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From the President



Summer is here!!! YEA! The best part of being NCCC President is all the exciting things happening with NCCC every day. It has been so much fun driving the direction of NCCC into the future. I was always a member waiting for things to be announced or happen. Now I am in front watching everything happening. And the best part as a member of this group of Corvette owners is all the super people I get to meet, interact and become friends with. Things don't get much better than this in life.

The 2016 NCCC Convention in Omaha is happening or just over. If you were attending, I know you had a good time because of the folks that are in charge of making sure you'll have a good time. Remember, Conventions are not just for the racers as some might believe. Conventions are for every member of NCCC. If you have never attended one, you should really make an attempt before you say I am not interested. You'll never know what dessert tastes like unless you try it.

The 2017 NCCC Convention is in Bowling Green, KY in August next year. Now, here is a Convention that is for everyone for sure. Right in the heart of Corvette Heaven, there is the National Corvette Museum, the GM Corvette factory, the NCM Motorsports Park for all the race events, lots of really good places to eat, all kinds of tours to go on, and one of the neatest hotel for the type of convention NCCC hosts. To top all of this off, two former NCCC Convention Directors are your hosts for 2017. They both know what works and what doesn't. 2017 should be one of the best and largest attended conventions NCCC has had in years. Mark it on your calendar now for August 21-25, 2017.

NCCC new Director of Charity Michele Cantelmo is already selling tickets for a certificate for a new Corvette. NCCC has sold tickets at the Bloomington Gold Corvette show in June, at the 2016 Convention in Omaha, and will be at Carlisle Corvette show in August. You can go to NCCC's web site under Charity and buy tickets. Don't wait too long as all 2000 tickets may be sold out prior to the drawing at the November NCCC meeting in St. Louis. How exciting to have a new Charity Director and St. Jude's as a new Charity.

As NCCC Officers term out and officers change, NCCC will no longer have to worry about changing addresses for mailing purposes. Starting in June this year, NCCC has a USPO mailing address in Bowling Green, KY, home of the Corvette. All Scholarship applications, new member applications, IRS letters, and general mailings will all go to this mail box and be forwarded to the direction NCCC instructs the service. In the past this has been a problem with officers retiring and trying to forward mail to the new person. Also with the NCM delivery program, NCCC does not know when a new Corvette owner would mail in their request for the 1st year free membership. This will give NCCC a constant address going forward for the future.

The new email, direct to all NCCC members, started in March this year and is doing well. I have received many positive responses from members who say it is nice to hear what is going on in NCCC as it is happening. In June, 9890 emails were sent and only 67 returned undeliverable. The first mailing in March had over 780 returned. Thank you to Walt Jenkins and all the RMD's for stepping up to ensure all NCCC members get the monthly update and report each month.

WE JOIN FOR THE CARS, AND WE STAY FOR THE PEOPLE! How true these words are. As an all-volunteer group of members, we give of ourselves so that everyone can have a good time with their hobby owning a Corvette. In September this year, National Offices are up for election. The NCCC board is set up so that only ½ of the officers change each year. All positions are a two year term with the ability to run a second term. Offices up in 2016 are: President, VP of Membership, Treasurer, Public Relations, and Sgt. at Arms. NCCC is only as good as the people you elect to make decisions for the membership. We are a giving group of members. If you have an interest in any of these positions, I encourage you to place your name on the ballot. I know you won't regret giving to improve NCCC for everyone. I know I haven't!

At the end of the year Appointed Officers positions are open for anyone seeking and willing to give of their time and talent to make NCCC the great organization it is. I will be accepting applications for any of the Appointed Officers Positions until November 1st, 2016. The application form for Appointed Officers Positions is on the NCCC web site under Appointed Officers.

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW! I heard Judge Judy say you have two ears and one mouth for a reason. Listen to what is being said before you open your mouth. Too many times we misunderstand what someone said or meant. In our heart we all mean well. Words hurt some things when we don't really mean them to. Keep in mind we are all here because of the Corvette to have fun and enjoy our time together. This is not a job, but a passion for something we all have. Let's make the most of it while we are here.

Enjoy the summer as fall will be here before we know it! Be safe and have fun!!

Dave Heinemann
President NCCC



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Exciting things are happening with NCCC Charity Program! We have a new National Charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Raffle System has been updated and the raffle ticket has a new look. Tickets will be sold at Bloomington Gold, 2016 Convention in Omaha, Mid America Funfest, Corvettes at Carlisle, September National Governor's Meeting, and November National Governor's Meeting. A Raffle Order Form is available on the RAFFLE Link on our website. Print the form and follow the directions on how you may obtain a ticket (s). We now accept payment for the raffle tickets by credit card at all our events. Below is an example of the raffle ticket.



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I am pleased to report NCCC has a new Charity Committee and I look forward to working with them. There are new ideas that need to be shared and explored.

Twenty Eight worthy Scholarship Applications were submitted this year. Our Charity Committee Janet Wilson, Andrej Balanc, and Patsy Shearer have put in many hours to select the 15 Scholarship recipients. Winners will be announced at the 2016 Convention in Omaha. I thank them for their time and effort in getting this accomplished.

Hopefully I'll get a chance to meet you at one of the events this summer. Look for the NCCC Tent and make yourself known!! I would love to meet you!!

Michele Cantelmo
NCCC Director of Charity

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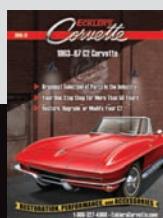
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Gay Ford – Mid-Illinois CC – MW
Ron French – Pacific Coast Corvettes – WC
Charles Gates – East Tennessee CC - SE
Don Giovanoni – St. Louis CC - MW
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Farrell Hardiman – Miracle Strip CC - SE
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NCCC Official Drag Records as of
05/27/2016

Update 05/24/2016

Bold Black Box index time indicates reset since last report - **Bold Italics** indicates new record holders since last report of 01/01/16 - **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	9.37	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03	LDPA	9.83	12.23	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	7.97	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LDPD		11.41				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.91	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF		10.30				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.18	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.26	10.68	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 Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
A	9.98	10.38	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LA	10.60	11.03	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	10.73	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
E	10.90	11.12	Scott Mathiesen	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	05/27/13	LE	11.09	11.54	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
H		11.53				01/01/97	LH		11.53				01/01/97
K	11.28		Travis Lochhead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-143 COAST 2015	10/25/15	LK		11.53				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	10.53	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.43	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.34	Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	LA	10.61	11.04	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	12.18	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.29	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.16	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.24	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	LD	11.92	12.40	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
E	12.69	13.21	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	LE	12.69	13.21	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.36				01/01/93	LF		12.36				01/01/93
G	13.04	13.17	Jim Thomas	Northern Illinois CC	NCCC Convention	06/28/12	LG		13.39				01/01/93
H	12.29	12.67	Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	12.34	12.59	Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2011	05/30/11
J	11.85	11.97	Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14	LJ	11.88	11.92	Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14
K	11.76	11.88	Joe Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2013	10/27/13	LK	12.71	12.84	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		11.53				12/10/05
N		11.03				05/01/09	LN		11.03				05/01/09
CLA	12.92	13.44	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	LCLA	14.28	14.86	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	13.97	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99	LCL	13.67	14.22	Jeanie 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	13.67	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00	LAA	14.73	15.33	Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
B	13.45	14.00	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04	LB	14.10	14.68	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	14.69	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
D	13.96	14.52	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LD	14.08	14.66	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		12.88				01/01/93	LF		12.88				01/01/93
G	13.31	13.44	Paul Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2014	05/25/14	LG	13.49		Jeanie 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	Tim Hall Toys	SW-143 COAST 2015	10/25/15
J	12.08		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	12.27	Mary Anne Kolb	Tim 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		11.85				12/10/05
N		11.33				05/01/09	LN		11.33				05/01/09
CLA	14.65	15.24	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	LCLA	15.44	16.07	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.41	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.93	Terrt Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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CA	Carolina Region	10	235/256	26/26	CAROLINA CORVETTES	64
EO	East Ohio Region	14	1138/1160	30/33	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	245/247
ER	East Region	26	1996/2022	64/66	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	205/205
FL	Florida Region	19	1618/1644	47/50	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	358/356
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MI	Michigan Region	16	1012/1037	29/33	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	187/192
MW	Midwest Region	30	2355/2394	45/48	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	198/200
NE	Northeast Region	7	280/279	25/29	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	85
NW	Northwest Region	2	231/236	4	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114/114
RM	Rocky Mountain Region	8	629/695	14/15	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	235/242
RR	Road Runner Region	13	831/877	22/21	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	130/134
SE	Southeast Region	16	1384/1432	39/51	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	380/394
SW	Southwest Region	19	1228/1267	56/55	TULSA VETTE SET	303/325
WC	West Coast Region	22	1705/1775	54/58	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	150
WO	West Ohio Region	7	340/347	14/15	CORVETTE TROY	125
WR	West Region	21	1550/1588	26	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	355/366
			FEB.2016/APR.2016	2-16/4-16		
TOTALS		249	17,812/18,290	516/553		

TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDE MALs AND 7 HONORARY MEMBERS
NCCC HAS 350 LIFETIME MEMBERS



STEVE JOHNSON
NCCC VP of MEMBERSHIP

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
2018: February 23-24, May 4-5, Annual Meeting during Convention Week, September 7-8, November 9-10

FROM THE VP OF MEMBERSHIP

NCCC membership continues to grow as we go into the summer of 2016 with 18,640 members and 249 clubs at the end of May. Some of our clubs are holding steady at their beginning of the year numbers but there are many that have seen a surge in membership since January. Our largest club now is East Tennessee Corvette Club in Knoxville, Tennessee, with 404 members. Congratulations to ETCC and to all of our clubs and club members for continuing to make NCCC the largest Corvette organization in the United States.

The National Corvette Museum Delivery program that offers Corvette owners a “first year free” membership in NCCC has slowed down a bit. Since the program began in the spring of 2015 until the early part of 2016, I was usually receiving up to five or six new member applications a week. We had heard that NCM deliveries are not as strong so far this year as they were last year. Therefore, there are fewer responding to our NCCC membership. However, we have quite a few more months this year to see additional members join us and then renew at the end of the year.

Our NCM Delivery members who joined us beginning in the spring of 2015 until June 1, 2016, most of whom became Members-at-Large, will have to renew their memberships this fall. We really hope to have all of our NCM Deliveries renew either as MALs or as members of our clubs. Renewals will, of course, be the same as our other members, \$25 for a Primary and \$10 for a Spouse/Companion.

