothing planned to be sent to anyone who may have "opted" out in the past, so everyone will have time to "opt out" for the future to not receive anything from sponsors.

Along with this discovery it was noted that 46% of NCCC members do not have an e-mail address in the data base. The Director of "IT," Walt Jenkins has set up a program where I can send an e-mail to every NCCC member in the future. I plan to test this new program with a message to every member about the vacancy of a Director of Charity and also the three choices the NCCC Elected Board has picked for a future charity to support with the NCCC New Raffle Program. It is important that every member has a say in who they feel NCCC should support with our charity dollars. There will be a vote on which charity that we will support at the April 23rd Governors meeting.

Please contact your club Governor for updating your e-mail, "opting out" of receiving sponsor items if you wish, and voicing your choice as to a charity to support. At the April NCCC Governors meeting I will appoint a new Director of Charity and NCCC will move forward picking a charity for all of our members to support. We can then begin selling raffle tickets to win a certificate toward a new Corvette given away at the 2017 NCCC Annual Convention in Bowling Green, KY.

Many changes are planned in the future to move NCCC further into the 21st Century. More and more records, Membership, Competition, Convention Registration, E-mail, Blue Bars, NCCC minutes, NCCC By-laws, NCCC Standing Rules, and commutations are being done by the use of technology and the internet. Where NCCC used to write letters and send minutes by "snail mail," costs and speed have led us to use the internet more and more. In the future we could see our renewal process be 100% done this way saving NCCC thousands of dollars of printing and mailing.

As NCCC moves in this direction it is important that we have the latest and most up to date e-mail, addresses and information about EACH and EVERY NCCC member. Don't let yourself be left out of all the good things happening in NCCC.

Omaha Convention registration opened to all NCCC members on February 1, 2016. You don't want to miss this Convention as Cornhusker Corvette Club has a fun time planned for us. I have never been to a Convention where I did not have a good time!

The NCM New Corvette delivery program is working well for NCCC. In 2015, 162 New Corvette owners joined NCCC. Please show them what a great group we are!

And don't forget to check out the NCCC Web Site for all the latest and most current information about NCCC. Starting in March of this year, there will be a monthly report from me and one of the NCCC Officers who will get everyone up to date on all the different areas of NCCC.

In 2016, enjoy all that NCCC offers to you and your club. Change is good, the future is tomorrow, and that is where I plan to be. See you there having fun!

Dave Heinemann
President NCCC




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Sunday, July 17th

Registration & Tech	9:00 am to 6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
Corvette Mall & Hospitality	Noon to 6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
Welcome Party	6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center

Monday, July 18th

Registration & Tech	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
Corvette Mall & Hospitality	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
Golf	9:00 am	Fontenelle Hill Golf Course
Borsheim's Jewelry Tour	2:00 pm to 4:00pm	Borsheim's Jewelry
Valve Cover Races	1:30 to completion	La Vista Convention Center
NCCC Awards/Heroes of Heartland Banquet	6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center

Tuesday, July 19th

Corvette Mall & Hospitality	Noon to 6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
Low Speed Events	7:00 am	Raceway Park of the Midlands
Boys Town Tour	10:00 am	Boys Town, NE
Lauritzen Gardens	10:30 am	Lauritzen Gardens
Hollywood Dress up Party	7:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center

Wednesday, July 20th

Corvette Mall & Hospitality	Noon to 6:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
High Speed Events	7:00 am	Raceway Park of the Midlands
Strategic Air & Space Museum	10:00 am	Strategic Air & Space Museum
Henry Doorly Zoo/Imax theatre	9:30 am	Henry Doorly Zoo
Gary Kuck Motorsports Collection	5:30 pm	Lincoln, NE

Thursday, July 21st

Corvette Mall & Hospitality	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	La Vista Convention Center
People's Choice Car Show	7:00 am to 11:00 am	La Vista Convention Center
Rallye	11:00 am	La Vista Convention Center
Henry Doorly Zoo/Imax theatre #2	10:00 am	Henry Doorly Zoo
Strategic Air & Space Museum #2	10:30 am	Strategic Air & Space Museum
Charity Banquet	6:00pm	La Vista Convention Center

Friday, July 22nd

Convention Competition Awards	8:00 am	La Vista Convention Center
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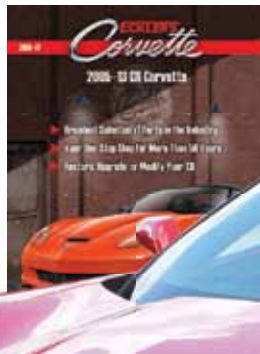
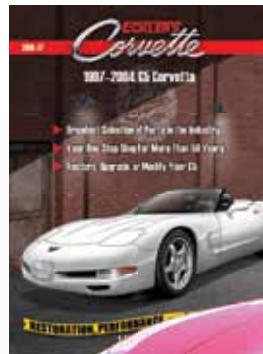
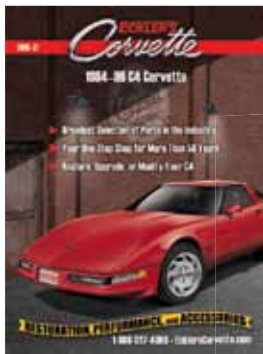
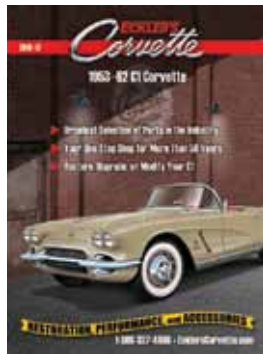
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11/09/2015

Update 11/09/2015

Bold Black Box index time indicates reset since last report - **Bold Italics** indicates new record holders since last report of 10/24/15 - **Bold black** Time indicates actual record time set on date listed - Record time is at sea level.

Class	Time	Index	Mens Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set	Class	Time	Index	Ladies Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set
Group 3													
DPA	9.01	9.28	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03	LDPA	9.83	10.13	Delores Bamcood	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 Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LJPC		11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF		10.20				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
RPB	9.97	10.27	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRPB	10.57	10.89	Sylvia Hoadrudge	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 Spruad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
B	9.70		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	11.01	Scott Mathiesen	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	LH		11.42				01/01/97
K	11.28		<i>Travis Lochhead</i>	<i>Oklahoma City CC</i>	<i>SW-143 COAST 2015</i>	<i>10/25/15</i>	LK		11.42				12/10/05
N	11.28		Larry Longwell	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Cornhusker CC 2015	10/10/15	LN		11.68				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
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.23	Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	LA	10.61	10.93	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
B	11.34	11.69	Larry Walker	Boone Trail CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LB	11.70	12.06	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.17	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.03	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.12	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	LD	11.92	12.28	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
E	12.69	13.08	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	LE	12.69	13.08	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.24				01/01/93	LF		12.24				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	12.87	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		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		Joe Sziarto	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	11.64	Travis Lochhead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LM		11.42				12/10/05
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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	Jeanne Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
Group 1													
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	13.63	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	13.60	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	13.83		Clay Johnson	WR Member at Large	WR-095 Cornhusker CC 2015	10/10/15	LE	13.75	14.17	Sharon Messerman	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	13.49		Jeanne Cassel	Wisconsin Corvette Club	NCCC Convention	08/25/15
H	12.91		Brett Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-143 COAST 2014	10/19/14	LH	12.97		Mary Anne Kolb	Tin Hall Toys	SW-143 COAST 2015	10/25/15
J	12.68		Jonathan Bradford	Texas Outlaws CC	SW-143 COAST 2015	10/25/15	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 Lochhead	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 Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	LCLA	15.44	15.91	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.26	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.77	Terrl Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

To receive a patch and/or certificate for your record, contact the VP Competition.

FROM THE VP OF COMPETITION

I know spring is in full bloom – not from the sounds of birds in the backyard or the green sprouts poking through the soil, but by the sound of engines revving and the smell of race fuel. Now I know Spring is officially here! Competition events of all types are happening across the country. Take time to try one. You might like it and you might also discover a whole group of good people having fun doing the same thing. It's easy to get hooked.



In this issue you will find a listing and articles about the top 15 competitors from 2015, including men, women, and clubs. Enjoy the articles and look for a common theme. Everyone seems to enjoy the people and good times as much as the competition itself. Congratulations to all and especially to your 2015 National Champions, Joe and Teresa Eller and the Cornhusker Corvette Club. Becoming a National Champion takes a huge amount of time, effort, and dedication. These individuals and clubs really represent what NCCC is all about.

A new resource that is available to all clubs is online registration. Any club can now set up online registration for any type of event and this includes both social and competition events. How nice it is as a participant to be able to go online and register for your clubs spring run two weeks prior to the event and your event chair can have a complete listing of entrants prior to the event. Thanks to Walt Jenkins for his hard work setting this up. Have your club Governor contact your RCD for details.

The Competition Committee has been working on proposed Rulebook changes for 2017/2018. Changes are mostly verbiage and organizational in nature. See your RCD for details. The final proposal will be ready for the September NCCC Governors meeting and will be published on the NCCC web site at that time. Voting will take place at the November 2016 meeting.

Enjoy yourself and your Corvettes this year - have fun and be safe.

Dale Samuelson
NCCC VP of Competition

MEETING DATES

*Listed below are the meeting dates for the
2016 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.

2016: February 26-27, April 22-23, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 9-10, November 11-12

2017: February 24-25, May 5-6, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 8-9, November, 10-11

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FROM THE VP OF MEMBERSHIP

Once again the calendar and the time change to Daylight Savings Time have come around again. That means it's time to think about doing something with the Corvette that has been holed up in my garage. Some crooner sang about the "most wonderful time of the year" but driving a Corvette when the weather is good really is the most wonderful time of the year.

NCCC membership is once again up just above 18,000 members. Our offer for a one-year NCCC membership to National Corvette Museum Delivery Program owners has provided us about 170 new members who may not have ever become NCCC members. Our new members have become Members-at-Large initially and our hope is to have them become club members near where they live. For the NCM Delivery MALs who took delivery and have become members since Spring 2015 up until now, they will be part of the renewal process this coming Fall.

Dave Heinemann, NCCC President has sent out his first big email blast to NCCC members. What we all found out was that many members did not have updated email addresses or their club governors have not entered that information into the member's database page. Having the ability to reach all NCCC members via email is another step we are taking in entering the "big time".

Our Sponsors, such as Corvette parts and accessory companies and tire companies, occasionally want to send us discount offers and some free stuff. Everyone likes free stuff. Certain political parties always want to provide free stuff. The Sponsor List check box that is on every member's NCCC database page can be enabled so that we are eligible for the Sponsor's free stuff and big discounts. We will not be inundated with junk mail or spam and no foreign government is being sent out to steal our Corvettes from our garages. Our Sponsors DO NOT share our email or addresses with outside companies; that was the stipulation we agreed upon with them.

Recently, it was pointed out to me by a US Marine Corps friend that his car was "the car" on page 22 of the Winter 2016 Blue Bars issue. He said he recognized his sunglasses and garage door opener in the front pocket of that Corvette America ad, one of our sponsors. John Hay, ER-595, taught me how to correctly clean my car and what the judges would be looking for at a concours judged show. My car was parked next to his. I took first place at that event. Thank you, John. Semper Fi, Marine! Oorah!

Spring will transition into summer with the competition and club activities heating up. Be sure to introduce yourself to the new members in your club and to recruit those interested in your club. There are even the non-NCCC clubs out there that don't quite know yet that they need to be an NCCC club. Maybe even the person who lives just outside of Glassboro, New Jersey, who owns that 1969 Riverside Gold Corvette I saw in late March might become the next new NCCC member. I'll have to stop by to introduce myself and tell them about the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Steve Johnson

NCCC Vice-President of Membership



ATTENTION NCCC MEMBERS!!

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

If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions, it is important that you notify NCCC of these changes. You can do 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 "2015 National Officers" page and RMD contact information can be found in the "Regional News" section of this magazine.)

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.
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	REGION NAME	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MALs	LARGEST CLUB IN THE REGION	MEMBERS
CA	Carolina Region	10	235	26	CAROLINA CORVETTES	64
EO	East Ohio Region	14	1138	30	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	245
ER	East Region	26	1996	64	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	205
FL	Florida Region	19	1618	47	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	358
IN	Indiana Region	19	1280	21	CORVETTE INDY	237
MI	Michigan Region	16	1012	29	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	187
MW	Midwest Region	30	2355	45	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	198
NE	Northeast Region	7	280	25	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	85
NW	Northwest Region	2	231	4	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114
RM	Rocky Mountain Region	8	629	14	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	235
RR	Roadrunner Region	13	831	22	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	130
SE	Southeast Region	16	1384	39	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	380
SW	Southwest Region	19	1228	56	TULSA VETTE SET	303
WC	West Coast Region	22	1705	54	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	150
WO	West Ohio Region	7	340	14	CORVETTE TROY	125
WR	West Region	21	1550	26	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	355
TOTALS		249	17812	516		

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STEVE JOHNSON
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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Insurance Report:

By the time you are reading this report, the 2015 year has concluded and a new year has begun. We are delighted to have had a safe and successful year of Club, Region, & National events of all kinds throughout the United States without any major incidents. That can only be accomplished by every one of our members either hosting the events or participating in the events.

I can ask no more of our members than keep up the excellent attention you have given to provide a safe environment for yourself and everyone around you.

We again have Legacy Insurance Agency as our Insurance Broker along with our same providers for continued premium coverage as we have had in 2015.

Please read the Insurance Section on the NCCC Website that provides the latest information about our coverage and FAQs.

Convention Steering Committee Report:

The 2015 Pocono, PA Convention with all its success is now behind us, and the books are closed. A special thank you goes to the East Region for stepping up and hosting this event.

The 2016 "Roaring into Omaha, NE. Convention is well underway, put on by the Cornhusker Corvette Club, July 17-22. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center just off of I-80 in West Omaha. This is an ultra-modern facility with both hotels connected to the convention center. There will be a lot of convenient parking. Everyone will have four lanes to get there and a new four lane highway to Mid America Motorsports Park about 20 minutes away for both the low and high speed events. There will be numerous tours, people's choice car show, rallye, entertainment, and an outstanding "Salute to our Military" celebration. Everyone come ROARING INTO OMAHA IN 2016. You won't want to miss this one.

2017 Convention planned for Bowling Green, KY is also underway. As with all conventions there are many details that need to be planned, organized, and agreed to between NCCC and the various facilities and vendors. Periodic updates on the convention progress will be posted on the NCCC web site.