Reflecting back on the origins of the Corvette and the continued affection for the Corvette for more than sixty years, there are a lot of things we have to think about. As NCCC members and Corvette owners, we have to think about the American men and women who went off to World War II and returned victorious. They are, for the most part, that generation who are our parents. Whether they put on a uniform or stayed stateside during the war years, all contributed to making this country great and were the Greatest Generation. The American men and women who were part of the Korean War were making the world and the United States even safer for us. Millions stayed on in the US military and served at duty stations in Europe.

But, when they returned home, especially those coming back from Europe in the coming few years, had seen some of the European cars that were sleek and fast. The American car manufacturers needed to create cars that attracted the attention and wallets of the Greatest Generation. In 1953 and every year since then, except one, the Corvette has been that car. Our parents from that time of the Greatest Generation would be quite proud of the Corvettes we have that their generation inspired. Grandchildren are continuing to buy and drive America’s Sports Car.

I am also reflecting back to just a few days ago when I had the honor of speaking with a World War II veteran who was on his way from Philadelphia to Tampa. I saw he was wearing a *World War II Veteran* cap. I thanked him for his service and asked where he served during the War. He told me he had been in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 and then said “June 6, 1944, Normandy.” Wow! He drove a Higgins Boat onto the beaches putting Army troops ashore. A few months later he was reassigned to the Pacific Theater. He then told me he was again driving a Higgins Boat but this time it was Okinawa. As he stepped onto the airplane, I shook his hand and again thanked him for his service. What an honor it was to have met this World War II veteran! I wonder if he or his children ever owned a Corvette.

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.

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Insurance Report:

The season of activities for NCCC members is well underway with all the Club, Regional, and National events going on. We have had only three reportable incidents as of 6/1/16 with only one potential claim. With all the activities that transpire throughout the year, it is remarkable the level of safety concern everyone has when participating in these events. That is why we can retain the level of insurance coverage we have. As everyone knows, insurance is a large portion of the NCCC budget as it is in our own lives. No one plans on having an incident, but we do know there is that potential and we must have the appropriate insurance coverage.

One item I am asking everyone to pay particular attention to is when someone has a fluid spill, i.e. oil leak, coolant leak, etc., that you have oil dry or some type of absorbent and clean up your spill! I have personally seen several incidents where people have left the spill unattended and left leaving others to clean up their mess. Other participants walk through it and have slipped. This is especially dangerous when it rains. Fortunately, we have not had any serious injuries yet. We don't want any, either. So, it is your responsibility to clean up your mess!!! We could lose our venues if people don't clean up after themselves.

Convention Steering Committee Report:

The 2016 Omaha Convention is behind us. As usual, we experienced another great Convention. Thanks go to Gene Gau and Jerry Koraleski, Convention Directors, and the Cornhusker Corvette Club and all the workers who worked tirelessly to make sure everyone had a good time.

The 2017 Bowling Green, KY Convention is back underway after some rocky moments with MSP/NCM that caused our decision to cancel the event in April. Fortunately, after negotiations were reopened, issues were resolved and we were back on. Watch the NCCC Website for periodic updates and plan on attending another great convention planned by Richard Yanko and Deb Murphy, Convention Directors. They both are past Convention Directors and have the knowledge and experience on how to put on a great convention.

As of our April 2016 St. Louis Governors Meeting and as of June 1st, we have received no Convention Bid Proposal for 2018. I encourage anyone who may be interested to get a plan, place, and people to support it and submit a proposal to me prior to the Sept. 9th St. Louis Governors Meeting. If we don't have something by then, we will not have a 2018 Convention for our Governors to vote on.

It's certainly not too early to start planning for 2019. Let's get the oar in the water and start rowing. Oh yes, make sure you have a rudder to steer you to a 2019 Convention Bid.

Anytime 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 have a happy and safe year in 2016.

Jack Wilson
NCCC Business Manager

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



I believe the current excitement and high energy level within the ranks of NCCC from the grass roots to the top of the organization are powerful tools for our group. The changes and new programs that have been launched are not only promoting NCCC but are examples of a growing organization that is on the move. The timing of this movement is perfect to push the NCCC agenda and share what is happening with as many Corvette owners as we can.

I encourage each of you to advertise NCCC each time your local club is hosting a car show or competition event. Sharing your event fliers with the local Chamber of Commerce and businesses can raise the awareness of your club and NCCC. However, today's best "billboard" is through social media. Use your club Facebook page and NCCC's Social Media Director, Teresa Eller, to get broader coverage for your event. As an example, my club recently hosted a three day autocross event. We publicized our flier locally and on our club Facebook page and drew several non-club Corvette owners to the event resulting in three new members. Potential new members are out there and we simply must continue to search for them and share the NCCC story.

As many of you are aware, we have made recent changes to our Family Helping Family (FHF) database. Our FHF file is now integrated into the NCCC database and access is easily available from the NCCC website home page simply by clicking the "Members Only" button. You will be prompted for a user name and password, which are:

User Name: NCCCMember
Password: 1953corvette

Once the above is entered, the Family Helping Family button is available including full instructions for use of the database. There are new features with this version of FHF that will be very helpful when you have a need to use FHF. Thanks goes to Walt Jenkins for his effort to make this NCCC benefit easier to use.

NCCC's new charity program will be launched by the time you read this. We have a new charity director, Michele Cantelmo, leading this initiative and will begin selling tickets at Bloomington Gold. Also, look for her and her team at our 2016 Convention in Omaha, Corvettes at Carlisle and Mid America's FunFest in September. If you are attending one of these events, make sure you get your raffle ticket purchased to have an opportunity to win the \$54,000 certificate toward the purchase of a new Corvette. The proceeds will be donated to NCCC's new charity – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Denny Luther
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



As the Director of Sponsorship for NCCC, I have had the unique opportunity to meet most of our sponsors, in person at different venues. Call me old fashioned, a non millennial (which may be obvious for other reasons), but in this high tech world where so much is done through texting, emailing, social media, there is something positive to be said for the actual "meeting and greeting" of not only friends but potential customers as well. While NCCC has a sponsorship program for the organization with various Corvette suppliers and vendors, each club is encouraged to pursue local sponsorship with companies in their area. Many clubs have sponsorships with local GM dealerships which is very helpful to that club. Various activities they have helped with are providing meeting sites and financial support of local events and club newsletters. Look for other

possibilities such as local specialty care dealers, parts suppliers, Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureaus, and charity programs that can provide support to you and you for them as you associate your NCCC club with them. It can be a win-win situation. For those clubs in the area where some of our national sponsors have their homes, consider making plans to contact them for a club activity such as a tour of the facility, attend their open house or events that they are hosting for local Corvette enthusiasts. The "mano" to "mano" approach can go a long way in starting and continuing a positive relationship with them.

Speaking of sponsors, for those who attended the 57th annual NCCC Convention in Omaha, they will have had a first hand look at the support of our sponsors, as most are involved in the Convention activities in some way. Michelin North America, Mid America Motorworks, Eckler's, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Zip Products, Corvette Central, Corvette America, Novistretch, Condon Skelly Insurance, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, T.O. Haas Tire, Hagerty Insurance, Carlisle Events, and Legacy Insurance will all leave their imprint on the Convention activities. And, of course, we are so appreciative of their involvement. Don't forget that they help with other NCCC activities that impact all of the membership.

As mentioned before, NCCC will be participating at the Corvettes of Carlisle event, August 25-28. York County Corvette Club will be hosting several concours events and Cumberland Valley will be hosting speed events. NCCC will also have a display on the midway, providing information about NCCC as well as selling raffle tickets for our new Corvette raffle program. It is always fun to catch up with Corvette friends that weekend.

On September 15-18, NCCC will host a space at the Mid America Funfest event - #23 for this annual activity. The weekend is full of activities with many special guests and NCCC is always proud to be part of the event. Mike, Laurie, Michael, and Blake are great hosts and so well known within the Corvette world. And we can't forget that Mike launched his business with NCCC so their ties are close to this organization.

August 31st is approaching and that is the date that clubs/individuals are requested to have their photographs and special dates for 2017 emailed to be considered for inclusion in the calendar that Eckler's will be producing for 2017. Photographs must be high resolution, 300 DPI, and both the dates and photographs should be emailed to sponsorship@corvettesnccc.org. Eckler's will be hosting their "Reunion" event again this year so mark October 8th as the date of an activity you want to attend.

Be safe and enjoy your summer with your friends, family and favorite sports car!

Debbie Lindsey
NCCC Director of Sponsorship

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FROM THE "IT" DIRECTOR

In the last issue I listed some of the things I'd like to accomplish that can really help our membership to find things easier, make them faster and provide as up-to-date information as is possible. To that end, I have enlisted four of our members to help me in this effort. Doug McMahan, Wayne Umland, Joe Vasta and Carole Debus.

Doug McMahan is responsible for creating any needed documentation for the programs that are and have been developed. In previous jobs, Doug was a Technical Writer and has currently made modifications to the user manuals for the Family Helping Family program, the Competition Database program and the programs used by Online Registration.

Wayne Umland is responsible for Quality Control and testing. Wayne works for Hewlett-Packard and is a software engineer working in Storage products (e.g. disk drives and controllers).

Many of you know Joe Vasta and he is responsible for bringing design ideas for our website to the team.

I have also enlisted Carole Debus for help with graphics design. Carole is responsible for designing the 2016 Convention logo and artwork and I believe will be invaluable for helping to create new items for our webpages.

In case you are wondering what I've been doing lately, here is some information for you: 1) the system used by Dave Heinemann to communicate with all of our membership via a monthly email message has been designed and implemented. We started out with only about 8400 email addresses from our membership database and almost 10% of those were not working. The second month, we were up to about 9600 email addresses and about 8% of those were not working. During the month of April, your Governors and RMDs fixed most of the non-working email addresses and out of about 9800 addresses, only 71 were not working. This is a really wonderful effort and I thank all of the folks responsible for getting the corrections done. I know we'll never get to 100%, but we sure are getting close!

I've also re-vamped the Family Helping Family interface and with the help of Denny Luther and Doug McMahan, we have a very good working system. If any of our members would like to sign up for this program, contact your Club Governor and they will get the ball rolling. The listing of program participants is now accessible from the Members Only webpage. One listing can be used to print out all of the participants in the program and the other listing is for when you are in the middle of nowhere and need some help and don't have the listing already printed out. I highly suggest that you check it out so when help is needed, it can be obtained quickly and easily.