As of the Feb. Governors Meeting, we had not received any bid for the 2018 NCCC Convention. We asked anyone interested in stepping up to provide a bid proposal to the Convention Steering Committee by the April 22, 2016 St. Louis National Governors Meeting. Without any bid, we run the risk of not having an annual convention.

If at any time, you would like to consider hosting a future convention, please go to the NCCC Website under the Convention section and see what is necessary to submit a bid proposal, or contact me.

Thank you all for your support and let's have another happy and safe year in 2016.

Jack Wilson
NCCC Business Manager

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



The 2016 Corvette season is in full swing with activities underway in all NCCC regions. For many, it is just great to have our car out of its winter hiding and the joy we have driving to a club meeting, car show, autocross or a cruise. No matter what your agenda may be every day is a good day to promote NCCC and the many benefits that come with our membership.

Thanks to each of you that have volunteered to have your name added to NCCC's Family Help Family (FHF) database. The size of the database continues to grow as new volunteers are added monthly enriching the value of this NCCC travel tool. At the February

Governor's meeting in St. Louis, we realized that many members were unaware that FHF is a separate database and is not connected with NCCC member database. As a result, there are some members who thought they were a part of FHF but instead had only marked their member record with their desire to be a part of FHF file. Take a few minutes and check the FHF file to ensure your name is indeed listed.

We have a new Social Media Director, Teresa Eller. Teresa was appointed during the February Governor's meeting in our continuing recognition of the value of Social Media – specifically Facebook. Theresa has established a new NCCC member only page in addition to our regular page, so if you have not yet visited, please do and click "Like".

NCCC partnership with the National Corvette Museum and their R8C delivery program continues to flourish. This is a program where we offer a free one-year a NCCC membership in each Corvette delivered at the Museum. The offer is only good to those who are not or have not been a member of NCCC. As of February, we had gained 162 new members. This is an example of NCCC trying new methods and channels to grow and strengthen our organization.

If you have any questions about what is going on with the promotion of NCCC go to the web site because likely you will find what you need. The web site, of course, has much more than information related to Public Relations so if you have questions go to <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>.

Denny Luther

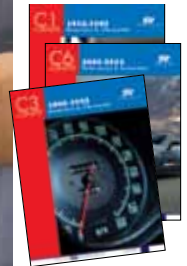
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



What is happening with the sponsors of NCCC for 2016? There is a lot "happenin'" as we enjoy the continued support of many of our national sponsors as well as adding a few new companies to our group. As of the end of February, we have sponsorship of NCCC from 16 different companies. NCCC sponsorship monies are used to help support BLUE BARS, the web site, the membership, and convention activities. Those companies involved in this activity are **MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS, ECKLER'S, GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER, CORVETTE CENTRAL, CORVETTE AMERICA, ZIP PRODUCTS, NOVISTRETCH, CONDON SKELLY**

INSURANCE, PARAGON CORVETTE REPRODUCTIONS and CARLISLE EVENTS. A few new companies for this year - **NCM INSURANCE** and **CORVETTEEXHAUSTSYSTEMS.COM** are providing support to NCCC and **T.O. HAAS TIRE, HAGERTY INSURANCE,** and **LEGACY INSURANCE** will be providing support for the Omaha convention.

Condon Skelly Insurance has partnered with Mid America Motorworks to provide specialty car insurance to Corvette owners at some great rates. You can discover more about what they offer by clicking their link on the front page of the web site. Corvetteexhaustsystems.com is a new company that offers a variety of aftermarket exhaust systems for the C5 and newer models. They are linked on the Discounts page of the web site and are offering a 15% discount on their products to NCCC members. Many of you may be familiar with the NCM insurance program and they are working to expand their insurance coverage to more Corvette owners. You can contact them through the NCM and there will be a link to their website listed on the web site from the NCM link. NCCC members who already have their insurance are pleased with their program. T.O. Haas Tires will be helping us with a convention activity-sponsoring the transportation to the Drive and Compare event hosted by Michelin. We are excited about all of these new companies showing support to NCCC and hope we have a long term relationship with them.

The Eckler's calendar was a big hit with the membership. As with any new program, there are always "bugs" to work out and the RMD's will be providing more information to the clubs to make sure you are on the list to receive a calendar next year. Eckler's will be providing a calendar for 2017 as well. Each primary member should be eligible to receive a calendar. We are also asking for your help in providing information for the calendar. You may submit photographs of your cars or club activities in a high resolution (300 DPI) in a jpeg or PDF file format. These photographs should be emailed to sponsorship@corvettesnccc.org by August 31, 2016. You may also submit dates of club activities and events planned for 2017 by August 31, 2016 to sponsorship@corvettesnccc.org. You **WILL** be receiving more reminders about this. You snooze, you lose, so try to send your information on time.

Michelin will be hosting their Drive and Compare event at the Omaha convention. The event will be held on the parking lots at Werner's Park, home of the Omaha Storm Chasers, a minor league team for the Kansas City Royals. The event will be Monday, July 18 and possibly the 19th. Check out the link on the Convention page of the web site and more information should be available. Registration will be done online and will be open from July 1-15.

Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch has donated four \$500 gift certificates for hot laps at the track. We held an online auction for the first one in February and Glenda McMahan, from Cowtown Vettes, was the winner. Proceeds from the auction will be divided between FCOA and the NCCC Grants and Scholarship Program. The next online auction will run during the month of May and information will be provided on the NCCC web site so get ready to bid on some fun! Spring Mountain is announcing Track Days which includes 2 days of driving your Corvette on the track, May 7-8. The cost is \$400 per car or \$700 for 2 drivers with one car. Contact Spring Mountain for more information.

All of the country should be enjoying spring weather and getting ready for summer fun with your Corvette and your NCCC club. Enjoy the camaraderie of NCCC and remember to support our sponsors! Hope to see you in OMAHA!! (Is Peyton Manning there? I hope so!)

Debbie Lindsey
NCCC Director of Sponsorship



FROM THE WEBMASTER

Steppin' Down! Steppin' Up!

In case you haven't heard already, I am Steppin' Down. On February 12, 2016 I presented to all NCCC Officers my Letter of Intent that I did not intend to reapply in December 2016 for the Appointed Officer position of NCCC Webmaster for 2017. I also let them know that I intend to fulfill my appointment for 2016 and plan to give my usual energies to fulfill my duties as I feel I have done since September, 2004. This

is not a rash decision on my part as I have been mulling it over for the past three years since my world was turned upside down. Not an easy decision.

By giving this early notice, I am in hopes that another NCCC Member will think about Steppin' Up. There are a lot of talented people in our Membership and I am sure there is someone who would just love to take over. Although not typically due until the end of each year, an Appointed Officer Application (linked to the Officers page on our web site) can be sent in at any time. I am more than happy to talk to anyone who is thinking of applying. The Job Description for NCCC Webmaster (linked to the Officers page on our web site) is fairly accurate, however, NCCC might have some new ideas to present for the new Webmaster.

I feel so privileged to have served all of you for these many years. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people that I now call "friend" and I am sure these friendships will continue. I have learned so much about NCCC and with everyone's help, I have learned about creating and maintaining a User Friendly Web Site for all of our Membership. I don't plan on moving anywhere but spending more quality time with my kids, my grandkids and my great-granddaughter sounds pretty inviting. Piper and I also plan to spend some quality time together, too. She will probably have to get used to not spending so much time under my desk.

A huge thank you and hug for all of you....let's have a super 2016!!

Joan Thomas
NCCC Webmaster



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Seasons change...time passes...lessons learned. New experiences...old friends...new friends...new adventures. That's what life is all about...and believe it or not – that's what NCCC is all about! Owning a Corvette isn't about just driving it around in the good weather – it's about all the wonderful things you can experience through owning a Corvette.

Please keep those Club Features and articles coming. It's my goal to stay current with everything I receive – so far, so good!

I hope you take the time to read through Blue Bars to see what the rest of the Corvette world is doing...as my Mom always said – "you learn something new every day!"

Elaine Heretta
NCCC Director of Publications



FROM THE "IT" DIRECTOR

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you that may not know me. My name is Walt Jenkins and I am currently serving as the Regional Competition Director in the Rocky Mountain Region of NCCC.

At the February National Governors meeting, Dave Heineman appointed me as Director of Information Technology for 2016, I accepted and was verified by the Governors in attendance. I will try my best to serve our membership well in this capacity and I thank Dave for considering me for this job.

You may ask yourself "what are Walt's qualifications for this job?" Well, I worked at Digital Equipment Corporation for 19 years and at Oracle USA for 18 years before I retired. I have built custom computers, managed many websites, done LOTS of programming over the years and currently have a few clients for my small computer business. I've been a member of NCCC since 2000 after I purchased my very first Corvette, a new Torch Red Coupe, and joined the Colorado Springs Corvette Club soon after taking delivery. I have been 2nd Vice President, President, Governor and currently serve on the club's board. I've been involved at the National level since 2008 when I was nominated as the Convention Director for 2009, so if you attended the 2009 Convention in Colorado Springs, you came to the Convention where I was the Director. If you have ever registered for a Convention, logged into the Membership Database, Competition Database, Voted, Registered online for an NCCC event or pretty much anything else that required some programming on the NCCC website, you have used some of the software I have developed.

As I look over the operations and processes we use within the NCCC, I see many opportunities for improvement, making things easier and better for everyone involved. First and foremost is improving the communications between the National Level, Regional Level and to some extent, the individual club and members of NCCC. Dave Heineman, President of NCCC, has requested that I develop a system where he can communicate via Email, to each one of the members in the NCCC. Our current system would be very difficult to maintain if we had to send each one of our members an individual email, so I will be developing a system that will automate that process. Of course, in order to accomplish this task, we need to make sure that all of our members actually have an email address identified in the Membership Database. Currently, only about 54% of our members have one, so if you don't have an email address in the Membership Database, please update your club Governor with your information.

I also would like to develop a smart phone application for the Family Helping Family program. I envision that if one of our members needs some help while driving around this great country, he or she would be able to bring up the application and find nearby members who would be willing to help out. This is only one example of processes that can be improved upon to make it easier for our membership.

So it looks like I've got a lot of work to do and in the coming months I will try and keep you all apprised of the state of the various projects that are in the works.

Walt Jenkins

NCCC Director of Information Technology



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Hello fellow NCCC members! Spring is in the air and it is a new year for new things. At the first Governors meeting of 2016 I was appointed your first ever Social Media Director. Why you ask? Well, the world is changing and NCCC needs another way to reach out to new people. So, since I spent the most time on Facebook last year showing you my life on the road and all the people I reached with it, Dave decided I was right for the Job.

We have over 17,000 outstanding people in our wonderful group and a lot of them are using social media to keep in touch these days. So NCCC has joined that movement. I have set up three different pages. One is Public where we can post the good work that NCCC is doing as an organization. You can find it by going to Facebook and searching <https://www.facebook.com/NationalCouncilOfCorvetteClubs/> or go to the NCCC web page <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/> and click the blue "Connect with us on Facebook" box on the main page. When you get to the National page please click the "like" button - the more "likes" this page gets the higher it goes on the search list. We want our page to be the first thing that pops up when people type in National Council. The second page is a closed group for ACTIVE members of NCCC only. This is where you can share your photos, stories, questions, and events you are having that you want others to come to. Please save your Non NCCC items for your own personal page. You can join this page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657173631219873/> and click the "join" button. Your name will be checked against the NCCC membership database and if you are a current member, then you will be accepted. Once your request is accepted, you can add your NCCC Facebook friends to the group. The third page is a group that I set up in 2013 - nothing personal guys - but, it is a closed group for NCCC ladies only. We talk about things you guys don't care anything about. You have to be an NCCC lady to join. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/477713249026178/> and click the "Join" button. Your name will be checked against the NCCC membership database and if you are a current member then you will be accepted. While I'm writing this, we have 443 "likes" on the National page, we have 797 members on the closed group, and 104 members on the ladies only page. Please help me grow these numbers! I can't do this without your help. If you have questions, you can email me at SocialMedia@Corvettesnccc.org or send me a personal message at Teresa Austin-Eller on Facebook

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Teresa Eller

NCCC Director of Social
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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 who developed this new youth membership concept and FCOA was "born". FCOA signed up its first 76 members at the 1991 NCCC Convention in Charlotte NC.

MEET SOME OF FCOA'S FIRST 25 MEMBERS IN 1991

FCOA #0002 JENNIFER



Daughter of Patrick & Cindy Dolan
Royal Corvettes of Michigan

FCOA #0005 ERIKA



Daughter of Bob & Connie Wollenman
Mid America Corvette Club

FCOA #0008 R.D. & #0009 RHEA



Children of Kim & Ron Covington
Anderson Corvette Assn.

FCOA #0003 SARAH



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FCOA #0006 NICK



Son of Bob & Connie Wollenman
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FCOA #0011 JENNIFER



Daughter of Jerry & Janet Limpach
Corvette Troy

FCOA #0012 JEFF



Son of Jerry & Janet Limpach
Corvette Troy

FCOA #0004 CATHERINE



Daughter of Don & Betty Parks
Corvettes Atlanta

FCOA #0007 WHITNEY



Daughter of Bob & Connie Wollenman
Mid America Corvette Club

FCOA #0013 KRISTI



Daughter of Dale & Carolyn Samuelson
Northern Illinois Corvette Club

AND WHERE WILL YOU FIND SOME OF FCOA'S FIRST 25 IN 2016?

FCOA #0002 JENNIFER



In 2004, Jennifer graduated from Laingsburg High School with valedictorian honors. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, College of Engineering in the fall of 2008. In 2009 she earned her master's degree in nuclear engineering. In spring of 2013, Jennifer completed her PhD in Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences with her dissertation entitled *Safeguarding Special Nuclear Material by Detecting Fast Neutrons in Liquid Scintillators*. Upon completion, she was awarded a one-year fellowship with the National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington DC – with a focus on nonproliferation research and development. In her research capacity, she represented the United States at a Summit held in France. Jennifer is currently a Nuclear Physicist at the Princeton Technology Center, Schlumberger in Princeton Junction, NJ. She also works in coordination with the Princeton Public School district to acquaint disadvantaged students with nuclear engineering – motivating them to pursue a career in the sciences.

FCOA #0003 SARAH



After graduating as Laingsburg High School's valedictorian in 2008 Sarah was selected for preferred admittance into the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business – a highly selective program with only 19% of the applicants given access. She served as a mentor to students in the University of Michigan research community, partnered with the innovative staff of the Michigan Daily News. In April 2012, Sarah graduated from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Immediately following graduation, she secured a highly sought position with Ann Arbor's top marketing firm Perich Advertising. While at Perich she has been the lead on a number of high profile accounts, including their top account 'Greektown Casino.' Sarah is active in a number of volunteer organizations and finds great reward in working with the homeless at the local shelter.

FCOA #0004 CATHERINE



Cat is pictured here with her husband Chris and second generation FCOA members - Chase (left - #4160), Grayson (middle - #5010) & Travis (right - #3573). From 1999 to 2005 while she was a NCCC Youth Member, she competed in regional & national autocross events. She also earned the Southeast Region's #1 worker award in 2000 and was in third place of the region workers in 2002. She was the recipient of the NCCC scholarships while in college. Cat is a stay-at-home mom who contracts as an Interior Designer designing houses in her spare time.

FCOA #0005 ERIKA



Here's Erika (Wollenman) Millican taking a spin with her daughter Gentry in *her* grandpa's 1966 that's still in the family. She resides in Canyon, Texas with her husband Jeff. Their 3 children are shown above (left to right) Wesley (7), Kinslee (10) & Gentry (3) between *their* grandpa's orange '69 and their uncle's black '69. Erika says that although Corvettes run deep through her blood, she doesn't currently own one. She and her family continually get to enjoy them when they visit her parents in Missouri. She feels blessed to have been part of the FCOA growing up and will hopefully park a Corvette in her garage one day.

FCOA #0006 NICK



As you can see, Nick's nephew Wesley likes hanging out with his uncle who has owned 6 different Vettes. The above '69 Big Block is the car he chased forever! His father and uncle built the car in the late 70s/early 80s and raced it in regional NCCC events. He and his dad tried to buy back the car many times from the next owner but it just sat in his garage. Nick stumbled across the car on Craigslist of all places on a late Saturday evening and wrote a check the following Monday. It is his 5th Vette and will never leave his family again. Nick graduated from DeVry University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology. Nick is car crazy so he went to work for a marketing firm in Kansas City that focused on major manufactures of after-market car accessories. About 8 years ago he joined his parents in the operation of their truck stop. He currently lives in Lees Summit with his wife Dianna and his crazy Boxer Pixie. His stepson Gabe is a sophomore at Oklahoma City University.

FCOA #0009 RHEA



Here is Rhea with her husband Bryan with their daughters Mila & Mika. Rhea graduated from Indiana University in 2002 with a major in marketing and a minor in journalism. She is now a Transportation Underwriter for Creative Underwriters and Bryan works as a recruiter. They are really busy with their girls and family. Rhea and her family live in Indiana and still enjoy all the special times with her parents' Corvette friends.

FCOA #0007 WHITNEY



Pictured here is Whitney (nee Wollenman) Barnardo and her husband Jonathan at Krug Park in St. Joseph MO with her dad's 1969 Stingray. They were on a fun run after a Cars & Coffee event her parents hosted in October 2014. Many Corvette owners from Glass Express Corvette Club were in attendance also. She doesn't own a Corvette but since they live in Kansas City MO now she can borrow one of the many in the Wollenman family collection. Whitney may not be as car crazy as she once was but she still has a keen eye for great vehicles.

FCOA #0008 R.D.



R.D. and his wife Dawn are pictured here with their son Drake and daughter Aurora. As a past NCCC scholarship winner, he graduated from Indiana University in 2000 with a triple major in business. They live in a suburb of Charlotte where he works for Bank of America and she works for ADP. With the stipulation that Drake eventually gets it, R.D. now owns his father's 1985 two-toned blue C4.

OTHER FIRST 13 FCOA MEMBERS

FCOA #0001 TIM DeZEEUW

FCOA #0010 TYLER ANTHONY



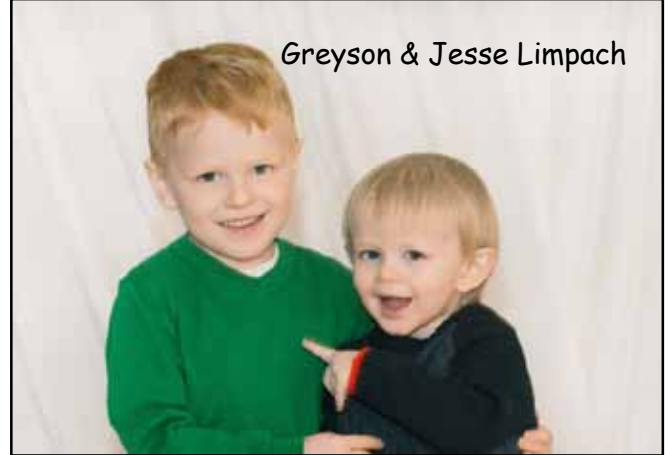
FCOA #0011 JENNIFER



FCOA #0012 JEFF



Drew & Alex Labosky



Greyson & Jesse Limpach

After "outgrowing" FCOA both Jennifer and Jeff became NCCC Youth Members. Jeff conducted a successful letter-writing campaign in the '90s for NCCC to allow 16-year old members to compete in speed events. He took full advantage and competed with his dad until he found other interests. He even managed to borrow the Vette for his prom. Jennifer stayed active in Corvette Troy for several years and helped the club at its annual Spina Bifida Association Benefit Drawing Party. Jeff and Jennifer still live close to Tipp City so second generation members FCOA #4471 Greyson (6), FCOA #4472 Drew (5½), FCOA #5081 Alex (3), and FCOA #5080 Jesse (2½) are in Grandma Janet's daycare several days a week. Drew & Alex have a 12 volt Vette and love to do burn-outs. Alex has to hug papa's "vrooom vrooom" whenever he's near it. Drew just wants to know when he can start racing. Greyson has run parades with his grandpa and Jesse just can't wait to do that also.

Watch for the Summer issue of Blue Bars where you will meet the rest of the first 25 FCOA members #0014 through 0025!

FCOA #0013 KRISTI



Kristi is shown here with her husband Mike and second generation FCOA kids #2509 Lauren (12) and #4631 Brendan (9). Kristi and her family live in the Chicago suburbs and Kristi continues to enjoy working for Mercer Investment Consulting in Chicago. She was a recipient of a NCCC scholarship and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Western Illinois University. Kristi enjoys reading, home design and being a soccer mom!

- FCOA # 0014 MICHELLE HEINEMANN
- FCOA #0015 KRISTEN HEINEMANN
- FCOA #0016 KIM HEINEMANN
- FCOA # 0017 DAVID HEINEMANN
- FCOA #0018 JENNIFER HEINEMANN
- FCOA #0019 JUSTIN WEIDERHAFT
- FCOA #0020 STEVE MOCK
- FCOA #0021 AMY WEIDERHAFT
- FCOA #0022 GRACE SMITH
- FCOA #0023 CARLI SMITH
- FCOA #0024 JIM SWEET
- FCOA #0025 LINDSAY ANDREWS

A HUGE thanks to the NCCC members who helped me with this project by supplying pictures & information about FCOA's first 25 members!!! Spotighting the first 25 is a good way to celebrate FCOA's 25th Anniversary!
Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

FCOA Membership Count by Region as of March 23, 2016

REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-2016	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 03-23-2016	CLUB WITH THE MOST FCOA MEMBERS IN EACH REGION	# FCOA MEMBERS
CAROLINA	22		22		22	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	11
EAST	264	2	266	-6	260	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	42
EAST OHIO	169	1	170	-2	168	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	41
FLORIDA	244		244	-8	236	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	93
INDIANA	118	1	119	-1	118	IN-513 HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	26
MICHIGAN	224	3	227	-6	221	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	43
MIDWEST	467	11	478	-8	470	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	166
NORTHEAST	42	2	44		44	NE-585 CORVETTE CLUB OF VERMONT	6
NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
ROADRUNNER	52		52	-1	51	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	20
ROCKY MTN	55		55		55	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORV CLUB	21
SOUTHEAST	134	7	141	-5	136	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	71
SOUTHWEST	120	1	121		121	SW-055 COWTOWN VETTES/SW-131 OKLA CITY	28 each
WEST	334		334	-8	326	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	119
WEST COAST	119		119	-3	116	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	25
WEST OHIO	48		48		48	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	22
TOTAL	2413	28	2441	-48	2393		

Thanks, NCCC Members for your 25 years of support for the FCOA Program!



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

Look how many FCOA members have turned 16 already this year!

Have you encouraged them to be Youth Members of your club?

website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

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ADDRESS UPDATES FOR FCOA MEMBERS!

It would be very helpful if you would keep me posted on any address changes that happen for the kids you sponsor. If the FCOA member you sponsor is your child, be aware that FCOA records are kept separate from NCCC records so you need to inform FCOA of the change. Use <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/FCOA-1/Programs/FCOAddressChange.php> and it will be sent directly to me. Thanks for your help with this on-going problem ~ I appreciate it!

2nd GENERATION FCOA MEMBERS & PAST FCOA MEMBERS WHO ARE NCCC MEMBERS
 2016 is FCOA's 25th Anniversary so I'm looking for the names of second-generation FCOA kids & past FCOA members who are now NCCC members! I have a list of many of them but I know I'm missing lots so get the information to me asap! Need names & the best way to contact you and/or them. Fastest way is to e-mail the information to FCOAKids@aol.com ~ please put something in the subject like "FCOA information" so you don't get spammed or deleted! Thanks for your help!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

#1 - 2015 Ladies Champion Teresa Eller

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Joe and I started competing in the spring of 2004 after we joined CCC. My first event was in Lincoln, NE. We went to the AH-HA driving school on Saturday and I raced my first event on Sunday. Thank you Anita Poss and Harold House for getting us started. I know you told me one day that I would get “an ear of corn”, and by God, I got it! You know when you start out there are those people that push you along and show you the way. Joe and I were lucky we had Anita and Harold. I'm sure at the time of the AH-HA driving school that they never thought that they would have two NCCC champs one day. They told us if we really wanted to know what NCCC was all about we had to get out of our Region. Well in 2015, we did that. We went to 16 states. We put 35k miles on the truck and took a few flights south. We did 830 events and earned 8569 points together - all in the same car and same class. We changed out 2 sets of rotors, 4 sets of brakes, 5 sets of tires, 2 trailer tires and a few oil and brake fluid changes. Our 2004 Z06 is like a Timex. She takes a licking and keeps on ticking! I was of the mind set of a lot of NCCC members - “why go to convention?” Then I went. I can say I enjoyed them all for different reasons. Our first was 2009 in Colorado where I got my first top 15 jacket. Wow, did that feel good! Oh - that time on top of Pikes Peak was cool, too. Second was 2012 in Topeka, KS - getting to do registration and being one of the first people to welcome everyone to Convention. Third was 2013 Bowling Green, KY - it just felt like old home week seeing everyone again. Fourth was Savannah, GA, I must say it was the tea and pool time. If you were there then you understand. Fifth was Lake Harmony, PA, Going 152 mph on the High Speed track was a cool feeling knowing I was running with the



big boys (JOE). Sixth is going to be Omaha, NE. I'm guessing it will be my favorite since I will be able to welcome everyone to my home town at registration. I will be getting my championship ring, see the Top 15 get their much deserved awards, and enjoy showing off the home town track and everything Omaha has to offer. I think everyone should go to one Convention in their life and who knows maybe you will be like me and you will want to do another 5 or 10 more. If you have never been to a Convention, I think this year would be a great year to start. I DARE YOU! The bonding that the ladies did this year... I think even the men saw it. I think we had the strongest, happiest, most supportive group of top 40 or more ladies I have ever been with. I think my best moment was seeing Chris Reitz show up at the Quincy event on June 6th and realized I had my racing buddy back. My second best was in Huntsville, AL. If you have been there, then you are probably thinking “Really”, yes “REALLY”. I got my First Ever event OFTD. That may not seem like much; but, it is a moment I will not soon forget. To have Bruce Wentzel come over, hug my neck and tell me “NICE JOB,” is a good feeling.

I would change nothing about 2015! I ran for #1 and got it. I made it to all My Kids, and Grandkid's Birthdays. I had 4 weeks of vacation with friends and family. I spent an outstanding amount of time with my hubby, best friend and outstanding Pit BOSS. He pushed me to get to #1 and then figured out a way to get there himself. It was not how we planned the year but it happened. It was a very hard year with Mr. Rink and Mr. Godfrey giving him point goals to get every weekend. He ended up with the most points ever gotten by a champion. Just for the record I could not have made it without My Joey. I loved everything about our 2015 NCCC year. Well, maybe not temps below 60 and over 90, but the rain seemed to work in my favor this year. In 2016, the Eller house will be getting a new roof and gutters. We will also be out on the tracks in the West Region. Hope to hit some out of region, but not sure what they might be yet. I will also be paying it forward by riding with Rookies in and out of Region. It is about getting more people to trust themselves in their cars. Regardless



whether they run 10 mph or 110 mph; it's about being in the car and spending time with the NCCC family. If I could change anything, I would take cancer out of my friends and families lives. It has messed up a lot of lives and took my Daddy in 2011. He was a 29 year Air Force man. He showed me how to love family, God, Country, cars and speed. He never got to see me race. I know he would have been PROUD of me. I know he will be in that room Monday night when I get my awards, but it will be hard not to see him. If I make you laugh or say "did she just say that," you will see my Daddy .He was a Damn Good Man and I miss him. If I have called you Papa this past year it is because you helped me see him. Ladies, I haven't forgotten you - if I gave you something purple, bring it to Convention and I will tell you what it stands for. See you all in July. Try and enjoy your Vettes as much as we did last year. Step outside your bubble and make a memory. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us.



#1 - 2015 Mens Champion

Joe Eller

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Joe has been a member of NCCC and has been competing for 12 years.

The first events I competed in were three low speed autocrosses in Lincoln, NE. I drove our garage queen, an '01 convertible, through the course. I received a small trophy for the most improved male; and, I was hooked. I have attended several Conventions. They have all been excellent experiences. Hallett, Heartland Park, Roebing Road, and PoconoRaceway are all tracks that I've run at Conventions; and, I would recommend all of them if you have the chance. I'm not sure I can pick a favorite. Spending time with Teresa and our NCCC family was what I enjoyed most about 2015 and I would change nothing. Plans for 2016 are to travel less.



#2 Beth Waters

Irish Hills Corvette Club – Michigan Region

I joined NCCC in 2011 when my husband and I purchased our first Corvette. I never imagined the places that Corvette would take us or the friends we would make along the way. My first NCCC event was a Rallye in August of 2012. I had just been diagnosed with breast cancer the month before. Competing in rallyes not only took my mind off the breast cancer, it also allowed me to spend more time with my husband. We never missed a rallye that year or the year after that. With the encouragement of my husband, I started competing in speed events by the end of 2013. At first, I only competed in Michigan events, but with Mary Wentzel's encouragement, I started competing in other Regions. We have made so many friend and memories in our travels. The first convention we attended was the 2015 Pocono convention. It was a great time and I wish we had not waited so long to attend a convention. IO would have to say the best part of 2015 was making new friends, reconnecting with old friends and spending time with my husband. I'm not sure that would do anything different and I look forward to competing in 2016.