Lastly, the Members Only webpage has been developed and it contains links to all of those programs that interface with the Membership Database, Competition Database, Online Registration Database and of course Family Helping Family database. I'm sure that there will be more items on that page as time goes on, so keep checking back frequently.

In the near future, if there are any links that reference 93075438.domainhost.com, they will cease to work. Please update any references/links to use our domain name, www.corvettesnccc.org.

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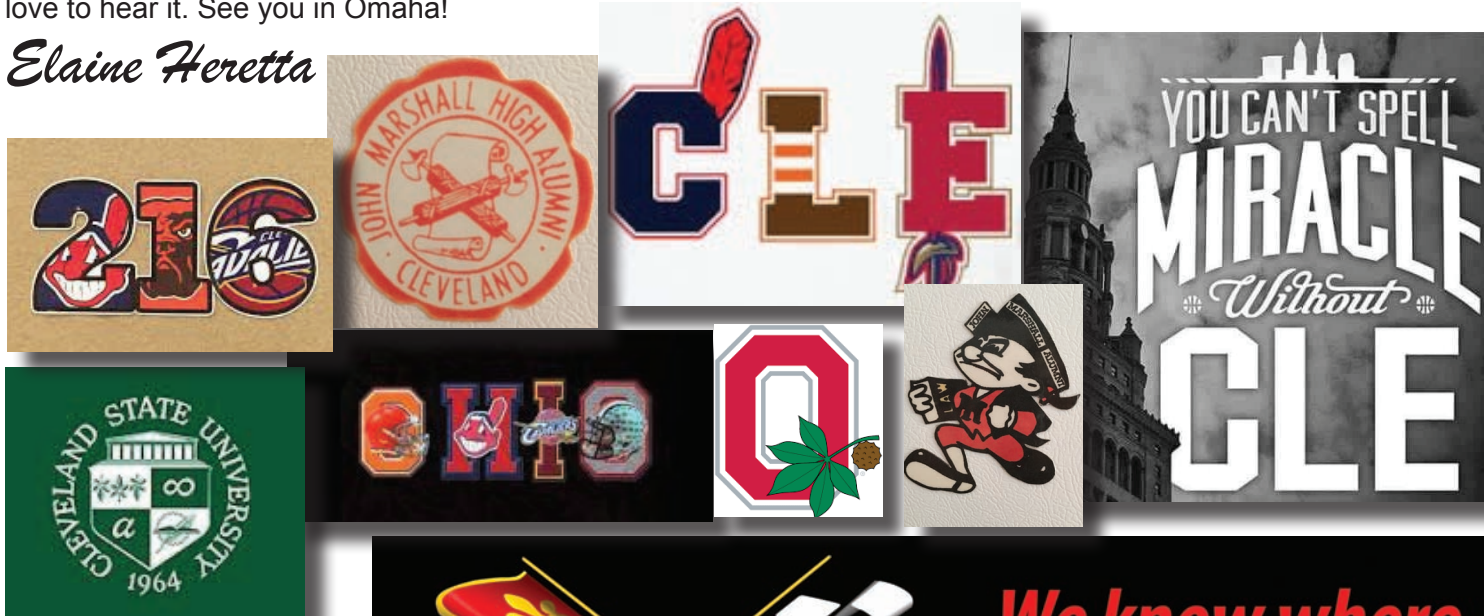


FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



Passionate...could you tell? I grew up practically on the runway at Cleveland Hopkins, went to a Cleveland Public School, went to Cleveland State and have been a lifelong fan of ANYTHING Cleveland. Then along came the Corvette, a Club and NCCC. Even more passion! I've been a member for 35 years now – my husband, Chuck, even longer at 46 years. It's wonderful to know that there are people JUST LIKE US who share a passion for "a car." It's evident in the articles that I have placed in Blue Bars. Everyone has a story...share it...there are others that would love to hear it. See you in Omaha!

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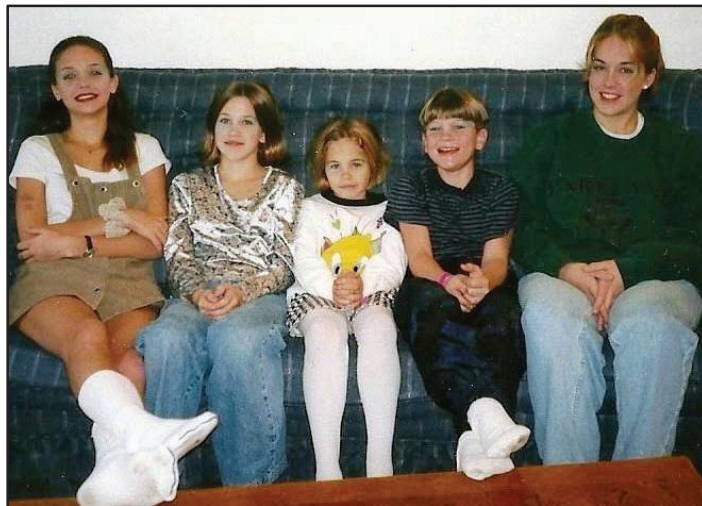
I hope you enjoyed "meeting" FCOA's first 13 members in the 2016 Spring issue of *Blue Bars*. If you don't have that issue you can go to NCCC's website, then click on *Blue Bars* as your choice. When that opens click the *Blue Bars* cover and you will find a pdf form of the 2016 Spring issue. FCOA's article about its first 13 members is on pages 24-27.

MEET SOME MORE OF FCOA'S FIRST 25 MEMBERS IN 1991

FCOA #0015 KIM
FCOA #0016 KRISTEN
FCOA #0018 JENNY
FCOA #0017 DAVID
FCOA #0014 MICHELLE

(Left to right)

Children of Dave & Joan Heinemann
Windy City Corvettes



FCOA #0022 GRACE



Daughter of Carl Smith
Perry County Corvette Club

FCOA #0023 CARLI



Daughter of Carl Smith
Perry County Corvette Club

FCOA #0024 JAMES



Son of Jim & Sue Sweet
Shiawassee Corvette Club

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

FCOA #0014 MICHELLE



Michelle has been a NCCC Lifetime Member since she was 16. She, her husband John and their children live on more than 40 acres in Odin, Illinois. Their children are all second generation FCOA members: FCOA #3923 Jessica (13), FCOA #3456 Faith (9), FCOA #3924 Zackary (10), FCOA #4340 Emily (7) and sitting FCOA #4940 Adah (3) with FCOA #4515 Allie (5). Michelle was a recipient of a NCCC Scholarship. She has Master Degrees in Equine Science and Special Education and homeschools all 6 children. Michelle and her family volunteer at their church running programs from archery to programs for parents and children. They also make and serve meals once a month for those less fortunate in their community. They have horses, goats, rabbits, chickens and of course dogs and cats. The kids are involved in violin, competitive tumbling, 4H and Illinois Junior Rodeo. John being a Farrier and having knowledge of horses and rodeos comes in handy at the events. On any given weekend they may be at a tumbling competition one day and the next day doing barrel racing with their horses.

FCOA #0017 DAVID



FCOA #0015 KIM



Kim is pictured here with her dad on a very special occasion. She and her husband Dustin live in Brooklyn NY with their 2 large dogs and 2 cats. Kim teaches students diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. She is also a senior consultant for Autism Friendly Spaces where the mission is to transform minds and spaces to make the community more accessible for people with autism and their families. They will tone down the sounds or lighting of a Broadway play and will have a special performance that families are able to attend with their autistic children. Kim also supervises a recreational after-school program for children with autism. Kim and Dustin love to go to his family's country home in Pennsylvania and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the country away from the hustle and bustle of New York City.

David is engaged to Sarah Kolasa. They are planning a 2017 Labor Day weekend wedding. He is an Apprentice Labor and works for NPL laying new gas lines in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. When his truck was in for repair he talked his parents into letting him take their 2014 C7 to Apprentice School, an 80 mile round trip. It was a great way to distract his instructor for the day who then talked about Corvettes instead of OSHA. David also has a Harley Davidson Sportster and an ATV. He loves to hunt and work around his house. If given the opportunity he loves to run his dad's Corvette at high speed events at Putnam or the Chicago Autobahn. Many people in the Midwest Region remember David racing around in his go-kart when he was a kid.

FCOA #0016 KRISTEN



Kristen and her husband Dan have moved to Walnut Hill IL, an economically stimulating township of a population gross of 108 people, most of who are related in one way or another. Kristen is now a registered nurse in the ER at Crossroads Community Hospital. Not only has Kristen gained great value through her education and professional experience but she has reciprocated those skills into her personal life with Dan on their home that sits on 20 plus acres. She races in her free time but her races now consist of weather vs efficient time completion of projects on their property, canoe races across their pond, how fast Dan can get poison ivy or racing time to find Dan somewhere on his tractor before dark. Kristen and Dan are still very avid hunters and now with their own property have worked hard to produce great habitat through habitat management and food plots. They have a brood of 11 chickens, 7 turkeys, 3 dogs, 2 cats, 5 koi fish and a stocked pond with catfish, albino catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill and hybrid bluegill. Typically you will find Kristen either gardening, feeding the animals or taking the dogs for walks across the property, regardless of what Dan says. *(FYI: As you can see Dan has a great sense of humor!)*

FCOA #0018 JENNY



Jenny and her husband Craig live in small town Patoka IL with their 3 "kids" that happen to be Golden Retrievers plus 2 cats. Jenny was a NCCC scholarship recipient. She majored in Special Education at Eastern Illinois University. Jenny currently teaches 6th grade Special Education in a town 20 minutes from home. Next fall she will begin teaching as a 5th through 8th grade Special Education teacher, just a mile from her home. Jenny sings in her church's praise band and volunteers with the high school youth group. Most often you will find Craig, Jenny and their dogs driving just 5 minutes away to Michelle and John's place to visit Jenny's horse, play with the kids or let their dogs run off some energy.

FCOA #0022 GRACE

Pictured here is Grace (Smith) Misiti with her daughters and second generation FCOA members #4681 Chiara and #5019 Kai. Her husband Nino isn't in the picture since he's "playing" photographer. Grace graduated from Susquehanna University in 2000 with a major in Environmental Science. She is now a Key Account Manager with the St Louis based natural pet food company Nature's Variety. Grace enjoys spending time on DIY home projects, reading, traveling and engaging in outdoor activities with the family including Labrador Vino!