Beth is a founding member of IHCC. IHCC joined NCCC in December of 2013 and has been the number one club in the Michigan Region in both 2014 and 2015. Nationally, they placed 7th in 2014 and 2nd in 2015. IHCC is a small club of less than 50 active members who participate in NCCC events either competing or working.



#3 Chris Reitz

Route 66 Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Christ has been a member of NCCC since 1999. Her first event was a Low Speed autocross at the GM Plant in Wentzville in 2000.

I've been to five Conventions. My favorite was in Savannah, GA – the hotel was awesome and the weather was perfect! Tinley Park is a close second because it was our first. What I enjoyed about competing in 2015 was just being able compete at all – and watching my great friends, Joe and Teresa, achieve their goals to be #1. Congratulations and love you both! I've never been one to look back – I always try to be in the present with an eye on the future. If I could change anything, it would be to find a cure for all cancer! In 2016, I'll be competing, making more friends and having more fun!!! Also working hard to be the best possible NCCC Secretary.



#4 Mary Quine Wentzel

Corvette Club of Michigan – Michigan Region

Mary has been a member of NCCC since 1979 and has been competing since the '80's. She is a Lifetime Member.

The 1995 Convention in Palm Springs, CA was my favorite. We had quite an adventure on the way to the convention with Tammy Spinrad and the Michigan caravan. The hospitality at the Convention was fantastic and I enjoyed running the 1971 Big Block "Green Dot" Corvette – plus we were able to take a Hawaiian cruise at the end of the Convention. 2015 was filled with great competition, memories, seeing old friends and meeting new NCCC members. I wouldn't change much, except to run more events. 2016 will see us competing in our '85, along with our new C7 - it's a new year and new challenges.



#5 Kathy Gau

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Kathy has been a member of NCCC since 1999. Her first NCCC event was a Rallye that same year.

The upcoming Roar Into Omaha Convention in July of 2016 will no doubt be my favorite.....I have attended Tinley Park and Savannah, too. In 2015, I enjoyed meeting the folks behind the competitions, traveling and visiting new friends. I wouldn't change a thing – life is good. We know the work that goes into putting on an event and we appreciate the clubs and their member's hard work. 2016 will find us Roaring Into Omaha!



#6 Betty Parks

Corvette Atlanta – Southeast Region

Betty has been a member of NCCC since 1974. Her first event was a Low Speed held on the entrance to Atlanta Motor Speedway.

I have attended over 30 Conventions since 1975. It's hard to pick just one – but I'd probably say Savannah (2014) is at the top. Got plenty of relaxing pool time and had the opportunity to showcase Roebling Road Raceway and "Southern Hospitality" to all our racer friends! What I enjoyed the most about competing in 2015 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 Region events

plus several Midwest weekends. Donnie broke his shoulder in July and was unable to drive the tow rig – so, since I don't tow, I was offered rides to finish out the year. I was humbled by ALL the rides that were afforded me – C-4 thru C-7s. Thanks everyone – what an awesome family we have in NCCC! Keeping Donnie healthy would be the only thing I would change during 2015. We missed close to three months of competition – thus having to play catch-up by attending enough events to stay in the Top 15. In 2016, we plan to enjoy and spoil the three grand boys as much as we can during the week and spend the weekend with our Corvette family. What a way to spend your retirement! If I could change anything.....win the lottery – buy a new Corvette – repay all the folks who provided me cvars to drive last year with the opportunity to drive my new ride!

#7 Christine Gann

Oklahoma City Corvette Club – Southwest Region

Christine has been a member of NCCC since 2011. Her first events were at the Memorial Day weekend drag events in Oklahoma City in 2011.

I started in 2011 drag racing only. Then in 2012, I tried auto cross and really enjoyed that as well. I haven't been able to attend a Convention, but look forward to being able to go to Omaha. I enjoyed meeting a lot of great people out of Region and getting to know them really well and wouldn't want to change anything about 2015. It was a great experience. In 2016, we will focus on regrouping and spending time with the kids and their activities.



#8 Carolyn Samuelson

Northern Illinois Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Carolyn has been a member of NCCC since 1979 and has competed since 1980, winning several Regional and four National Championships.

The first event I ever competed in was a Regional event at a go-cart track in Utica, Illinois. A few timed runs on a short course with a lot of turns and I was hooked on autocrossing! We have attended every Convention since 1981 and especially enjoyed New Orleans, Savannah and Topeka. My favorite one would have to be Colorado in 2009 where I was fortunate to receive Top Eliminator in the drags and the Overall Competitor award. I love having to opportunity to race with the most competitive men and women in the nation. I feel truly blessed to be part of the NCCC Corvette family. Congratulations to Teresa and Joe Eller, 2015 National Champions, who devoted a lot of time, effort and miles??? to achieve this goal. They are the “bestest” friends and competitors. Dale and I didn’t travel much this year, but I did manage to take a Regional title. We enjoyed the parking lot get-togethers and the “pool parties” at Rantoul. I wouldn’t change a thing about 2015! I cherish the friendships I’ve made, look forward to making new friends and racing my Z06. My plans for 2016 are to attend more out of Region events and race at new sites. I am looking forward to Convention in Omaha (ROAR INTO OMAHA!!!), and, as always, enjoy retirement and grandchildren. Like Jack Wilson says, “Don’t need to change what’s working.” I plan to continue until I run out of gas!



#9 Janet Wilson

Northern Illinois Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Janet has been a member of NCCC since 1991 and has been competing since 1992.

I have enjoyed all the weekend “road trips” with Jack to the events in the various Regions and am looking forward to seeing our friends and making new friends. As Jack says, “It’s hard to change what is working.” This is especially true when you are enjoying what you do. I hope to stay healthy and do it all over again in 2016.

#10 Mehlinae Douglas

Northern Illinois Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Mehlinae has been a member of NCCC for nine years and says that it’s been nine years and she can’t remember her first event!

What I enjoyed about competing in 2015 – The People! The comradery. Racers are the best. I would change nothing. Big responsibilities at work mean that I won’t be able to race as much in 2016. I wish I could get more people involved with autocrossing their Corvettes and would love it if there were more races close to home.



#11 Gina Ogle

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Gina has been a member of NCCC since June of 2013 and began competing in September of that year.

My first event was the Cornhusker Corvette Club Summer Festival. I haven't attended a Convention.....yet. What I enjoyed the most while competing was all the great people I got to meet at different events. If I have to change anything, I would have started earlier in the season! In 2016, I plan to do some local racing. 2015 was a great season full of wonderful memories!



#12 Kay Clawson

Fort Wayne Corvette Club – Indiana Region

Kay has been a member of NCCC and has been competing with us for 20 years.

We did an SCCA weekend first and then the next weekend we did an NCCC event. It was much better! No so many cones! The Colorado Convention in 1999 is my favorite. When we arrived at the Convention hotel, we were met by two guys on a golf cart with ICE COLD BEER! That really stuck in my mind. Plus, the tracks for the High and Low Speeds were a lot of fun. Getting to see everyone again is the most enjoyable. If I could change anything, maybe

it would be a newer car – although I really like my '08. We usually only compete in Indiana, a little Midwest and Southeast. We went to Michigan in 2015 – it was wet and cold – but fun! We'd definitely like to go back to Florida and Savannah in 2016. Love the competition!

#13 Linda Goebel

East Tennessee Corvette Club – Southeast Region

Linda first joined NCCC in 1971. This is the sixth year in a row she has been in the Top 15.

Congratulations to everyone in the Top 15. To Joe and Teresa...WELL DONE. You are in "rare air" to be able to share your passion with your "best friend" and partner for life!! We all spend so much time together. The lifelong friendships are far more important to all of us than any awards or recognition we receive. I am more than ready to get the next season started! I had asked David for more horsepower for the last three years. I thought it would be in our Race Car (the rocket was apart for all of 2015). Instead, it was in a new 2015 Z07 purchased from our sponsor dealer Reeder Chevrolet! What a fantastic car! My first automatic transmission Corvette! It carried me to 1st or 2nd Ladies Overall more than 80 times in 2015! Pocono Convention re-introduced me to the fun of Drag Racing. Snowball (the new Z07) is the only car I have ever driven into the 11's!! This was the first time I have accomplished Ladies Overall in both THE Convention Low and High Speed autocrosses! I always thought that would happen with the RP, no in a 1SN! The rocket will return in 2016. It will have more horsepower! Look out all you lonely pylons! I will be on pavement VERY near you soon!



#14 Bernyce Molenda

Tin Hall Toys Corvette Club – Southwest Region

Bernyce has been a member of NCCC for 36 years and has been competing since 1979. The first NCCC event that she entered was a Car Show in Shreveport, LA. My favorite Convention was 2008 in Tulsa, OK. Our Region hosted it and it was just a lot of fun! Competing in 2015 got me out again. Having friends help me with a lot of car details that were beyond my comprehension (I am not a mechanic, Ted was). Being with friends, including Mary Anne Kolb, who loaned me her car for the second half of the season when I traded in my '08 – helped me being in the Top 15. I really enjoyed getting out and traveling – seeing friends and family. I hope to continue doing everything that I enjoy in 2016 – events in the Region and maybe a few out of Region. I wouldn't change things per se – just enjoy life and do what I like to do, which is attending and playing at NCCC events.



#15 Debbie Esicar

Great River Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Debbie has been a member of NCCC for six years. Her first event was in 2010 at the community college in Centralia, Illinois.

My husband, Bill, let the starter know of my inexperience and asked that he hold off sending the next car. The starter did not listen (imagine that) and I had someone on my tail before I made it halfway around the course. Each year I get a little braver and go a little faster, and hopefully, the driving skills improve. One of my most memorable events in 2015 was at Putnam Park. Carolyn Samuelson rode with me and it was so much fun. She was laughing, screaming and telling me I was awesome! I know I wasn't that awesome, but I appreciated her encouragement. If I had to do it over again, the only thing I would change is maybe refusing to stay in certain hotels. My plans for 2016 are to enjoy the friendly competition with my fellow lady racers at as many events as we can attend.

#15 Linda Fairlamb

Northern Rays Ltd. – Midwest Region

Linda has been a member of NCCC since 1993 and has been racing since she joined.

The first NCCC event I ever competed in was at one of our Regions favorite venue's which as with so many others does not exist anymore. Bennett Raceway, a go kart track in Utica, IL, out in the middle of the Illinois corn fields. There were many great memories over the years at that track. It was a small track but had a relatively long straight right at the start which ended in a 90° right turn. If you misjudged your brake point, you would end up in the corn field as I did once, disappearing into a cloud of dust and corn stalks (and the top was down, it was not a pretty sight). Months later when I brought the car in for regular maintenance my mechanic walked out looking for an explanation for the corn husks that were still stuck to my radiator. The first Convention I attended was Orlando in 1996. Including that one, I've been to 18 conventions in 15 different states and every one of them has been a great experience allowing us to see parts of this beautiful country we may otherwise have never seen. But hands down my favorite Convention was 2005 in MN where I came away with Top Eliminator at the Drags. There was something about that day that I felt one with my car. Every run was flawless and I couldn't have done it without my "pit crew", Ski and Michael J, keeping me calm and focused throughout the event. That was a thrill! 2015 brought a huge change that I hadn't anticipated. After 18 years of racing and over 100k miles, the engine on my 1998 quit (rod or piston) forcing me to begin a new adventure late in the season racing my 2008. What for so many years was easy and natural, suddenly became very challenging. It was my first run at Convention that I realized I didn't actually know how to turn the traction control and active handling completely off as the car started to fight me around the second turn. Each event for the remainder of the season seemed like it was the first time in a new car still. Thanks to my racing friends who offered advice as they saw me struggling and shared insights when I asked. As for 2016, I will be looking forward to more seat time and better tires!



Place	Club Name	Region	Total Points
1	Cornhusker Corvette Club	West	33373
2	Irish Hills Corvette Club, Inc.	Michigan	12645
3	Oklahoma City Corvette Club	Southwest	12569
4	Elkhart Vette Set	Indiana	11841
5	Windy City Corvettes, Inc.	Midwest	11534
6	Northern Illinois Corvette Club	Midwest	10672
7	Corvette Club Of Michigan	Michigan	10473
8	Corvette Cleveland, Inc.	East Ohio	10237
9	Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.	East Ohio	9421
10	Michiana Corvette Club	Indiana	9317
11	Cowtown Vettes	Southwest	8680
12	Badger State Vettes	Midwest	8555
13	Fort Wayne Corvette Club	Indiana	8163
14	East Tennessee Corvette Club	Southeast	7310
15	Route 66 Corvette Club	Midwest	7065

#2 Mike Godfrey

Michiana Corvette Club – Indiana Region

Mike has been a member of NCCC since 1979. The first events that he attended were Club event, but the first one that he traveled to was at a GM plant in Kalamazoo.

In 2015, I competed at venues I had never been to before. I especially enjoyed Rantoul, Greenville, Knoxville, Huntsville and Cleveland. I also enjoyed it when a young man in Ohio was thrilled to beat me in an event. The pucker factor at Pocono Raceway was exhilarating. I go to Conventions for the competition events, especially the high and low speeds and my NCCC friends. I'm not saying this to be politically correct, but I cannot pick a favorite. If I had not been so busy helping put on events, I might have to pick the last two Indy Conventions because of the venues. I enjoyed that also and would do it again for my NCCC friends. If I could change anything in 2015, it would be to not let frustration over tow vehicle issues keep me from attending all the events at the end of the season. Even though I would still only have gotten second place, I could have earned more points than anyone had up until this year. I would also pick a year where Joe and Teresa weren't so determined. In 2016 I plan to go back to competing within my Region and attend other region events I enjoyed when schedule and finances allow and I'm going to "Roar" in Omaha...and win a couple of million dollars in the lottery.



#3 Howard J. Curtis

Elkhart Vette Set – Indiana Region

Howard has been a member of NCCC since 1998. The first event that he competed in was in 2001 in the Hamilton HS parking lot in Indianapolis.

This has probably been the most satisfying year of my race career. People I didn't even know came up to encourage and congratulate me. People I have helped showed their appreciation for the tips I have given. Having six racers from my Club to travel and compete with was great. Do you know how good it feels to have the GOOD racers congratulate you on a good run? NCCC you are the BEST! I wish that I had started when I was younger – I was near 68 before I ran my first low speed. I've got a new car to learn and be competitive in, in 2016.