FCOA #0023 CARLI



Here is Carli (Smith) Kline with her husband Scott and their children. Just like their cousins they are second generation FCOA members: FCOA #3341 Kelsey (10) and FCOA #3950 Mattingly (8). Carli graduated from Shippensburg University in 1998 with a major in Elementary Education. She teaches first grade in the West Perry School District and also enjoys teaching others about doTERRA essential oils. Carli spends her free time reading, working in her garden and she loves the beach.

FCOA #0024 JAMES



The 1991 picture you saw a few pages back is of James and his dad enjoying some fun runs in their 1968 Corvette. James developed the need for speed at an early age! The '68 is still in the family but it's green now. He and Kristine have been married for 12 years. They are pictured with his father's 1986 and 1990 Corvette ZR-1. Their children are all second generation FCOA members: #5309 Katelyn (3), #3315 James (10), #4708 Tyler (5) and #4709 Austin (7). James is looking forward to seeing his children's interest in cars growing as they do.

James is a member of Shiawassee Corvette Club and is still very active in NCCC. He has been Michigan Region's overall points champion 3 years in a row (2012, 2013 & 2014). In 2012, he captured first place with his dad in second place. That was very special for him. He has also been Michigan Region rallye champion for the last 8 out of 9 years.



OTHER FIRST 25 FCOA MEMBERS

FCOA #0019 JUSTIN WEIDERHAFT

FCOA #0020 STEVE MOCK

FCOA #0021 AMY WEIDERHAFT

FCOA #0025 LINDSAY ANDREWS

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

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

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REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-2016	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 05-31-2016	CLUB WITH THE MOST FCOA MEMBERS IN EACH REGION	# FCOA MEMBERS
CAROLINA	22		22		22	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	11
EAST	264	5	269	-9	260	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	44
EAST OHIO	169	4	173	-5	168	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	40
FLORIDA	244	2	246	-15	231	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	89
INDIANA	118	3	121	-2	119	IN-513 HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	26
MICHIGAN	224	9	233	-14	219	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	44
MIDWEST	467	13	480	-21	459	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	168
NORTHEAST	42	4	46		46	NE-585 CORVETTE CLUB OF VERMONT	6
NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
ROADRUNNER	52		52	-3	49	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	19
ROCKY MTN	55	1	56	-1	55	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORV CLUB	20
SOUTHEAST	134	9	143	-8	135	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	69
SOUTHWEST	120	2	122	-3	119	SW-055 COWTOWN VETTES	29
WEST	334	10	344	-17	327	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	119
WEST COAST	119		119	-6	113	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	25
WEST OHIO	48	1	49	-1	48	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	23
TOTAL	2413	63	2476	-105	2371		

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



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website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



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All prices include \$3 mailing cost ~ allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Make your check payable to Dennis Patrick and send with the order form to: Dennis & Gene Patrick ~ 7214 Fox Lake Drive ~ Blacklick OH 43004-9545

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

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CORVETTES AND ST JUDE

A long discussed idea for an exciting fund raising Corvette Drive culminated in the first ever Corvette Drive from Peoria to Memphis May 3rd and 4th 2012.

The event is modeled after the very successful, 10 year, St Jude Harley Ride from Peoria to Memphis.

The first annual St Jude Corvette Drive is an event for St Jude, initiated and endorsed by Mid-Illinois Corvette Club and underwritten by Gary Uftring of Uftring Chevrolet in Washington, IL.

Mike McCoy, Peoria County Sheriff, Peoria, IL, and member of St Jude Research Children's Hospital Board of Directors along with Angie Wiebler, St Jude run/ride/drive manager, worked with Sandy Arnold and her committee from Mid-Illinois Corvette Club to organize the St Jude Corvette Drive.

The purpose of the drive was to raise funds for St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. For each car that participated, the only requirements were to raise \$1500 and, of course, drive a Corvette. If you were a driver without a 'co-pilot' you only had to raise \$1000.

In Sheriff McCoy's words, "all you have to do is raise your money, show up for the drive and expect to have a good time." WE DID! What a special way to enjoy your Corvette, meet other Corvette enthusiasts and raise funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Thirty seven Corvettes, having raised a phenomenal \$50,000, left Uftring's in Washington, IL on the morning of May 3rd 2012 for the seven hour trip to Memphis. There were members from the Mid-Illinois Corvette Club, Washington, IL, Mid-West Corvette Club, Milan, IL and several Corvette enthusiasts who participated without a club affiliation. The event was open to anyone with a Corvette.

There were gas stops, potty breaks and a lunch stop along the way. The Corvette caravan had a police escort from Peoria to Memphis. The caravan was met outside Memphis by the Shelby County, Police Department motorcycle patrol to escort us the rest of the way to our hotel in Memphis. They stopped traffic at all the intersections for a 50 mile stretch so that the Corvettes were not separated and we all arrived together at the hotel. Quite an exciting show of riding expertise was displayed by these motorcycle officers in getting through and stopping traffic for the Corvettes. These guys are true professionals in every aspect!

After arriving at the hotel and getting settled in, we experienced some of the local color of Memphis; Beale Street, southern cooking at the ever famous Blues City Cafe, trolley rides, Graceland, etc. The following morning, May 4th 2012, we drove to St Jude Children's Hospital where we had an orientation session in the auditorium. Sheriff McCoy introduced research doctor Elizabeth Stewart, a close friend of a former St Jude patient. She spoke to our group about her role/job in the research department, quite an awesome young lady. Richard Gilbertson – MD, PH.D and director of Comprehensive Cancer Center spoke to us about the latest research and technology in treating childhood cancers. He was so good at explaining their approach to diagnosing and treatment of the kids. He paralleled diagnosing problems with and fixing our Corvettes to diagnosing and trying to 'fix' the kids. What a presentation!! We then took guided tours of the hospital. Afterward, the children that were able participated in a small car show. They viewed the Corvettes, sat in the, honked horns and had the most wonderful time pretending they were driving. One little girl told a Mid-Illinois Corvette Club member, "When I get well and grow up, I am working at this hospital and I'm buying a Corvette to bring here to show the kids". What an amazing outlook from a small child!

The whole experience was very humbling. To see these suffering children with the attitude that they know they will get better, is mind boggling. They know nothing of self-pity. We as adults can take a lesson from their strength and resilience.

Please look for information regarding the 5th annual St Jude Corvette Drive May 12 and May13, 2016. We will begin planning the 2017 St Jude Drive as soon as the 2016 event is completed.

We would love to share this experience with you! For more information, please go to the St Jude Drive website; stjudedrives.org.

**Submitted by Mourina Sweet
Mid-Illinois Corvette Club**



2015 MICHIGAN REGION SEASON END



A competition season isn't really complete without recognizing the competitors for their accomplishments. For the 2015 season in the NCCC Michigan Region our goal was to do just that and more. Over the years the Flint Corvette Club has had a history of hosting an annual Region Awards banquets, however, for the 2015 banquet we elected to incorporate a fund raising program to benefit the "Veterans' Outreach Project of Southeast Michigan".

With the full support of our club sponsor Matick Chevrolet, the banquet took place at their dealership in Redford, Michigan on April 3, 2016. We were pleased with the turnout, which exceeded our expectation by having 280 Corvette enthusiasts in attendance comprised of Competitors, Event Sponsors and Matick Chevrolet staff. The activities included dinner and refreshments, an awards presentation, a silent auction and door prizes. Of special interest was our guest speaker Dr. Jamie Meyer, Program Manager from GM Performance Parts.



All award winners had their pictures taken in "Victory Lane" which also boasted the banquets 28 sponsors (Hoosier Tires, SKF, Corvette Central, Kim's Gold, ACI Fiberglass, Hawk Performance Brake Pads and more). With the generosity of Karl Zimmermann, owner of Matick Chevrolet, General Manager Molly Williams and all the supporting sponsors, the awards banquet very successfully raising \$7,206.82 for the Veterans' Outreach Project of Southeast Michigan, as well as making it a cost free event for all.

A special thank you to the members of the Flint Corvette Club, Matick Chevrolet team, event sponsors and all of the attendees for supporting the 2015 Michigan Region Awards banquet. A complete list of all Sponsors as well as the photograph album of this event can be seen on www.flintcorvetteclub.com



2015 MICHIGAN REGION AWARDS WINNERS

Women over 200 Points: Carol Braun, Julie Bush, Sue Hoover, Patricia Butcko

Men over 200 Points: Michael Losert, Chris Scafero, Brett Watson, Mark Rahn, Kevin Bell, Kenneth Jameson, Don Bush, Matthew McDonnell, Fred King, Alan Johnson, Andy Harrison

Rally & Car Show: Christopher Jackson (6th Rally), Edna Stoel (4th Rally), Roger Stoel (4th Rally), Nicole Jackson (3rd Rally), Mary Hall (1st Car Show 2nd Rally), Gloria Reiffer (1st Car Show), Simon Reiffer (1st Car Show), Sue Keith (1st Car Show), Kim Keith (1st Car Show)

Speed Events: Mike Sprague (14th Speed), Dave Johnson (13th Speed), Mike Molton (12th Speed)

Speed & Overall Events: Brenda Harrison (5th Overall), Denise MacDonald (4th Overall 4th Speed), John Steinbacher (12th Overall 11th Speed), Kevon Binder (11th Overall 7th Speed), Brian Smith (10th Overall 6th Speed), Bruce Wentzel (9th Overall 5th Speed), Patrick Duncan (8th Overall 9th Speed), Richard Shatkosky (7th Overall 5th Speed), George Duncan (6th Overall 10th Speed 3rd Rally), Gordon McCann (5th Overall 2nd Speed), Jim Sweet (4th Overall 8th Speed 1st Rally), Constance Esposito (3rd Overall 3rd Speed), Dave Waters (3rd Overall 4th Speed 5th Rally), Mary Wentzel (2nd Overall 1st Speed), James Sweet (2nd Overall 3rd Speed 1st Rally), Beth Waters (1st Overall 2nd Speed 5th Rally), Robert Hall (1st Overall 1st Speed 1st Car Show 2nd Rally)

Special Awards: Sharon Meesseman (Worker of the Year), Patricia Butcko (Rookie of the Year), John Steinbacher (Rookie of the Year)

#1 Corvette Club: Irish Hills Corvette Club
photos courtesy of Tom Dahlem



Our NCM X-perience

Just after we were awarded Top Flight for my wife Ann's 1985 red 2dr at the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) New England Regional in May 2013, I decided to arrange a NCM X-perience for her and her car on her birthday. The originally scheduled date was indeed 30 October, but our good friends Sue and Rusty Herb would be out of town. The X-perience is for up to four people and we really wanted to share the experience with good friends that are also Corvette enthusiasts ('06 yellow convertible, not NCRS members – yet). The 7th of November is Sue's birthday and we were all available, so I changed the scheduled date to 7 November. I feel I must point out that I was the only one who knew this was a NCM X-perience to include the display of ANNSVET (her license plate number). They thought it was just a Museum Tour, but I love surprises.