#4 David Waters

Irish Hills Corvette Club – Michigan Region

David has been a member of NCCC since 2011. He began competing in 2012. My first event was a car show in 2011, but my heart is really into Auto-X. I enjoyed meeting up with all the other competitors on the weekends – this is a great group of people that love to get together and enjoy driving their cars and the competition of running against others. This is something that I enjoy doing all over the area and other states. I have only attended the Pocono Convention, which was a blast. Plans for the 2016 season will be a little slowed down from last year. We will be doing mostly events in Michigan and Indiana, with some traveling elsewhere. We are going to be doing some other things we love to do also, and give a slight rest to NCCC this year.



#5 Dave Buck

Elkhart Vette Set – Indiana Region

Dave has been a member of NCCC for four years. His first event was at Grissom in 2012.

I enjoyed meeting and making new friends and being known as “Howard’s Buddy.” I wish I could learn to go faster and be able to keep it on the track. I plan to continue to learn, compete and have some fun during autocross events – and maybe even let all the air out of Howard Curtis’ tires, so I can beat him! LOL If I could change anything I’d probably live somewhere where warm instead of Indiana since we have to put our beloved cars away for the snowy winters.



Tom has been a member of NCCC for 18 years. He was a “guest” at an autocross put on by Boone Trail Corvette Club in Wentzville, MO in 1998. That was followed by rallies, drag racing and, of course, high speed autocross.

2015 was a pretty good year. I enjoyed all my regular autocross venues - had a crack at the new track at the Bowling Green NCM Motorsports Park. I also had the opportunity to venture to Florida in October and run back to back weekends on each coast. Palm trees somehow make it more relaxing for me. I started attending Conventions in 2011 and have made an appearance at every one since then. My favorite would be Tinley Park in 2011 because it had all the events – low and high speed, rally, car shows, funkhana, and my favorite event, drag racing. Plans for 2016 are pretty much the same as 2015 – perhaps try a new track somewhere, and try to venture down to Florida again if it fits our schedule. I would like to see some younger people competing across the country. They are the future of our organization – so if you can get your child or grandchild involved somehow, it would be a great benefit to the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

#6 Tom Reitz

Route 66 Corvette Club – Midwest Region

#7 Mike Rink

Michiana Corvette Club – Indiana Region

Mike has been a member NCCC for two years. Although he has been competing for five years, his first NCCC event was at Tire Rack in 2014.

What I enjoyed about 2015 were ALL the great people that I’ve met! I would change nothing – well OK – to try and go faster! I plan to continue to have fun with the program and meet more fantastic people. I would like to see us incorporate raffle for charities or maybe increase event fees to go towards charites.



#8 Bruce Wentzel

Corvette Club of Michigan – Michigan Region

Bruce has been a member of NCCC since 1973. He first autocrossed in 1964 and “thinks” (haha) that he first competed with NCCC at the ’73 Convention in Indy.

What I enjoyed the most about competing in 2015 was the gingerbread cookies at the Brooksville events. I think that by ignoring the points chase, competing became fun again. If I could change anything, I would be more selective about what I run. I’d have to say that the 1996 and 2006 Conventions in Florida were my favorites because of the contrast of racing at Sebring in the ’71 big block with scary brakes and then the new Z06 with scary good brakes. The plan for 2016 is to run the events that I enjoy and skip the others.



#9 Gene Gau

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Gene has been a member of NCCC since 1999 and began competing that year. His first NCCC event was a rallye – which he won!

What I enjoyed about competing in 2015 was finding that I was still competitive with my 2M class drivers. I would change nothing – except tires. My favorite Convention was Tinley Park because there were a lot of activities. 2016 will find us Roaring into Omaha – July 17-22 at Embassy suites, La Vista, NE! Join us!



#10 Chris Gann

Oklahoma City Corvette Club – Southwest Region

Chris has been a member of NCCC since 2009 and began competing that year. His first NCCC events were low speeds at the Sheriff's track in Oklahoma City. What I enjoyed the most about competing in 2015 was traveling outside the Southwest Region, especially to events where venues were new to us, and making new friends along the way. It seems like we always managed to find Mexican food and cold beer. I don't think I would change anything that was within my control – obviously fewer broken parts come to mind...and staying

away from curbs!! My favorite event was the Convention warm-up at RPM...looking forward to the 2016 Convention. The only Convention I have attended/competed was Topeka in 2012 – Heartland Park was a lot of fun. I also enjoyed watching Christine continue to hone her driving skills and win her first Southwest Region Championship. Outside of Convention and a few SW Region events, 2016 will be a much quieter year for us. I'm looking forward to spending more time at the kart track this summer and coaching our next generation of Corvette owners. Congratulations to Joe and Teresa on the Championship run!

#11 Jack Wilson

Badger State Vettes – Midwest Region

Jack has been a member of NCCC since 1991 and began competing in 1992. I enjoy "Living the Dream" at this time of my life with Janet, having a great time enjoying our hobby, traveling to various places and enjoying our friends. I only wish we had more power and stickier tires. We've had a great time – don't need to change what's working. 2016 will find us doing it all over again – trying to go faster, have fun and keep smiling.



#12 Johnny Gann

Oklahoma City Corvette Club – Southwest Region

Johnny has been a member of NCCC since 2004 and began competing the same year at an autocross held at the Oklahoma City Sheriff's track.

What I enjoyed about competing in 2015 was getting to race on new tracks and meeting new racers from other Regions. I also enjoyed racing with Chris and Christine and all the other racers. Every race was like two races in one. Racing everyone and racing Chris. I wish that my car and my wallet hadn't broken so much... that we had more time to travel, more horsepower, tire grip and a lot less rain. My favorite Convention was Tulsa in 2008...I set my first drag record there. Plans for 2016 include attending the Convention in Omaha and racing at my favorite tracks.

#13 Jeff Craig

St. Louis Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Jeff has been competing for six of the eleven years that he has been a member of NCCC.

The first event I competed in was a Route 66 autocross at the Wentzville Assembly Plant – I have been hooked ever since. Since then, my Dad and I have built two dedicated racers for the family to run. My favorite event this year had to be running the high speed events at Hallett, OK. I'm planning on a return this year. Congratulations to the Ellers on their season – sure racked up some miles this year. I look forward to seeing all of my racing friends on the road this year.



#14 Brian Eichhorn

Sunburst Corvette Club – Midwest Region

Brian has been a member of NCCC for five years and has been competing for three. His first event was at Rantoul in May of 2013.

I enjoyed meeting new people and showing off my Summer Sleigh. As Santa, I try to make all that I meet, smile. Driving the '92 ZR1 is both a pleasure and a challenge as I learn what the Corvette can do. Pocono was my first Convention – it was fun. I look forward to racing again in 2016 – hoping it's in a faster car.

#15 Jack Alexander

Vette City Vettes – Southeast Region

Jack has been a member of NCCC since 1971 – he is a Lifetime Member. His first NCCC event was a Concours – that was before Corvette Atlanta turned him on to autocrossing.

The most enjoyable thing about 2015 was my friends – the only thing I would change would be to meet more friends. Every Convention is my favorite and I look forward to having fun in 2016.



WINDY CITY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Windy City Corvettes (WCC) celebrated their 25th Anniversary on August 15, 2015. This was our “Silver Anniversary” and WCC chose to celebrate throughout the entire “Corvette” season. The Windy City Board decided that everything this season was going to be about “25”. Celebrate our 25th Anniversary: Enter any 4 – 2015 Windy City Corvettes Low Speed or Car Show weekends AND our Oct. 11th triple Rallye to qualify for a \$25 rebate. Refunds would be mailed after the Rallye weekend. WCC ordered 25th anniversary pins for all their members. Of course, you can’t celebrate an anniversary without a party. The celebration was held at the Autobahn Country Club, an exclusive motorsports club.

Windy City Corvettes, MW-351, started in 1990 with only 8 members; Tony Petraski/President, Dave Heinemann/Governor, Susan Pagliaro/Treasurer, Dawn Scarsellato/Secretary, Perry Scarsellato/Sergeant-At-Arms, Joan Heinemann/Publicity, Judy Petraski/Membership, and Larry Pagliaro/Quartermaster. WCC has had 772 unique members over 25 years. Larry Pagliaro, the current President of WCC and the Midwest Regional Executive, was asked what the major changes were over the years, “We started in 1990 with one Chevrolet dealership sponsoring WCC, and now we have four.” We have been the NCCC Midwest Regional Champions in 1993-1999, and 2001-2015, NCCC National Champions in 2010, in 2011 NCCC Duntov Award Winner, we won the Hemmings Motor News Hobby Hero Award in 1998 and the Eagle One Award in 1995-1997 and 2002. The Future Corvette Owners Association is for children up to 16 years old and WCC has enrolled 355 members throughout the 25 years, which is the most of any club in the NCCC.

Larry also mentioned the display WCC has at the Chicago Auto Show because of the clubs involvement with Illinois Spina Bifida Association (ISBA), the number one birth defect. Windy City Corvettes was invited to display members’ Corvettes in the Chicago Auto Show at the McCormick Place, where all new cars are displayed every year. Illinois Spina Bifida Association is one of the charities associated with “First Look for Charity”, which is a Black Tie Charity benefit hosted at the Chicago Auto Show. Windy City Corvettes has been a Grand Benefactor for ten years; in order to be a Grand Benefactor a donation amount over \$50,000.00 is required. Some years Windy City Corvettes was the only Grand Benefactor. Last year they shared the title with Fifth Third Bank. Windy City’s support for so many years is the reason we have been invited to display our Corvettes.

Teresa Kocanda, WCC Charity Chairperson, said WCC has donated over \$800,000 to Illinois Spina Bifida Association since 1992. Other charities that WCC has donated to are FCOA, American Cancer Society, Brookfield Zoo Trim a Christmas Tree, the local 4-H Club, Operation Welcome Home, the Manteno Veterans home, NCCC Scholarship Fund, and National Kidney Foundation. “My husband Bill and I have been members of Windy City since 1994. We have seen the club grow and had tons of fun along the way. We stay because we have made so many friends and I love doing the charity part of it. It really makes you feel good when you know your hard work is helping someone else, especially kids. Teresa said: “I am always proud when we can hand over a \$50,000 check to ISBA at the end of a very busy year.”

Members were asked why they joined Windy City Corvettes and what made them stay. Marylou Freeman said “I joined for the Corvettes, and stayed for the friendships.” Randy, “King of Bling” Freeman said “I enjoy the car shows and Marylou enjoys the Rallyes.” Perry Scarsellato, one of the founding members, “Wow, I knew it would grow, but I never dreamed it would get this big.” Other members came to WCC through friends, neighbors, family, other events, and some found WCC on the internet. One member said they joined because her husband was whining for too long about wanting a Corvette and joining a club, so she finally gave in. She was glad they did, because of all the friends and fun they have had since that day. Frank & Jayne Ciccarella said, “This is our family,” while John O’Neill told me, “I enjoy doing things with my Corvette that I wouldn’t normally do by myself.” Chris Johnson mentioned that he enjoys anything that involves driving his Corvette, and Ken Linderborg said he joined for the racing and stays for the racing. Ron Cope talked about the NCCC Convention when it was in Tinley Park, and explained that he joined WCC so he could be involved and now stays for all the people and events. Bill Docherty, club member and MWR RCD, “I take pride in helping both the region and club adjust to current needs and build on our top-tier reputations. I have always felt you benefit most when you contribute.



The charter members of Windy City Corvettes laid the foundation of an NCCC club that has proven itself for 25 years.” Dave Heinemann, WCC Governor and NCCC President, said his original goals for the club were “To have a Corvette club that members could have fun, become friends, and be successful in all the clubs adventures.” One of our proudest moments would be Joan and I with the WCC board's support starting the Windy City Charity Program in 1991. The 2011 NCCC Convention was also a proud moment, however it was not just me, it was the club and MW Region pitching in to make it a success. 2011 was a WCC and MWR event and I had Larry Pagliaro to keep me on the straight and narrow.

The 25th Anniversary Party was on July 12, 2015 at the Autobahn Country Club, the perfect place for Windy City Corvettes to celebrate twenty-five years of memories. The day started at 7:00 am, and continued past the dinner hour, giving current and past members a day of many activities and memories. The event at the Autobahn included a Corvette Show, a drive around the Autobahn track, lunch and Go-Kart races, followed by a club picture with all the Corvettes, the 25th Anniversary banner and our members. It was now time to party in the clubhouse with a buffet that never ended, cake and a bar. During dinner, Adam Wojcik, our Vice-President and the organizer of the event, and Joan Heinemann, put together a slide show from different events throughout the years; pictures from the first board meeting, auto cross events, and many other gatherings were on the walls, as members smiled, laughed, and enjoyed going down memory lane.

The party was open to previous members and it was fun reminiscing and catching up. Larry Pagliaro, WCC President, found paperwork from the beginning days, and with the help of the members that were part of the original board, they had a board meeting from 1990. After they all had their fill of cake and camaraderie, WCC proceeded to their cars, revved their engines and drove off with their arms out the windows waving good-bye.

Written by: **Jodi Rusthoven**
Windy City Corvettes - Publicity Chairperson

Love Affair With A 1966 Stingray

Lowell Rothenberger, one of the founding members of Corvettes of Buffalo, has had a 50 year love affair with C-2 Corvettes. When a friend purchased one of the first C-2s, Lowell knew he had to have one. His dream of owning one came true when he saw a 1966 Laguna Blue Stingray sitting under a light pole at Jacob's Chevrolet in East Aurora, New York. Trading in his still unpaid-for Ford convertible, he drove home in that 1966 Vette. His father's reaction was "Are you crazy?"

At the beginning of this 50-year love affair with a Corvette, Lowell also fell in love with Karen Moore. He proposed to her in the summer of 1968. They were sitting in his Stingray while watching "The Odd Couple" at a drive-in between Glens Falls and Lake George, NY. Since Karen said "yes", they've been a threesome for almost 47 years. Lowell's ownership of this 1966 Laguna Blue Stingray is safe! Can you imagine letting someone sell the car in which you received your marriage proposal?

Lowell drove his 1966 through 3 winters. He even put snow tires on it. It was his only means of transportation. The color has changed three times. For about 4-5 years it was painted "candy apple blue" with silver undertones. With thirty coats of lacquer on it, the paint began to crack fairly soon. Then Lowell began the smelly, time consuming task of removing all the paint and wet sanding it down to the fiberglass. He added extra taillights and a side mirror on the passenger side. And the color went back to Laguna Blue.

About 1990, Lowell did a full body-off restoration. Some of the Corvettes of Buffalo members gathered in the Rothenberger's garage to lift the body off the frame. The frame was then trailered to Erie, PA where it was power sanded, repaired and powder coated. Boy, did it shine. Looked almost too pretty to put the body back on! Lowell did put the car back together with only one bolt left over. (He never did figure out where it should have gone.) Empire Automotive did the fiberglass body work, filling in holes from the extra tail lights and that passenger side mirror. (Karen really misses that mirror. Now she can't check her make-up and hair-do while riding in the Vette!)

When their sons were little, all four members of the family would ride to Corvette activities. Scott sat on the console and Peter sat on Karen's lap. Couldn't do that today!

Sometimes the 1966 Vette feels her age and Lowell is contemplating some changes to help her perform better. We'll see how that works out. In the meantime, that car stays in the family!!



The Cumberland Valley Corvette Club (CVCC) supports local charities annually through monetary donations. Its members generate the funds used to make these donations by participating in a variety of fundraising events such as car shows, Pocono Driving School, rallies, autocrosses, and manning local car auctions.



For 2015, the club selected the following non-profit organizations to receive donations: Project SHARE, Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program, Pennsylvania Wounded Warrior, New Hope Ministries, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties, Kick in for Kids, Chip Miller Amyloidosis Foundation, PA Breast Cancer Coalition, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and Hospice of Central Pennsylvania. A total of \$7150 was donated to the charities which offer a variety of services.

The Cumberland Valley Corvette Club recently made monetary awards for 2015 to non-profit organizations. Representatives from those agencies attended club meetings to explain how the organizations meet needs in the community.

In addition to monetary donations, CVCC members contributed items, gift cards, and money in support of the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area. A future donation is planned for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.



Pictured (left to right): Bill Fertenbaugh (VP CVCC), Kristin Gally (PA Elks Home Service Program), Sierra McCullough (Domestic Violence Services), Dr. Sherry Welsh (Domestic Violence Services), Tammie Gitt (New Hope Ministries), John Clarke (Project SHARE), George Bobb (President CVCC)



Pictured (left to right): Robert Crobak (Kick in for Kids), Charles Brown (Kick in for Kids), Jodi Morrison (Chip Miller Amyloidosis Foundation), Joanne McClintick (Hospice of Central PA), Karen Byers (PA Breast Cancer Coalition), Diane LeBlanc (American Cancer Society, Relay for Life), Sally Nesmith (American Cancer Society, Relay for Life), George Bobb (President CVCC), Bill Fertenbaugh (VP CVCC)

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Lanier Corvettes Unlimited and the Tail of the Dragon

Another great Fall trip to the Smokies in Tennessee and this time visiting Maggie Valley, North Carolina, too! This was the second Club trip for Lanier Corvettes Unlimited, Oakwood, Georgia, to enjoy the twists and turns of the Dragon, and surrounding mountains. On the first day of our trip 20 club members drove from Georgia with stops at Nathahala Outdoor Center for lunch, then to the Dragon, with a beautiful ride along the Foothills Parkway to our destination in Townsend, Tennessee (the quiet side of the Smokies). The second day provided stops throughout Smokey Mountain National Park to take in the natural beauty, as well as a short trip on the Blue Ridge Parkway on the way to Maggie Valley, North Carolina. A visit to the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley came with a surprise filming of the History Channel – you may see some Club members in an upcoming episode of the Restoration series. On the return trip to Townsend for the second night of our stay, a stop in Pigeon Forge allowed a visit to the Christmas Place to shop for Christmas themed décor items, and a tasty Italian meal at a nearby restaurant. Club members enjoyed the rides, the beauty, and camaraderie and look forward to many more good times together!



After riding the Tail of the Dragon, members of Lanier Corvettes Unlimited, Oakwood, Georgia, take time for a photo op at the Foothills Parkway, Tennessee.

CHICAGO CROSS ROADS PROMOTES COMMUNITY EVENTS



With the close of the 2015, CCCC has completed many events. In fact, we have participated in or held over 80 events. 2015 saw CCCC welcome many new and excellent members. Chicago Cross Roads has grown to be one of the largest Corvette Clubs in the Midwest, soon to be the nation. Throughout this growth, we never forget our dedication to our creed:

Chicago Cross Roads was established as a body to promote an image that encourages personal growth and achievement for all. Additionally, the club will promote Corvette Club activities by being anti-drug and pro community, being a positive role model to children, collecting and publishing information, and sponsoring activities, affairs and gatherings that enhance the enjoyment of the ownership of a Corvette, both public and private.



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We completed our 2016 calendar and will be working hard to add more community events, club trips and single day cruises to positive locations. CCCC holds or participated in more events and has one of the longest

calendars of any other Corvette Club. There is always an event that a club member can plan to attend. In the words of our founder Patrick Eaton, "The club has exceeded my expectation due to the work of the membership. I take my hat off to officers and members who have made this the outstanding club it is today."

Submitted by: **Grayland Stewart** - CCCC Club Photographer





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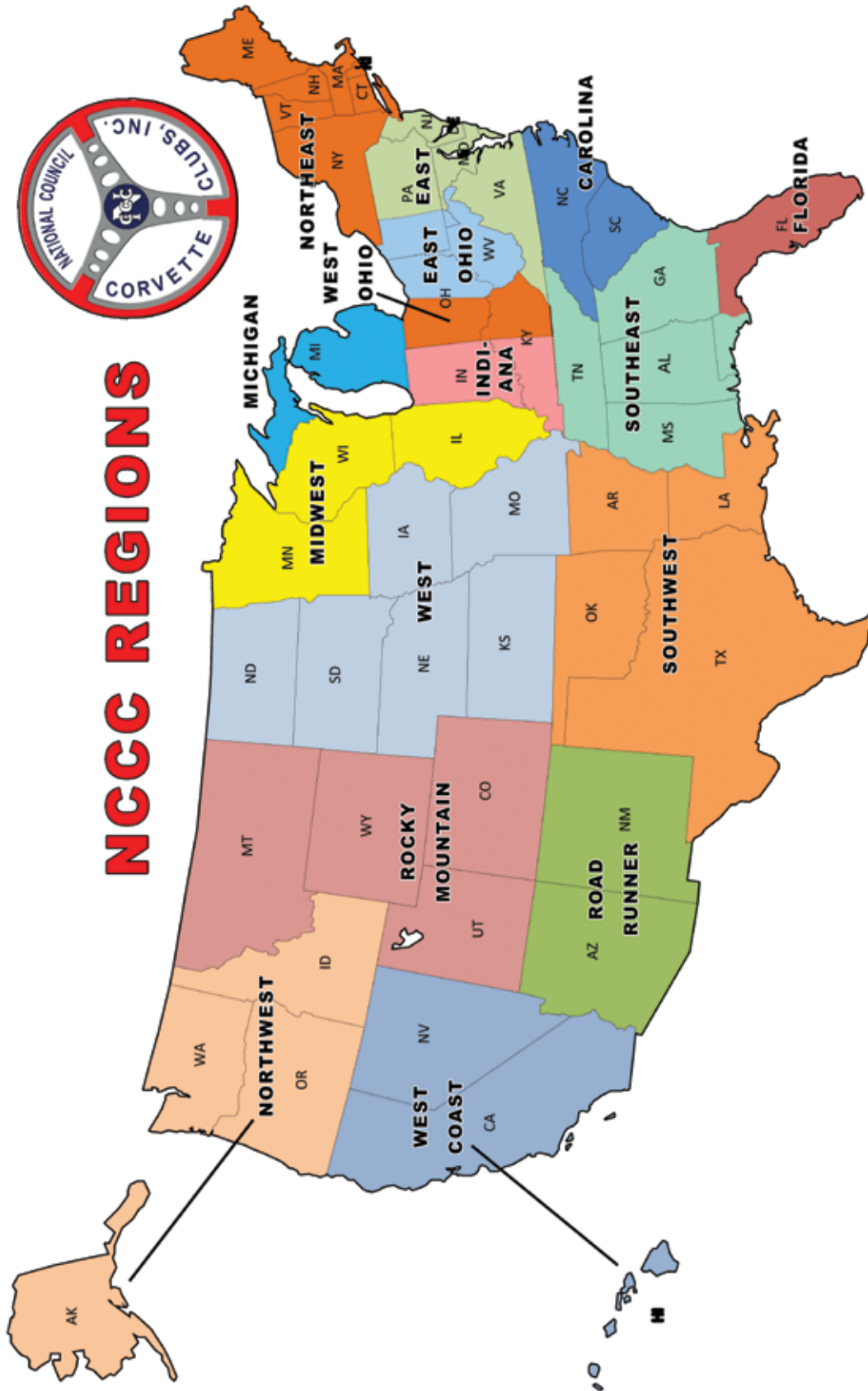
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Two thousand sixteen is a time of change for NCCC. I've been serving as a regional officer for over a decade. During that time, Patrick Dolan, the Director of Charity, seemed to be a permanent fixture as an NCCC appointed officer. At the February national meeting, I learned that Patrick decided to retire from this position. I will miss him.

Also, Joan Thomas, the NCCC webmaster, has taken NCCC from its infancy in the use of the World Wide Web around the turn of the century (*Boy! Does that sound like a long time ago*) to providing significant information about NCCC on its web page. Joan has done an outstanding job in moving the organization forward. At the February national meeting, Joan announced her retirement effective at the end of 2016. NCCC is now searching for a new webmaster for 2017. If you are interested in web page development (and maintenance), you can submit your interest in this position using the NCCC Appointed Officer Application form on the NCCC Officers web page (<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Officers.html>). Joan also will be sorely missed!

Over the past few years, NCCC has been transitioning from old manual, pencil and paper processes to implementing the use of online software to manage the organization. Although there is room for significant changes, Dave Heinemann, the NCCC President, has been pushing for more rapid change. Less than a decade ago, membership renewals were performed using pencil and paper. Competition results were entered in a slightly more advanced form (*at least in the East Region*), but the process was still labor intensive. Current processes permit an applicant to *theoretically* be entered into the NCCC membership database through an inline process in a matter of a few minutes and enroll in a competition event on the same day. While NCCC has made significant progress in a relatively short time, there are many additional opportunities available. Dave Heinemann has a vision for NCCC's future. At the February national meeting in St. Louis, Dave announced the creation of a new appointed officer position, the Director of IT, on the NCCC Board of Directors in 2017. The Director of IT will be responsible for managing all NCCC IT operations and reporting to the NCCC Board of Directors as well as the NCCC governors. Dave appointed Walt Jenkins to fill this position for 2016. If you are interested in applying for this position in 2017, use the NCCC Appointed Officer Application form on the NCCC Officers web page referenced above.

Several years ago, NCCC developed the Family Helping Family (FHF) program. The intent of FHF is for local NCCC members to provide assistance to other NCCC members that are traveling. Assistance could range from having "coffee and conversation" to mechanical expertise to providing a spare bed. Access to FHF members is through the NCCC web page and is password protected; **it is not available to the public!** The VP of Public Relations provides periodic updates to the password to Region Executives that in turn provide the password to club governors. If you would like to provide or receive assistance to/from other NCCC members, see the NCCC web page. See the following link for details: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Family/index.html>

Club Spotlights

Regular readers of this column know that I like to spotlight information about East Region NCCC clubs. Although most clubs are involved in charitable activities, I received information from the following club about their recent charitable activities. If you would like to see your club's activities spotlighted, have your club governor contact me.

Bel Air Corvette Club

The Bel Air Corvette Club (BACC) supports several local charities annually through monetary donations including, but not limited to, *Birthright of Bel Air* (MD), the *Fallston Animal Rescue Movement* (FARM), and the *Perry Point Veterans Administration Recreation Fund*. Each year for the past decade, BACC has scheduled a People's Choice show for the benefit of the VA Recreation Fund. Lee Anderson has been the event chair since the inception of this show. Lee Anderson (*left*) presented BACC's 2015 donation to Josh Smith of the Veterans Administration (*right*) at the 2015 People's Choice show.



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In addition, for over a decade BACC has also supported the *Sexual Assault / Spousal Abuse Resource Center (SARC)* in Bel Air, Maryland. Patti Morris (*right*) from BACC presented BACC's 2015 donation for SARC to Katie Poole (*left*).

Also, each year, BACC sends CARE packages to local military that are stationed overseas during the holidays. The packages include a variety of items that assist troops stationed overseas to remember local favorites items such as *Old Bay, Berger's Cookies, Frito-Lay products* and other useful items. Rosey Poole, Kathy Plummer and Michele Vasta lead the effort for the CARE packages, but this effort is supported by the entire club.



Joe Vasta, RE



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Greetings to all from the East Ohio Region:

Another awards banquet has come and gone. All members with at least 200 points were given shirts, with the top five men and women given jackets and shirts. The top 5 women were 5th place, Regina Muich, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, 4th place, Kathy Mast, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, 3rd place, Cynthia Flanhofer, Corvette Cleveland, 2nd place, Elaine Heretta, Tire Town and in 1st place, Linda Vannelli, Competition Corvette Association. Top five men from were 5th place, Charles Heretta, Tire Town, 4th place, Kenneth Mast, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, 3rd place, Ted Vannelli, Competition Corvette Association, 2nd place, Terry Muich, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club and in 1st place, Albert Flanhofer, Corvette Cleveland.

Twenty Five year Certificates were also presented to: Gary Kamerer, Robert D. Thomsen, of Buckeye Corvettes, Michelle M. Stoltz of Tire town, Judith Smith of Lake Shore, William C. Seamon, Competition Corvette Association, Judith A. Adams, Medina Corvette Club, and Robbert H. Kramer, Central West Virginia.

Two members were inducted into the East Ohio Region Hall of Fame. Sharon Burk, who is a 16 yr. member of NCCC, and Warren Obert, who is a 41 yr. member of NCCC. Warren's son Tim, an NCCC member, presented the award to him. It was a very nice touch.

I do have to send out a huge thank you to Corvette Cleveland. They signed up to stock the hospitality room for the banquet. With the amount of food these folks brought in, one would have thought they were catering the banquet. They fed us Friday night, as well as Saturday noon, after our Regional Governor's meeting. Good times, good folks. To repeat what has been said many times before, I joined for the cars but stayed for the people.