On the first of November tragedy struck. I was on my way to a Chapter Judging School in Charlotte, NC, when I was forced off the road in her car and was introduced to a guardrail at about 65 MPH. I walked away without a scratch but the car was totaled. (The accident and its repercussions is another story.) Suffice it to say that destroying a car six days before it is to be displayed at the Corvette Museum as a surprise birthday gift for two women raises some interesting issues.



As luck would have it, we found a Light Blue Metallic 1985 with 11,013 miles in Memphis at a reasonable price. We bought it and raised our number of '85s to three (the story of the 2nd one is also interesting) because we love the NCRS judging and all the people who go with it, and the 2nd '85 is not a show car.

We picked the blue '85 up in Memphis on the 6th, changed the original tires and wheels for some road tires and wheels, and headed for Bowling Green. Sounds simple doesn't it. Please see the other article. I realize this will be a surprise to many, but driving a 28 year-old car for the first time 250 miles through a driving rain, at night, presents some difficulties. The weather was cold, and, as I mentioned, rainy, combined with the lack of heat, or defrost (with or without A/C) made the drive rank right up there as one of my most delightful experiences. My cohorts could not believe that I kept insisting that we press on; after all a simple tour could be rescheduled. We arrived in Bowling Green a little after midnight and we had to be at the NCM at 7:45.

Thursday, 7 November, dawned bright, sunny, blue skied and a little chilly. In other words, a magnificent day to have one of the best experiences of our lives. When the great folks at the NCM came out to take our "new" car away, I realized that I had actually pulled off the surprise, and the reasons for my mule-headedness (one of the nicer terms) became clear.

The blue '85 is in very good shape, extremely original, and the support people at the NCM made it look great. They washed it, waxed it, etc. while we were on our private tour of the Assembly Plant. Our guide/escort, David Wilson, was assigned to us for the entire day and did his best to make our X-perience as spectacular as possible,

Rusty and Sue had been to the plant before, and they said over and over again that there was no comparison. We only had four people, vice the twenty-five or so in the normal group, and we had no schedule or other groups pushing us forward. In fact, we had multiple regular groups pass us during our visit. We could ask any questions we wanted or discuss anything we wanted. The plant is extremely impressive and they've made numerous changes for the C7. We were impressed with the quality control in the assembly processes. I should mention that Ann has a Master's in Quality Management and was a Quality Auditor for Staples and she is hard to impress.



When we returned to the museum, the three of them were surprised to see the car on display. We were especially surprised by the sign accompanying the display. As you can see, both women were excited about their surprises.

The tour of the Museum was also above and beyond. The personal attention, and ability to ask and discuss can only come with a small group and a dedicated guide. The high point for me was the 1983 Corvette. A one-of-a-kind Corvette is a special treat.

After the Museum tour our guide took pictures for us. We were then allowed to take pictures in front of the Assembly Plant. I can tell you having your name displayed above the entrance is a special thrill.

All in all, we cannot recommend the NCM X-perience (or NCM delivery) too highly. It was well worth the cost and Lori, Shane, Sally, and all other Delivery Team members are truly dedicated to making it a once-in-a-life-time X-perience.

Donald Warmuth, Carolina Corvettes, Inc.



Free State Corvette Club Celebrates 30 years of Corvette Weekend

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of Corvette Weekend in Ocean City Maryland. The humble beginnings of this event coincided with the reintroduction of the roadster in 1986 after an eleven year hiatus. Thirty years and three generations later, this can't miss event has grown into one of the largest Corvette gatherings on the East Coast and for many, marks the end of the summer driving season.

Leroy Hawkins is the club's longest current member (42 years and counting) and, also worth noting, holds NCCC member #038, was there when Corvette Weekend all started. According to Leroy, the then club president Alvie Huron suggested a gathering of members in Ocean City for a weekend getaway. Alvie also knew a few Ocean City officials and inquired about possibly having a parade down the boardwalk. The response was enthusiastically yes!

That first year, only 20 folks preregistered but surprisingly, 60 cars showed up! The organizers found themselves unprepared and feverishly scrambling to find a venue that could hold and feed the additional attendees. Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, Maryland continues to grow and, as of last year, had just under 800 cars registered and an estimated 1500 Corvettes converge on the seaside town during the weekend.

The event features concurrent NCCC sanctioned car shows and road rallies run from the inlet parking lot, special event apparel sales, vendors selling all things Corvette, representation from GM, the NCM, and of course the famous boardwalk parade. Not all the action happens on the road. We also offer Friday and Saturday Night Buffet Dinners (must pre purchase), the Friday Night Dance Party and the Saturday Night recap of the weekend and Awards Ceremony. This year's dates for the 30th anniversary of Corvette Weekend are October 14th & 15th.

Along with all the Corvettes, FSCC plays host to several Spina Bifida families for the weekend. Spina Bifida Association of Maryland is FSCC's main charity, and who has been the recipient of the majority of the nearly \$700,000 raised from the event over the years. Other charities that have received funds include: The USO, Change Inc, TRRC, Heroes on the Water and Gilchrist Hospice Care.

More information and registration can be found at www.freestatecorvette.com



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GRAND SPORT REGISTRY ANNIVERSARY

In 1996, Chevrolet released the Grand Sport Corvette to commemorate the end of the fourth generation model run. That same year, the Grand Sport Owners Registry was formed to help owners and enthusiasts get even more enjoyment out of this very special car. Some 20 years later, the Registry is celebrating the Grand Sport's 20th Anniversary with thousands of other Corvettes at Corvette Mid America's Funfest, in Effingham, Illinois, Sept. 15-18, 2016. The anniversary celebration kicks off Thursday, Sept. 15th with a special Grand Sport Owners banquet on the Funfest Grounds in Effingham, Ill. Exclusive Grand Sport Parking is available throughout the weekend to registered attendees, along with special Grand Sport 20th Anniversary goodies, events and seminars. There will be special Grand Sport awards presented, as well as individual and commemorative photos with Mid America Motorworks' founder and Chief Cheerleader, Mike Yager.

"We look forward to welcoming a record number of Grand Sports and their owners to Corvette Funfest 2016," Yager said. "The 20th Anniversary of any vehicle is an important milestone. As the 1996 Grand Sport was a tribute to Zora Arkus-Duntov's 1963 Corvette Grand Sport racer, we're expecting a truly must-see display."

All Grand Sports are invited to celebrate this anniversary. Grand Sport owners who plan to attend the celebration can register for Corvette Funfest and special event parking by visiting Mid America's web site <http://corvettefunfest.com>. If you have questions about the Grand Sport event please contact Maureen Waller, Grand Sport Registry Event and PR Coordinator at tikitb8@msn.com. More event details can be found at <http://www.grandsportregistry.com/gs20th/info.htm>

Corvette Funfest 2016 is a 4-day event celebrating the evolution of America's Sports Car. In addition to Grand Sport parking, special displays will include the CERV IVb Corvette, Alpha and Beta Corvettes and the last C5 Z06 Corvette. Register today and make plans to enjoy expert technical seminars, headlining entertainment, celebrity guests, a Fun Run Road Tour, Friday Night Charity Event, Celebrity Choice Awards and much more. Enthusiasts from all over the world attend Funfest to celebrate their passion for the hobby.

Maureen Waller – Grand Sport Registry

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Tip for the C7

Having just finished a project on my C7 coupe, I wanted to pull the car into the garage. Looking up, I noticed a tool was in the way in the garage. I jumped out of the car and took about 3 steps, when my wife warned me the car was moving. Turning around, I see my 2014 C7 rolling down the driveway. Panicked, I ran around the open door, and tried to jump into the moving car. The car was going too fast to make a clean entry, so, I attempted to get out. That failed as well because my foot was caught between the gas pedal and the foot well.

Half in/out of the car, hopping backwards, I eventually fell, and was now being dragged on my back, with my right foot still stuck in the car. At the curb, the car bounced pretty well and I was flipped over to my tummy. The foot, leg, knee, and hip were in some abnormal positions. The car stopped near the middle of the road, with the car door in the center of my back, pinning me to the ground. My foot was basically pointing backwards. In pain, I yelled for help. A neighbor from up the street came over and helped Susan raise the door high enough for me to escape. The consequence for using my body as a brake to stop the car resulted in MCL, ACL, and hip flexor strains, meralgia paresthetica, road rash, and lots of bruises. I suspect my preseason training for skiing reduced the severity of the injuries. BTW - the injuries were not that severe, because I've skied 28 days so far in this season.

What I believe happened is that in my haste, I pushed the emergency brake button (flapper switch) to release the brake rather than engage the break, as I shot out of the car. Subconsciously, I assumed that emergency brake was set because the car wasn't moving. From the owner's manual ..."Hill Start Assist (HSA) HSA is an automatic feature activated when the vehicle is stopped on a grade. This feature is designed to prevent the vehicle from rolling, either forward or rearward, during vehicle drive off. ..." I've determined that the HSA releases after, roughly, a couple of seconds. About 3 steps out of the car, the HSA released, and the car began to roll.

My tip is to not rely upon lack of motion, but to observe the instrument cluster for emergency brake engagement. I was lucky, you may not be.

Grrrrrrrrrr

Wayne Umland



...on the back cover

York County Corvette Club

The York County Corvette Club is best described by our mission to grow friendships and exhibit integrity among members utilizing the Corvette “signature of excellence” as our standard. The club also believes that we have the moral responsibility to reach out to our local community organizations through donations that assist those in need.

YCCC (ER-108) was founded in 1968. In recent years our membership has been +/- 160. In the early days, club activities leaned toward serious concours shows, rallies, and speed related activities. Today, most members are more interested in fun shows, road trips, and social activities with a priority for Ice Cream and still some serious interest in speed.

Our club is very active with an aggressive calendar of events allowing members to select activities which best suit their personal agenda and preferences. Our Program Chair is very active and produces a continuous selection of worthwhile activities, some of which members must sign-up promptly to be included.



We have been cruising York County, around the United States

and as far as Alaska for almost 50 years. One of our 2015 events was an ice cream run to the Haines Shoe House, a York County Landmark since 1948. It is now operated as an ice cream shop serving our local favorite Beck’s Ice Cream, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/HainesShoeHouse/>. Of course your visit is not complete until you have taken the \$5 tour.

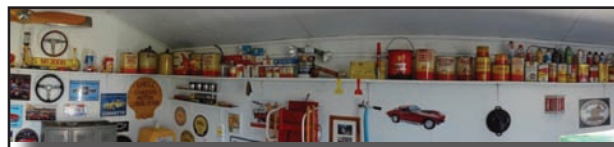


The Shoe House was built in 1948 (and completed in 1949) by Colonel Mahlon Nathaniel Haines, the flamboyant “Shoe Wizard,” for advertising purposes. Haines walked up to an architect, handed him an old work boot, and said “Build me a house like this.” Haines owned forty shoe stores in Maryland and Pennsylvania, was a millionaire and an honorary Indian chief, and knew the value of self-promotion. Haines would stand up at baseball games and offer \$20 to anybody who knew who he was.

Most of us remain intent on “Seeing the USA in our Chevrolet (Corvette that is)” and there is plenty to see.

Jeff Walker - President

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The Free State Corvette Club presents
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The story of the 1978 Corvette Pace Car “WON-IT”

My name is Allan Orr and I am the winner of the second NCCC raffle car in 1978. I had joined our local Mid-Coast Corvette Club and NCCC in 1977. I purchased 3 raffle tickets from the Club Governor on May 18th of 1978 and put them in a desk drawer. Several months later on a Friday night, July 14th, I received a call in which the operator (yeah, a long time ago) asked if I would accept a collect call from Charlotte NC. As I did not know anyone from Charlotte I declined and hung up. In just a few minutes the phone rang again and once I told them my name they tried to convince me that I had just won a new Pace Car in the NCCC raffle. It then dawned on me that yes, I had bought the tickets and the Convention was about now in Charlotte. I still needed a little more convincing so I asked if I could speak to any of the Houston area members who were at the Convention. After a brief conversation with Jerry Britner, and some others I was convinced and really excited, until I realized the car was at the Charlotte Motor Speedway and I was in Texas. You don't know how hard it is to convince your boss that you need to take several days' vacation starting tomorrow to pick up a brand new Corvette. Anyway we booked the flights to Charlotte and set off the next day. By the time we arrived almost everyone had left the Convention. We were met by Roger Clancy, Tom Henry, and several other local Corvette club members. I have forgotten many of the details of that day, but I will always remember seeing the car for the first time on the stage at the Convention Center and it was mine! I was given the keys and when we tried to start it we found it was out gas!! After that issue was resolved I took the car to a local hotel and started working with the local Chevy dealership and Roger to get the necessary paperwork for the car so I could drive it back to Texas. The car had been on a NCCC tour before the Convention, and only had 5 miles showing. After checking the belts, tire pressures, and fluid levels we decided it was ready for the 1,000+ mile drive home. With a North Carolina 20 day paper plate, me a 26 year old with a Texas drivers license, driving a brand new Corvette Pace Car, which at this time was very much in the national news for the inflated prices dealers were getting for the cars, and driving through the deep south, I somehow had the presence of mind to ask Roger to write me a note on NCCC letterhead explaining how I was now the owner of this car. I never had to use the note, but I still have it along with all the documentation from Chevrolet on how Tom Henry ordered the car from GM, was delivered to Charlotte, and consigned to NCCC, thanks to Jerry Britner sending it all to me in 1995. When I returned home and titled the car in Texas, I had an issue with the state in them determining the “fair market” value of the car for sales tax purposes. The sticker showed \$14,627.21, but several Houston dealers had sold them for \$22-25,000. I didn't like the state's number and asked for help. Roger again came to my assistance and got Chevrolet marketing to certify the actual build cost to NCCC of \$11,170.09 Texas backed down and accepted the certificate but even more important so did the IRS for income tax purposes. So much for a “free” car. I applied for and received my personalized Texas plates WON-IT and they have been on the car ever since. After a year or so of babying the car and enjoying the attention it got, I got the auto-X bug, and decided to run the Pace Car. The original motor was pulled and replaced with a purpose built motor, the exhaust and several other parts were altered for competition. I ran the car in the I C class, for 13 years, mostly in the SW region, but did run at Conventions in Florida where we ran Daytona and Sebring. The last time the car was pushed in competition was in May 1994 at Hallett Speedway, outside of Tulsa. Nowadays with 31,000 miles it sits in my garage most of the time and waits for a short drive around town. It sits next to my 2007 Z51 which is a much different car, but can't touch the memories of my time behind the wheel of WON-IT.

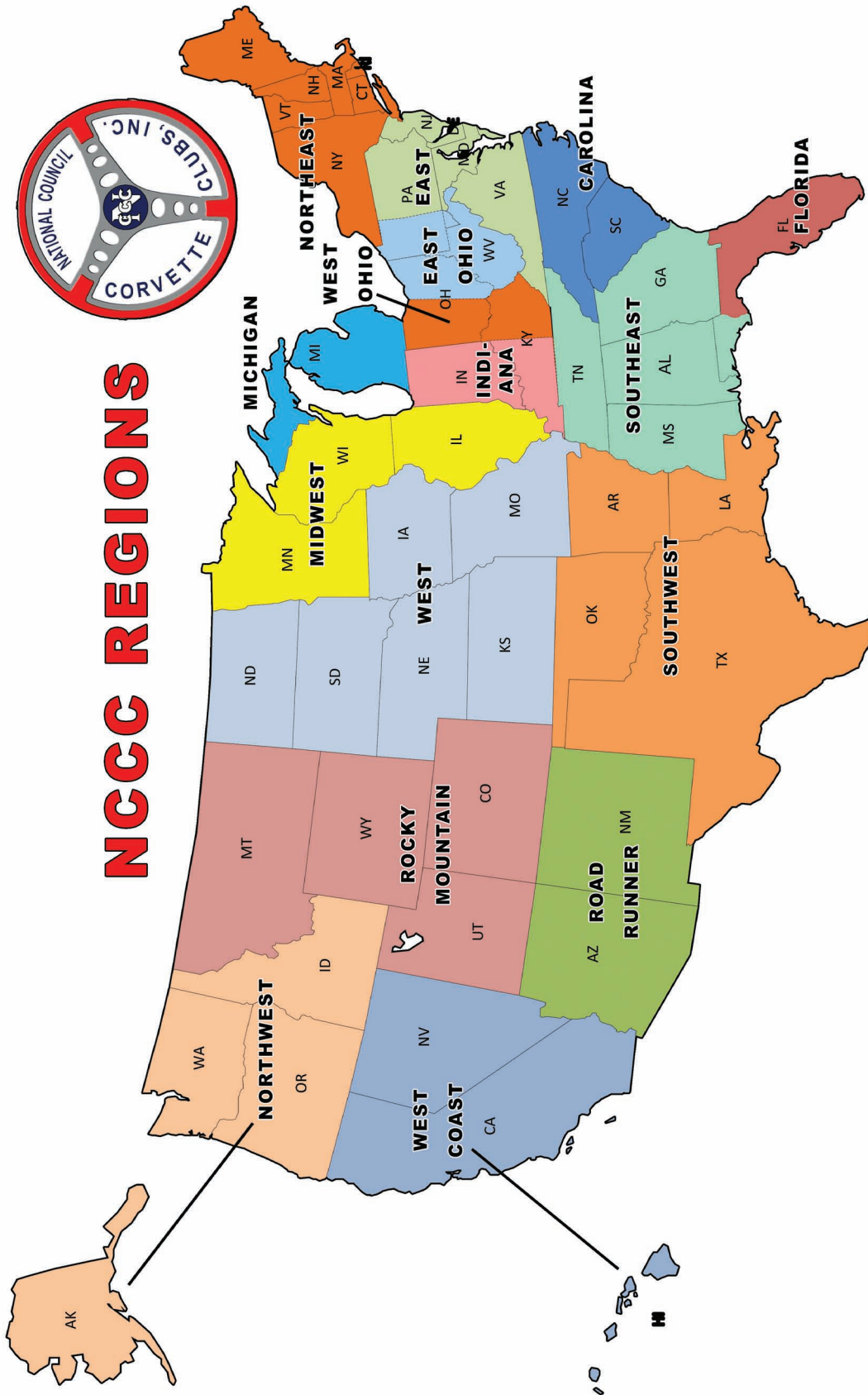
I would be interested if NCCC has any records of other raffle car winners over the past 37 years, and what ever happened to the cars. I would also like to hear from others who were at the 1978 convention and have any memories to share. I'll close by thanking the many people that helped me have the experience of winning the first Pace Car Corvette. Roger has been gone for many years but I will always remember him and the wonderful things he did not only for me, but for the entire NCCC organization.

I would also like to thank Sylvia Hoaldrige for her many years work and service as the Blue Bars editor.

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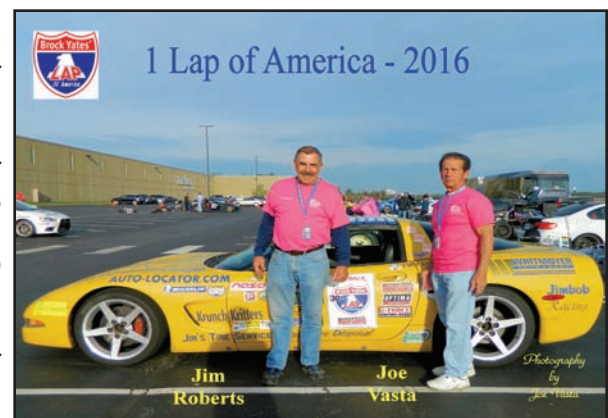


In previous articles, I've written about charitable activities by clubs. This time, my subject is a charitable activity by one person – Jim Roberts of the Lancaster County Corvette Club.