Terry Muich EO-RE

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Regional News

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2015 Top 10 Regional Standings

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Club</u>
1.	Paul Olesky	Kay Clawson	Ft. Wayne Corvette Club
2.	Dave Buck	Cynthia Wrigley	Elkhart Vette Set
3.	David Godfrey	Cathy Coolidge	Corvette Indy
4.	Tanner Everhart	Sue Ryan	Lafayette Corvette Club
5.	Michael Godfrey	Diane Jobe	Michiana Corvette Club
6.	Patrick Wrigley	Wanda Buck	Hoosier Corvette Club
7.	Howard Curtis	Tammy DeWitt	Anderson Corvette Association
8.	Randy Ashton	Joan Godfrey	Corvette Club of Indiana
9.	Ed Everhart	Jennifer Lucht	Tri-State Corvette Club
10.	Duane Everhart	Rita Robison	Original Circle City Corvette Club

DATE SAVERS:

Warm weather is right around the corner mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

April 16 -- Indiana Region Awards Banquet - Anderson Corvette Assoc.

May 1 -- Hoosier Corvette Club Spring Fling

The Hoosier Corvette Club will host its 13th annual All-Corvette Spring Fling Car Show at Hubler Chevrolet, in Indianapolis, IN on Sunday, May 1st from noon until 4 p.m. Registration is noon – 2 p.m., participant judging at 2 p.m. and awards at 3:30 p.m. The event features door prizes, a raffle and a silent auction along with Corvettes from various model years. There is no admission charge for non-participants. Food available. For more info, contact: President Wayne Biggerstaff @ (317) 281-5295 or Governor John Morrow @ (317) 402-6064.

May 7 -- Vettes for Vets – Star City CC & Lafayette CC

June 4-5 – Corvette Indy Main Event - New location at Old Airport - Long term parking!

June 23-24 -- Bloomington Gold Events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

July 9-10 -- Anderson Corvette Association Events

Check Region website <http://www.indianaregion.org/list-of-events.html> for more info.



Tammy DeWitt, RMD

Circle City Corvette Club

One of the major CCCC charities is the WRTV 6 Toy Drive, headed by Kevin Gregory, their chief meteorologist. CCCC continues to support this activity to help needy families at Christmas each year and 2015 was no exception. During the year, members bring toys to the event co-chaired by John and Mary Ann Means. By December, their closets and dining room look like Santa's workshop overflow.

At our club Christmas Party, we hold an auction of Corvette related items donated by our members and various businesses around Indianapolis. Mike Heimel (an actual auctioneer) volunteers his time at our party to auctions off the items. 100% of the money raised goes toward the purchase of toys. In 2015 CCCC made a contribution of \$7200 to the Toy Drive.

December 10, 2015, 20 CCCC Corvettes plus 1 pick-up truck driven by Emily, from Hare Chevrolet, our sponsor, lined up on Meridian Street in the heart of Indianapolis to deliver toys to Kevin for the live TV broadcast at noon. Each Corvette was filled with toys and games. Trunks were overflowing thanks to the generosity of our members. The Corvettes were the showcase at Monument Circle.

It is events such as this that CCCC participates in, that makes us all proud to be club members. CCCC members have always selflessly stepped up to assist at charity events as well as the NCM, the Motorsports Park, fund raisers throughout the years.



Regional News

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Spring ... what an interesting concept. As we sit here in Michigan, we have had about two feet of snow in the last month. Now, there have been many signs of Spring: Robins have returned; the daylight hours are getting longer; the ducks and geese have returned and are nesting; the skunks have come out of hibernation AND Michigan has set its Regional Competition Calendar for the Summer! Yes, in spite of the conditions outside right now, everyone is getting ready to bring their pride and joy(s) out of storage to get ready for another exciting driving season in the "Mitten."

With the change of seasons just a couple weeks away, the new driving season will start out with the Annual Region Awards Banquet. This year's event is being held at Matick Chevrolet in Livonia and sponsored by the Flint Corvette Club. Many thanks go to everyone at FCC, who has worked on the effort, and especially to Michealle and Danny Kellermeyer for being the central point of contact and organization. As of now, there will be about 200 in attendance and Danny has promised everyone will have a great time. Plus this year, instead of a cost to the attendees, there was a recommended donation that will go entirely to the Veterans' Outreach Fund of Southeast Michigan. Matick, along with the many sponsors, will underwrite the costs to make these donations possible.

Congratulations to those who will receive awards this year, including first place Rally: Jim & James Sweet; multiple first place winners in Car Shows: Mary & Bob Hall, Sue & Kim Keith and Gloria & Simon Reiffer; first in Low Speed and Men's Overall Champion: Bob Hall of Flint Corvette Club; and Ladies first in Low Speed and Overall Champion: Beth Waters of Irish Hills Corvette Club. Also Irish Hills Corvette Club finished first among the Michigan clubs. Congratulations to all and best of luck in 2016!

The New Year will be another good one with the many rallies, car shows, and speed events that are now on the calendar. Everyone is anxious and ready to drive and even those clubs that do not have competitors in their ranks still have a great time meeting and sharing the company of fellow owners and drivers.

See you on the road! Take Care.....

Mark Hanlin MI-RE

The dates have been picked for the NCCC Michigan Region at our February meeting and it seems like we should have a good year. There will be a lot of Rallies and Low Speed events being run for the 2016 season in Michigan. Our awards banquet will be held April 3 by the Flint Corvette Club which should be a great one. We in the Michigan Region hope that we see some out of Region folks come up and enjoy some Low Speed races this year in Michigan as we have a lot of fun places to run.

Thanks.....

David Waters MI-RCD Region News

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In my last article, I mentioned two new region leaders, Governor **Vern Fagerberg, Jr.** of **Northern Ray's Ltd** and our new Secretary, **Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club.** **Curt Callies** has also joined our team as Governor of **FOM Corvette Club.** A big welcome to them all as we start another event-packed year in the Midwest Region.

The Midwest Region Party hosted by **Dave and Joan Heinemann, Windy City Corvettes** is scheduled on the 2nd of April and I presume that 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 is 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.

We just returned from the Region and National Governors meetings held in Saint Louis and I wanted to pass on a few key items from that meeting. There are still a good number of openings available for the 2016 NCCC Convention that will be held in Omaha, NE from the 17th-22nd of July. If not already done, make your reservations as quickly as possible to book the best hotel rooms, events and tours. You do not want to miss this one.

We want to congratulate **Pat Kelly, Badger State Vettes** on the 25th Anniversary of FCOA. Pat has lead FCOA for many of its 25 years and we want to thank her for her efforts (as well as **Gary Kelly** for his behind the scenes work).

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A number of our region members did not receive the complimentary Eckler's 2016 Calendar. The way to receive the 2017 calendar and other key information from NCCC sponsors is to make sure that your Governor has checked your NCCC Membership Database record indicating that you are interested in receiving Sponsorship material. So now is the time to make sure your desired selection is shown correctly.

I hope you have made your plans and reservations as the competition season will be underway when you read this article. I am sure you will enjoy the quality events and activities held by our regions clubs and the camaraderie that they provide. There are events in our region most every weekend of the year. What better reason for owning a Corvette (or two or three or more). I look forward to seeing you at the events.

Larry Pagliaro, RE Shadowlap@att.net

Competition News

Our season will be underway when the Spring issue is mailed, and the region has a busy schedule, as usual. With 34 Rallies, 3 Concours, 11 PC Concours, and 179 Low Speeds sanctioned in the region, there are plenty of events for everyone. If you have not attended an event before, please, stop in and say hello. All of our events are social occasions, too, with friendly Corvette people.

The Memorial Day Motorsports Park events now have a waiting list. East Tennessee Corvette Club and the Midwest Region have partnered to provide sanctions for twenty-one events over the 3-day weekend. All events are low speed, so convertibles can participate without a roll bar for the Monday events on the west track. This is a great opportunity to experience the NCM Motorsports Park and check out the repaired Sky Dome at the Museum.

Sites for our low speed events continues to be a problem. The Village of Rantoul decided to expand its July 4th celebration and our traditional events were without a site. Luckily, another site was found, and the events will run. As we attend events, please remember that we are guests and our conduct reflects on our ability to rent sites for our events. The clubs in the Midwest Region have a great reputation that was earned by its membership. For events run by me, I always ask after an event if there were any problems. The answer is always – You are a great bunch of people, and see you next year.

Chevrolet just announced the addition of the Grand Sport to the Corvette lineup. Basically, a Z06 with the standard engine. The RCD committee will have to look into the class structure and find a place for it. Maybe a new GS class where the C6 Grand Sport and the new GS can duke it out.

The SA 2015 helmets are now available. Make sure you check your manufacture date inside the helmet to make sure you are compliant. Helmets must be within ten years of the manufacture date to meet NCCC rules. I recently replaced my helmet, and received a discount buying a replacement from the same manufacturer directly from them.

Now is the time to check tires, brakes and perform a general inspection before competition starts. I always bleed the brakes at the start of the season. Remember to add one-half quart of oil extra before running any speed events – Yes! It is in the owner's manual.

I am so looking forward to this season and hope to see you out there.

Bill Docherty, RCD MW-RCD@corvettesnccc.com

Membership News

Good day to all. Looks like Spring is right around the corner. I don't know about you all but I am ready for the warm weather. With renewals all done and out of the way I want to thank you all for all you had done throughout the renewal process. It was not easy but we all got through it. Thank you all. Lots of events throughout the MWR and at the NCM Motorsports Park that the MWR is hosting with ETCC. Come on out and experience an exhilarating time. I would like to also encourage everyone to look into coming to the NCCC Convention in July. Let's "Roar into Omaha" for this year convention. Gene and his crew have some great things planned for everyone who attends. The 2016 and 2017, Conventions are defiantly ones you do not want to miss. Another BIG event for this year 2016 is FCOA's 25 anniversary. I am so happy for this and I would encourage everyone to take a good look into FCOA, as I always say these kids are our future for the Corvette Hobby. Please get your children or grandchildren involved. I would also like to ask if any MWR club would like to make a donation to FCOA to please do so at the next meeting. FCOA is donations only. Also, another big item for the entire NCCC is EMAIL. Please Governors encourage your members to give email address and update the database with EMAILS. Also, check out the Sponsor section also. I cannot tell you how important these items are to the NCCC database. With emails, please take note of my current email change. LVRACNC7S@gmail.com

With the begging of a new year, I would like to point out that we have two new Governors ,Vern Fagerberg Jr. of Northern Ray's LTD and Curt Callies of FOM CC. Please welcome them into the MWR. Enjoy the hobby and the friends we all have.

Any questions feel free to contact me. "Save the Wave"

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Regional News

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Hello from the CHILLY Northeast! Mother Nature is sparring well with old man Winter. March is here already, cars are emerging from under their blankets and clubs are deliberating many future events. We have a couple of milestones in our region, Corvettes of Buffalo is celebrating its 35th anniversary, Tri-Vettes is celebrating their 55th anniversary, Southern Tier closes out with the regions top points. Congratulations on your EFFORTS! Communication between people is very beneficial to an organization, to help make it stronger and more vibrant. The president would like to be able to reach out to everyone via the internet, so please make sure your addresses are updated. Stay Safe and SAVE THE WAVE!

Ray Schafer NE - RE

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Congratulations to Thunder Vette Set of Sierra Vista Arizona for being the top scoring Roadrunner club in 2015. This is particularly noteworthy since TVS is not one of our larger clubs. Their success shows that they have a great level of participation by their members, and that their club officers are doing a great job developing enthusiasm in the Corvette Community and its events region-wide.

Will Benning is our new region Secretary. Thank you, Will, for volunteering. While we were without a secretary, I tried to take notes and publish minutes, but as RCD it has been difficult for me to take minutes and simultaneously participate in our region meetings. Will's efforts will ensure that complete minutes are available for all region members.

Thank you, too, to Kim Sheridan who continues to volunteer as the region's Treasurer and Web Master for 2016. Please contact Kim with your suggestions regarding making the web site a better service to our region.

The 2016 Competition Season began with Desert Corvette Association's 23rd annual Sweetheart Concours and PC car shows on Valentine's Day. There were over 160 entrants in the Corvette and all-Chevy show with a terrific selection of Corvettes, and Chevy-powered hot rods and race cars.

By the time you read this, Roadrunner Corvetters will have had the opportunity to enter a variety of 2016 events, including:

Desert Corvette Association is hosting a caravan drive to Laughlin Nevada in late February. Thunder Vette Set will host a PC show, Rallye, and multiple autocrosses in Sierra Vista AZ in mid-March. The Corvette Club of Arizona will hold its annual Corvettes in the Park PC show in Chandler, AZ in early April. They will also hold multiple autocrosses in late April. Verde Valley Vettes is holding multiple rallyes in April and a PC show in May in Cottonwood, AZ. Tucson Corvette Club will host its Superbash Memorial Day weekend including a PC Show, rallye, and several autocrosses. The first half of the year will conclude with multiple events in Sierra Vista in June.

I hope that 2016 will see increased participation from all 13 region clubs and I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends at each of these events.

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Save the wave.....

Paul Hamersly RR-RCD



Regional News

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The Rocky Mountain Region had a great kick-off banquet to get everybody excited about this 2016 competition season. Everybody had a great time with their Corvette family.

Now we have started the 2016 season and all the clubs in the region are participating in all types of competition. There is something for everyone. With this year's Convention so close to Colorado, I hear we have a bunch of members registered for Omaha, and as the deadlines approach, others will get the urge to drive to Nebraska in July. I hope to see you all at all our events and the National Convention.

Pete Urenda RM - RE

Winter in Colorado is perfect for Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Sledding, Ice Skating and huddling around a nice hot fire in the fireplace. Not so perfect for Corvettes though.... although there are folks that drive their Corvettes during the Winter season, I don't recommend it because there could be Skating around on the Ice and Snow to the detriment of your Corvette.

So during the Winter Season, we keep our Corvettes in the garage and don't generally venture out much. But on March 12th, 2016, we will be having our yearly Awards Banquet and Kickoff party to honor our top 15 Men and Women Competitors. In the November issue, I detailed all of the top 15 Competitors, Workers and Clubs, so I won't repeat that in this issue.

We are anxiously awaiting warmer weather and will be kicking off our first event on April 3rd in Fruita, Colorado with three Autocrosses. The next weekend things get rolling with two Autocrosses at Pueblo Motorsports Park in Pueblo, Colorado. Please check our Events Calendar at www.rmrnccc.org for dates of our events. We welcome any of our NCCC friends to come join us!

Walt Jenkins RM - RCD

Rocky Mountain Region highlight: Barb Zornes – Rocky Mountain Region Ladies Champion .