Jim began running the annual Tire Rack 1 Lap of America (OLOA) endurance race eight years ago. OLOA, created by Brock Yates, a senior editor of Car and Driver magazine, is a unique competition loosely based on the movie Cannonball Run and was first run in May 1971. Competitors consist of two-(wo)man teams that race for a week running a different track each day starting and ending the week at the Tire Rack facility in South Bend, Indiana. Entrants are sometimes family teams including father-daughter, father-son and brother-brother teams. This is a somewhat cult race with many of the same competitors running year after year. One entrant has run OLOA 26 times including 21 times in a row. OLOA is an international event with entrants not only from coast-to-coast within the U.S, but also including entrants from the UK (including 'Big' Chris Smith's 700+ HP Mustang from Gas Monkey Garage), Sweden and Switzerland (including Robert Dubler of Dubler Chocolates). The 2016 version of OLOA was officially listed as 2827 miles plus travel to and from the event which for Jim was over 4000 miles. This year's tracks including Pitt Race, Palmer Whiskey Hill Road, Summit Point, NCM Motorsports Park, Road America, Great Lakes Dragaway and the Autobahn Country Club tracks in the NCCC Indiana, East Ohio, Northeast, East, Southeast and Midwest regions. Tires must be purchased from Tire Rack and the same tires must be used all week for both racing and travel to each track – no substitutions! Teams must have two people but can be up to 4 people in sedans. Cars cannot be trailered between events. Competition includes road courses, low speed auto-Xes and drag races and is open to all types of cars including Corvettes, Porsches, Nissan GT-Rs, McClarens, Vipers, BMWs, Mustangs, Audi R8s, Camaros, Pontiacs, Dodges, Mercedes Benz, Ford Festivas, Toyota Siennas, Subarus, VW Jetta TDIs, etc. Money can be no object in obtaining a win. For instance, one competitor replaced a transmission costing \$30,000 to complete the event (the cost of the transmission replacement was more than the original cost of Jim's Corvette)! After a team runs one event, they pack up and travel to the next venue which may be 600+ miles away so arrival may be 2:00 am. The next event typically starts at 8:30 am guaranteeing sleep deprivation each day. It is a major accomplishment just to complete the full course. This year about 15% of the competitors did not finish due to problems including major parts failures and significant crashes at tracks.

Many teams sponsor a charity and Jim Robert's charity is the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC) which he has supported for all eight years running OLOA. Jim posts stickers on the roof of his car (2000 yellow Corvette – JimBob Racing) for the season for each person that donates at least \$10.00 to the PBCC. Jim raised over \$3,000 this year and has raised more than \$16,000 in the last six years competing in this event - a demonstration of what a committed individual can accomplish!

By the way, Jim finished 27th overall and 4th in his class due to strong performances in the dry skid pad and the drags. A remarkable finish for a 16 year-old Corvette racing against very expensive competition! (In the attached picture, the 2016 OLOA JimBob Racing team is wearing their pink PBCC tee-shirts!)



Joe Vasta - RE

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Greetings from the East Ohio Region. Corvette season is in full swing here...started rough, though. Our first events in April were beautiful and sunny. Then along came May when we had snow and sleet! Members from our northern end weren't able to attend due to ice. That's Ohio weather...if you don't like it, wait five minutes and it will change. For those of you that don't know what "lake effect" means - ask someone from Cleveland or Buffalo. Hope all is well in your Region.

Terry Muich - RE

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On Saturday night, May 15, 2016, the Florida Region celebrated its annual awards banquet at the AAA International Headquarters in Orlando, FL. The evening began with socializing and hors d'oeuvres before dinner was served. The Florida Corvette Club (FCC) received the award for #1 Club in the Region for total competition points. Larry Kupka of FCC was the Men's Overall #1 with Steve Goodbread of Corvettes of Naples coming in second. Deb Murphy of North Florida Corvette Association (NFCA) was the Ladies Overall #1 and Renee Fischer (FCC) came in second. FCC has only been a member of NCCC since 2007. Many awards were also presented to class winners in Autocross and Concours. Harry Way from NFCA received a special award called the "Awe Shucks Award" for crashing his car into the wall at Roebing Road over the Thanksgiving weekend.....Ouch!!!



On April 8, Cape Kennedy Corvette Club hosted its most successful to date People's Choice "Vettes at the Port Show". The show had entrants from as far away as Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Arkansas as well as all over the state of Florida. There were 229 cars registered with only a few no shows. The money raised by the auctioning of beverage baskets and from the silent auction was donated to the NKF to assist those in Florida who are suffering with kidney disease. The Cape Canaveral Fire & Rescue, who also help with the Port Show and the Christmas Toy Run, received the monies raised from the 50/50 drawing to help with local projects. There were over 40 vendors of all types present for the entrants, guests, and cruise ship travelers to visit. The local restaurants also provided the participants with discount coupons for the day.

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Florida is proud to be the home of two of the largest Corvette Clubs in the country. Corvettes of Naples is number three in size in the nation while Cape Kennedy CC is number eight. Many of our clubs have enjoyed a growth of membership. Could it be because of the warm weather here...the snow birdies that come south for the winter have decided to stay? We welcome the many new Floridians!

If you are looking for Corvette events in Florida, look at the events section at www.ncccsouth.com Also click on the Florida Region logo for individual club sites.

Patsy Shearer - RMD



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DATE SAVERS:

July 30 All Corvette Show Circle City CC

August 6-7 Michiana CC Low Speed

August 14 Elkhart Vette Set / Ft Wayne CC Rallies

August 20 CORVETTE INDY's 5th ANNUAL VETTES N VETS CORVETTE SHOW

The Corvette Indy Club will host its 5th Annual All-Corvette Show at the American Legion (852 West Main Street) in Carmel, IN on Saturday, August 20th. The show is sponsored by our sponsor PENSKE Chevrolet. Registration is 9 – 11 a.m., participant judging is 11a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with awards at 3:00 p.m. The event will feature door prizes, raffles, music with a D.J., great food sold by the American Legion, special guest speakers and much more! A total of 134 trophies will be awarded and they will be in two separate sets so non club members will not compete against Corvette Indy cars. Corvettes will compete in 17 different classes plus for Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Exterior, Participant's Choice Best of Show and Penske's Choice Best of Show with 3 awards for each category and as a bonus a Commander's Award will be given by the American Legion. There is no admission charge for non-participants and Corvette Indy members can enter their Corvette in the show free. Entry fee for non-members to compete is \$20 or \$15 if pre-registered by August 6th. New members that join Corvette Indy at the show can enter their Corvette free of charge. There will also be an option to participate in a separate Rallye which will be run immediately after the trophy presentation is complete. There will be a dinner option after the Rallye. For more info, contact: Vice President Greg Bowron @ (317) 258-3210 or ndirishr1@hotmail.com



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August 27-28 Ft Wayne CC / Corvette Club of Indiana Low Speed
August 28 Indiana Governor's Meeting (after events)
September 3-5 Elkhart Vette Set Low Speed
September 9-10 National Governor's Meeting (St Louis)
September 24-25 Indiana Region Super September Low Speed
October 2 Indiana Region All Corvette Day (Brown County)
October 9 Lafayette CC Rallies
October 22-23 Glass Menagerie CC / Hoosier CC Great Pumpkin Weekend
November 11-12 National Governor's Meeting (St Louis)

Check our website for more detail/flyers www.indianaregion.org

Circle City Corvette Club Celebrates 16 Year Anniversary

Circle City Corvette Club is celebrating their 16th year of volunteering at the National Corvette Museum. Besides having the pleasure of driving our cars back to their place of birth, we spend an afternoon working on projects that the Museum selects for us.

Our work weekend at the Museum always falls before the Bash and everyone looks forward to 30+ members of our club rolling up their sleeves and helping to ready the NCM for this event.

Circle City CC has been fortunate to have this great opportunity with the NCM, to donate our time and support. In addition, having an NCM Ambassador in our club helps us stay up to date on the Museum's activities and future plans.

We would like to encourage other Corvette Clubs to start a volunteer program with the NCM. It is a fun, very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Not only does the Museum benefit from your help, your club benefits from working together and enjoying one another's company.

Remember, the Corvette is the only sports car that has a museum named after it. By CCCC

Correction from last BB: Sue Runyan was listed a Sue Ryan...sorry Sue!

Tammy DeWitt - RMD

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Region News

The season is in full swing in the Midwest Region with events scheduled most every weekend. I encourage everyone to check our regions website at <http://www.mwregion.com> and locate the "Flyers" button where you can find information on all upcoming events. There are well over 200 NCCC events on our 2016 calendar and they go well into mid-October.

From an RE standpoint, this is a relatively quiet time of the year. All of the required administrative processes are complete so I almost can get a summer vacation.

I want to report to you that **Dave Murphy, Wisconsin Corvette Club**, working with **Nancy Baily, Northern Illinois Corvette Club**, our Regional Treasurer, again completed the required annual audit of the regions financial records. The audit results proved that our finances continue to be properly controlled and reported. A huge thank you to Nancy for her continued efforts in this very important region role.

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Bruce Blunt, Badger State Vettes and **Tom Reitz, Route 66 Corvette Club** are leading our 2016 region officer Nominating committee. Bruce and Tom will be working this summer finding candidates to run in our Fall election. If you have interest in running for the Region Executive, Region Competition Director, Region Membership Director, Region Treasurer, or Region Secretary or just need more information, please contact Bruce or Tom.

Jo Hoak, Sunburst Corvette Club stepped in to our Secretary role for 2016 only. We greatly appreciate her efforts but we do know that the Secretary position will be open for 2017. **Bill and Jo Hoak** are moving out of state. That also left an opening for a new **Sunburst Corvette Club** Governor so I would like to welcome **Soren Backe** to that role.

I'll keep my report short and sweet this time. The region is in great shape thanks to all of the hard work by our Officers and Governors. See you at the events over the Summer. I am looking forward to them.

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

Competition News

Our season is in full swing, with a wide variety of events. Our region has many autocross, PC and judged Concours, and Rallye events to keep our members and their Corvettes occupied until October. Even if you do not wish to compete, please, drive out and visit our events. After all, they are social, too. Plus, all Corvette owners are friendly, a wonderful side-benefit of owning one, or more.

Remember that safety is our most important goal at our events. Drones are one possible hazard that we cannot allow, along with irresponsible behavior. We are guests at our event sites and need to respect our hosts. A little extra effort goes a long way to keeping our event sites for the future.

By the time this is published, our events at Bowling Green should be over. I hope everyone had a great time and thanks to all for their support the Midwest Region and East Tennessee Corvette Club. The Motorsports Park is a great facility and will, hopefully, continue to allow us to exercise our Corvettes and test our driving skill.