Barb has been an active member in the Rocky Mountain Region since 1999 when she first joined an NCCC club. She rarely missed a club meeting and began attending car shows and rallies. When Barb decided to participate in a local autocross school with her 1965 Sting Ray coupe, she was instantly hooked. Having always loved to drive (the reason she bought the Sting Ray), she found she had a knack for the technical aspects of autocross and continues to enjoy competing more than 15 years later. She moved to a '96 Collector Edition LT4 in 2004 and in 2010 she and her husband purchased the 2004 Commemorative Edition ZO6 they currently compete in. Barb is always encouraging new members to give autocross a try and enjoys mentoring them, and she is willing to jump in and help in any way at any event. She also supports and promotes all events in the region as opportunities to have fun, socialize, meet members of other clubs, and learn something new.

Barb joined Top of the Rockies Corvette Association (TORCA) in 2008 and has been their governor since 2010. She jokes that in the early years she didn't pay attention to the rules or rulebook as that was her club's governor's job, but as she became curious about different aspects of the competition program she delved in to educate herself. Barb has also been the treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Region since 2011 and prior to that was the region secretary for four years.



Since 2002, Barb has finished in the top three for ladies all but one year, being the ladies' regional champion for eight of those years including 2015. If you ask her what she enjoys most about Corvette events, she'll tell you it's all about the people and the camaraderie. Barb and her husband, Randy, are looking forward to attending the 2016 Convention in Omaha this July.



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Rocky Mountain Region highlight: Lorren Loewen – Rocky Mountain Region Men's Champion.

When asked about his favorite event, Lorren said that is really tough to pick just one because we have so many good events throughout the region. However, if forced to pick one, he says he likes the go-cart track because it is a well run event, a good course and the NCCC folks from the Colorado West Corvette Club area are a lot of fun to be with. Lorren strongly recommends this event to everyone.



Cars: Competed in a 2003 Electron Metallic Blue Z06 with the American flag airbrushed on the sides of the car. The car has been modified and is running in the 3M class. His first Corvette was a 1965 Glen Green Sting Ray coupe and he renewed his fondness for green by purchasing a 2014 Lime Rock Green Coupe. Even with the new 2014 C7, Lorren couldn't pass up the opportunity for the Daytona Sunrise 2015 Z06. His lovely wife, Laurie, competes in the same C5 car and missed first place by 2 points in 2016. In the Rocky Mountain Region, Lorren has been in the top 5 for the last

5 years.

Lorren has been a NCCC member for eight years, and was the treasurer for the Colorado Springs Corvette Club for 5 years. Lorren served as a board member for the club until Lorren gave up that position so that he could assume the duties as the club Governor. Lorren has made all of the Regional Governor meetings and contributed substantially. As Governor, Lorren updates his clubs with NCCC changes. Lorren has attended his first NCCC National Governors meeting, and sat in on Convention Steering Committee meeting. Lorren has interest in becoming more involved in serving at the National level. Lorren has attended two Conventions,



and most folks remember Lorren as Dorothy at the Topeka Convention - see photo.

At every auto-cross, Lorren has assisted with the timing, and most recently has assisted the RCD with training the folks in the region on how to operate the timing equipment. Since joining NCCC, Lorren has enjoyed the company of all of the people he has met throughout the region, and the nation. I feel that Lorren has great potential for serving in a National position.



Wayne Umland RM - RMD

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2016 will be a very exciting year in the Southeast Region. We are well known for our autocrosses but we also enjoy a full program of local Car Shows that support local Charities:

April 2 Vettes at the Village Charity Show at Baytown Wharf San Destin by Playground Corvette Club.

April 16 8th Annual Charity Car Show at Jim Ellis Chevrolet by Corvette Atlanta

April 15-16 14th Annual Charity Car Show at Jim Corlew Chevrolet by Corvettes of Clarksville

May 1 47th Annual Charity Car Show at Reeder Chevrolet by East Tennessee Corvette Club

May 5-8 Burning up the Beaches in Ft. Walton Beach by Playground Corvette Club

May 7 25th Annual Car Show at University of North GA by Lanier Corvettes Unlimited

May 21-22 14th Annual Charity Car Show in Pensacola Beach by Miracle Strip Corvette Club

June 11 2nd Annual Cruise In at Fairfield Glade – band, food, games – by Plateau Corvette Club

June 18 8th Annual Charity Car Show At Bill Gatton Chevrolet by Vettes of the Smokies

July 16 5th Annual Cruise to Lynchburg (Jack Daniels) Show by Middle Tennessee Corvette Club

September 10 Touch of Gold Car Show in Franklin TN by Nashville Corvette Club

September 10 5th Annual Corvettes for a Cause by Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta

October 7-8 38th Annual VetteFest and Car Show at a new venue this year!

Country Cascades Hotel in Pigeon Forge by East Tennessee Corvette Club

All these shows are for good causes! Please attend if you can! Enjoy the fellowship!

David Goebel SE - RE

Regional News

COMPETITION

Our upcoming autocrosses are:

April 9-10 Autocrosses in Shelbyville, TN by Nashville Corvette Club

May 28-30 Autocrosses at the NCM Motorsports Park by ETCC and Midwest Region

July 2-4 Autocrosses at the NCM Motorsports Park by the Southeast Region (fund raiser)

Sept. 3-5 Autocrosses in Knoxville

The Fall is packed with Regional Events in Knoxville, Huntsville (2), and Roebing Road.

Check our calendar at www.ncccsouth.com

Don Parks SE - RCD

MEMBERSHIP

2016 membership renewals went smoothly and the Southeast Region's membership stands at 1,384 as of 3/6/16. I appreciate the Governors and those membership directors who make my job easier by getting their club's renewals processed on time.

In addition to the road tours, autocross, etc., our clubs give back to the community in various ways throughout the year. One of the newest ideas has come out of the Nashville Corvette Club. They have taken gently used ladies purses and filled them with snacks, socks, and personal hygiene products, and a \$5 gift card to McDonald's. The filled bags and men's shave kits will be delivered by the club members to the Nashville Rescue Mission. The Southeast Clubs definitely make a positive impact and I am proud of each and every one. The Southeast Region also now has the largest club in the NCCC nation — East Tennessee Corvette Club! Congrats! I look forward to ALL of our clubs growing in 2016 by inviting other Corvette enthusiasts to join in the fun. They really don't know what they are missing!

Amelia Workman SE - RMD

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Our new 2016 Regional Executive is Doc Lambert, from Cowtown Vettes. In their second year of their current term, you will find Ron Ruston as RMD and Doug McMahan as RCD. Our region does have term limits, so none of us can serve more than two terms of two years. I guess that way you won't get tired of seeing anyone from the Southwest Region too long in the same office.

Spring is in the air and we are all anxiously awaiting the start of the competition season. A couple of clubs have hosted practice autocrosses already and club cruises have taken place. Additionally, we started our official regional activities with our Awards Banquet which recognized the 2015 SWR Top Competitors. Tin Hall Toys hosted the event on the 19th of March, in Ft Worth, TX. Shortly after that, we started a full competition schedule which is offering various types of events to appeal to everyone. We always welcome our extended NCCC family to come down to enjoy a little southern hospitality as well. However, for those of you that don't want to travel to Texas can enjoy an event that San Jacinto Corvette Club (SJCC - one of our Houston clubs) is hosting at the NCM Motorsports Park on August 20-21.

If you are into Drag Racing, the Southwest Region is one of the few regions that host Record Drags. We have two events that have been approved and that are on the books for 2016; those being Sunday, May 29 and October 23. These will both be held at Thunder Valley Raceway in Noble, OK, preceded with seven autocross events the day prior.

The SWR membership is stabilizing – renewals were on time except for those folks who got busy and forgot! Currently the SWR membership stands with 19 clubs, 1,228 members along with 56 MAL. Our largest club is Tulsa Vette Set with 303 members. Several clubs have new members and we welcome them to the NCCC family. It is an exciting time. NCCC is currently looking at different charities to come up with the best organization to partner up with. Our Governors will have all the details shortly. Make it your personal goal this year that no matter what charity NCCC decides to support that you will do everything you can do to make it a very successful effort.

Doc, Doug and Ron

Regional News

WEST REGION

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Hello, from the frigid sectors of the West Region. The snow is now gone, the temperatures are getting warmer, birds are singing and the daffodils are blooming. Garage doors open and cars emerge to sit in the warm sun to thaw out for the upcoming season. Winter is officially over and Corvette season is now upon us!

Around the region Clubs have a variety of things going. Most things involve eating, cruising to dinner, a parade and dinner or meeting and dinner. Parades, Car Shows, visits to a winery, automobile collection or a historical site are all places you will see West Region Corvettes and their members. New and 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. The saying "We joined because of the car...but we stayed for the people."

Whether you are an experienced racer or novice, you are invited to take part in the NCCC Competition program. If you intend to compete in any speed events, be sure to review the 2016 Competition Manual to review any changes and to familiarize yourself with any rules that might affect you.

The nation is intending to ROAR into Omaha for the 57th NCCC Convention to be held at the Embassy Suite and LaVista Convention Center in LaVista, Nebraska (a suburb of Omaha) from July 17th to 22nd. The facilities are superb and with the schedule and activities Gene, Jerry and the Cornhuskers have set up everyone will be able to have a great time. There are trips and tours every day. Golf Tournament, Valve Cover Races, Low Speed Autocross, tour of Boys Town and Lauritzen Gardens, High Speed Autocross, tours to Strategic Air Command, Henry Doorly Zoo & Imax Theater and Gary Kuck Motorsports Collection, People's Choice Car Show and even a Rallye. Tuesday evening will be a Hollywood Dress up Party. As I said "there is something for everyone." Many members of the West Region will be receiving special recognition for placing in the Top 15 in the Competition Program for 2015. Congratulations to WR members placing in the Top 15 as well as the Clubs that placed in the Top 15. If you have not yet signed up for Convention, please hurry because prices increase May 1st. Check the West Region or NCCC website for the most up to date information. If you have never been to a Convention, this is the one to be your 1st. As a West Region member there will never be one closer or MORE FUN!!

A special thank you to the Corvette Club of Iowa for hosting the West Region Banquet on March 19th at the Echo Lake Country Club to recognize the West Region Members that achieved 200 regional points for the 2015 Competition year. Also, a special thank you to Phil Rankin for volunteering to become the West Region Webmaster.

We are now accepting applications for the West Region Scholarship Program until June 15th. 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 purchase a permanent number, so we can keep this Fund funded and be able to continue to give Scholarships to our member's family.

Come and explore the West Region!

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2016 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 2016. To check on your points during the year go to: <https://corvettesnccc.org/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. I find it is easier to go to the National Web Site and click on Competition and go to points and look for our Region and click on the year you want and you are there. Please check out the regional calendar on the web page at <http://www.ncccwcregion.org>.

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Expand your circle of friends and have more fun. Ask your club to host an event in 2016. 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) - it 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,
Your Regional Officers,

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Corvette Cave In Exhibit Opens on Two Year Anniversary of Museum Sinkhole

Two years ago, on February 12, 2014, many people across the globe woke up to some startling news – a sinkhole had opened up inside the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and eight Corvettes were laying at the bottom of it. Fortunately, the cars and building were the only things damaged as it occurred in the early morning hours before anyone was in the Museum. The story captivated those who watched it, and while the Museum initially planned to put the past behind them, the interest in the sinkhole and damaged Corvettes was undeniable.

“Probably two days after the sinkhole happened, after we realized it could be fixed and once we saw more and more visitors starting to trickle in from the interstate, we shifted our attitude. We embraced the situation,” said Katie Frassinelli, Marketing and Communications Manager for the Museum. “Honestly, it paid off big for us. Our attendance had leveled out around 150,000 in 2013, but in 2014 it skyrocketed to our highest number ever – over 250,000 visitors. Even last year we had 220,000 visitors... which if you remove our Corvette caravan event attendance from 2014 (a once-every-five-years blowout event), then 2015 was actually higher.”

There were mixed opinions as to whether the Museum should keep the infamous sinkhole as an attraction, but in the end it just was not feasible to do so. “Once we determined the sinkhole was not going to stay, we started talking about creating some kind of exhibit to tell our story. This was not only a part of our history, but also Corvette history. After meeting with several exhibit design companies we hired Creative Arts Unlimited out of Pinellas Park, FL to bring our sinkhole saga to life,” said Frassinelli.

“We’re story tellers,” said Roger Barganier, President of Creative Arts Unlimited. “When we first started working on the exhibit, I didn’t understand what happened. So we got all the information and created an exhibit so the average visitor will understand what happened. And we added some geology, geography, science, and there is some STEM in it for school groups, plus lots of interactives,” Roger added.

The exhibit is divided into sections including The Day, Media Coverage, Pop Culture, Cars Affected, The Recovery, Karst Landscapes, What It Took to Fix the Sinkhole and The Grand Finale combining photos, videos, informational text and interactives to create an experience that is enjoyable for all ages.

“We were able to put some of the parts from the sinkhole Corvettes back into our cave, and we now have a web cam that allows visitors to actually search in the cave for the car parts,” said Frassinelli. “I think my personal favorite is the Corvette crane game which allows you to remove boulders, debris and Corvettes from the sinkhole. The designers even put the cars exactly how they were in the sinkhole. Of course, the game is a lot easier than it was in real life!”

Upon exiting the new exhibit visitors will see the renovated Skydome that reopened summer 2015, as well as all eight Corvettes from the sinkhole including the 1992 “1 Millionth” Corvette and 2009 ZR1 “Blue Devil” that were restored by General Motors. One car, the 1962 Black Corvette, will undergo repair in the Museum’s new Maintenance and Preservation Department, allowing visitors the opportunity to actually watch the restoration work for themselves.

A line on the floor outlines where the sinkhole was, while a second line marks where the cave still lies. A 48” manhole allows visitors to peer into a glass window to see the floor of the sinkhole, over 30 feet down. The passageway then slopes down into the cave.

“Looking back two years ago, I don’t think any of us could have imagined that today we would be somewhat commemorating the sinkhole,” said Frassinelli. “I guess you could say this is the final slice of lemon on top of our glass of lemonade. We’re excited our story has come full circle and we now have a fun, interactive exhibit to tell it for years to come.”

The exhibit is open to the public and is included with regular museum admission - \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids age 6-16, \$8 for seniors age 62+ and free for children age 5 and under.

The Museum is located at I-65 exit 28 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Learn more about the exhibit and Museum online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/exhibits/corvette-cave-in-exhibit/>.



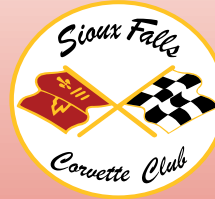
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