Though it seems early, it is time to start thinking on our 2017 event schedule. Check with your event sites on availability. 2016 is proof that you cannot delay in reserving your event dates, and other issues may interfere with confirming your dates. I foresee a few priority date changes for 2017, so Governors need to check with others and keep me informed of these.

As noted in the RE News, this is our quiet period as officers, but a busy one as competitors. Let's be safe and enjoy the NCCC experience this summer.

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

Membership News

Happy Spring to everyone. Hopefully everyone is enjoying their cars and the fellowship we all have with our Corvette's. Membership is growing weekly. There is also potential new club from Danville, Illinois; Corvette Cruisers of Illinois with a possibility of 45 members. I am working closely with them now and by the next issue, I hope to welcome them to NCCC. Along with this great news for the MWR, I would really like to encourage everyone to please attend the NCCC Convention in Omaha. We are going to be Roaring into Omaha for a GREAT time. Also, as President Heinemann announced, Convention for 2017 is back on for Bowling Green, home of the Corvette and in full swing. Will be a convention you also will not want to miss. With that, enjoy family, friends, and the Corvette passion. Please feel free to contact me for any needs. LvRacnC7s@gmail.com or 217-725-2913 "Save the Wave"

Shannon Davis - Regional Membership Director - 2016 ZO6, "NVR GV N"

A Message from Pat Kelly, FCOA Director, to the Midwest Region



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Greetings from the budding North East. As our season starts to evolve, the calendar fills quickly! Car shows, low speed events, caravans, cruise-ins and road trips makes it a TIGHT SQUEEZE to share time with all of OUR corvette families! Bay State, Tri-Vettes & Southern Tier have speed events planned; Adirondack, Connecticut Military, Vermont & Corvettes of Buffalo clubs have their shows in place for 2016. Information is READILY available on the web. Our organization WILL GROW as we establish BETTER COMMUNICATION to our members. SAVE THE WAVE and stay SAFE.

Ray Schafer - RE

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Writing this on Memorial Day, my thoughts are primarily centered upon those who have given their lives to preserve and protect our wonderful country. I know that NCCC and the Roadrunner Region are eternally grateful for their sacrifices.

Tucson Corvette Club put on 4 autocross events at the Marana Airport Saturday and two rallies Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend. All of us who were there salute TCC's resilience in pulling off the autocrosses after a timing system failure. They set up a stop watch system with multiple clocks on each car and, once underway, the times were amazingly consistent between all the timers. Great job!

Congratulations to Breck Alberts of the Tucson Corvette Club. Through a lot of careful planning and coordination, he was able to acquire C7.R serial number 005 out of 500. A yellow beauty!

As Roadrunner temperatures will likely remain above 100 degrees for the next several months, there will be very few competition events on our calendars. There will be a "Corvette Summer" event hosted by Thunder Vette Set in Sierra Vista in June. They are having an early evening PC show in the Veteran's Memorial Park with a Drive-In movie showing of American Graffiti afterward right there in the park. This is a charity fundraiser too. Phantom Vettes of El Paso will also host a PC show and several rallies in Ruidoso New Mexico. A weekend high in the mountains will be a welcome cool retreat for all.

Will Benning was elected as our new RE at our second quarter Governors Meeting May 28th. Taylor Benning was appointed as the new Region Secretary. I am sure they will do a great job and continue the traditions of their predecessors in helping region clubs and members with all things NCCC and Corvette related.

Roadrunner is planning a region-wide social gala on the Martin Luther King 3-day weekend in January 2017. Plans are still being finalized, but our goal is to get people from all 13 clubs together for a social, non-competitive weekend to strengthen relationships between clubs, and build and/or renew friendships. We will incorporate our region awards presentations too. There will be social day trips to area sites that have a historical or tourist appeal. Hopefully, this will begin a new tradition with a different club planning and hosting an annual New Year kickoff.

Contact me at: LT4CE@YAHOO.COM. Save the wave.....

Paul Hamersly - RCD



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Summer is here in the Rocky Mountain Region and the events have been wonderful. The competitors have been the best in the region and all is leading to 2016 being a great competition year.

We have a new club in the region. The Central Colorado Corvette Club has just started to turn it up with events at new venues to get the excitement bubbling.

With old events and new events, experienced competitors and newer competitors, let's get ready to rumble and have some fun. I do not think you can ever have too much fun in the Rocky Mountains and NCCC, but let's try. See you at the next event.

Pete Urenda - RE

Winter has finally left the Rocky Mountain Region, mostly. Some of our 14,000 ft. mountain peaks still have a lot of snow on them and that's a good place for it to be. The Rocky Mountain Region had our 2015 Awards Banquet and pictures that were taken at it have been posted to our regional website, so to see the fun times we had and see more pictures of our 2015 top competitors, please visit our regional website at <http://www.rmrnccc.org>.

Our Competition season is off to a roaring start and by the time this goes to press, we will have had thirteen events under our collective belt. Pretty much every weekend until September in the Rocky Mountain Region has at least one event and most have at least two. Car Shows, Rallies and of course, Autocrosses are what we have to offer this year. We even have a couple of Funkhanas, something we haven't had in quite a while. If you are out this way, we invite you to sign up for one or more of our events via our Region website, go to the Competition link and then the Events Calendar for all of our events in the region.

Walt Jenkins - RCD

2016 Club Regional Point Totals Report

Place	Club Number	Club Name	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	RM-183	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	387	4
2	RM-294	COLORADO WEST CORVETTE CLUB	346	6
3	RM-217	SOUTHERN COLORADO CORVETTE CLUB	205	4
4	RM-176	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE ASSN	199	3
5	RM-114	DENVER CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	61	4
6	RM-600	CENTRAL COLORADO CORVETTE CLUB	48	5
7	RM-497	CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTES	47	1

2016 Men's Regional Point Totals Report

Place	First Name	Last Name	NCCC Number	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	ED	ALLEN JR	RM-294-0108	58	6
2	BILL	MORRISON	RM-294-0090	40	4
3	WALT	CURTIS	RM-600-0001	40	5
4	WALT	JENKINS	RM-183-0351	36	4
5	JARED	URENDA	RM-114-0426LM	32	3
6	STEVE	SMITH	RM-183-0677	31	4
7	TERRY	MORRISON	RM-294-0065	30	3
8	LARRY	MORRISON	RM-294-0009	30	4
9	RON	BAUER	RM-176-0359	30	3
10	LORREN	LOEWEN	RM-183-0505	25	4
11	KEN	BAUER	RM-176-0179	24	3
12	PETE	URENDA	RM-114-0134LM	22	4
13	ROGER	MILLER	RM-183-0316	22	4
14	BRENT	KERR	RM-294-0110	21	3
15	MYLES	ROVIG	RM-294-0082	21	3

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2016 Ladies Regional Point Totals Report

Place	First Name	Last Name	NCCC Number	Total Regional Points	Events Attended
1	KITTY	DIVIS	RM-183-0613L	34	4
2	LAURIE	LOEWEN	RM-183-0518L	32	3
3	BARB	ZORNES	RM-176-0369L	25	3
4	SHELLY	SCHNEIDER	RM-176-0469L	23	3
5	ELLOUISE	MORRISON	RM-294-0010L	20	3
6	BEV	LANDDECK	RM-217-0128L	19	2
7	MICHELE	WENSEL	RM-600-0002L	8	3
8	VICKI	URY	RM-183-0490L	7	1
9	PAM	SCOTT	RM-217-0065L	6	3
10	BOBBIE	BAERG	RM-217-0158L	4	2
11	KATHY	BITNEY	RM-217-0140L	4	2
12	JANNETT	SCHNEBERGER	RM-217-0088L	4	2
13	SHARON	JACO	RM-217-0069L	4	2
14	ANITA	SMITH	RM-183-0678L	4	2
15	GWENDA	VALENTINE	RM-183-0566L	4	2

Rocky Mountain Region highlight: Kitty Divis

Kitty is the 2016 recipient of the Regional Executives RMR award, and this is what she had to say:

These last 12 months have been a roller coaster ride. Filled with blessings – Cody & Charles. Filled with challenges – Stage 4 cancer and 3 operations.

When I made it to the Rocky Mountain Region Awards Banquet, I was so excited to be well enough to be there. It was so wonderful to see my friends, my other family, my Corvette family, who along with my dad and sons gave me strength and encouragement during my illness, and helping me to be there. When I was presented with the Regional Executive RMR Award, I was overwhelmed and felt so honored. I always thought the past recipients were so blessed and so loved by their peers when they received this award. To receive it myself brought me to tears.

I have found that our clubs in the RMR to be an extension of my family. The encouragement we give each other, even though we are huge competitors is honest and true. We take care of each other while caravanning, when we crash and need an extra trailer to haul us home, a beer to make us feel better, a pat on the back when we do well (or not), a hug and a prayer when friends are ill. We are a family of friends and I love you.

I still feel like a little kid when I am next in line to race. Everything is insignificant in life except for this one moment. My heart still pounds a little as I lick my fingers to get a better grip on the Wheel - I run the course in my mind over and over again. I say a prayer that I keep the car on the pavement - and when they release me, I'm off! I don't think I breathe through the course because when I am done I am out of breath and exhausted. It's the greatest feeling EVER. What a privilege to do this! It's never changed in 10 years. Thank you, Roger. Thank you, RMR and my dad in Chateau MT. TUG!



Rocky Mountain Region highlight – individuals: Gwenda Valentine and Tom Hoepfner – RMR Top 2016 Lady's and Men's Worker's: Tom and Gwenda would like to share the following:

Why Volunteer to Work an Event

While it may seem obvious to most NCCC members why they would volunteer to work an event, there are more benefits than may initially meet the eye. Of course we need chairpersons to oversee the event and make sure it's a success, but often times, it's the individual workers that make the event a HUGE success. They offer the welcoming voice saying hello as participants arrive; it's their smiling face that makes participants know they're important to the hosts of the event; the workers are the ones that enjoy seeing the smiles on the participant's faces when an event goes perfectly and makes participants WANT to come back or participate in other events.

Anyone that has attended an event that HASN'T gone well knows someone didn't do something (or a lot of things) correctly. Whether it was a chairperson or a worker...someone failed somewhere. Simply stated, there are those of us who enjoy seeing an event be extremely successful. We also love seeing the smiles of participants who really enjoyed the event.

A special thank you goes out to all the workers that make all our events successful and a special tip of the hat to the Rocky Mountain top regional workers for 2015...Gwenda Valentine and Tom Hoepfner. Thank you.

Wayne Umland - RMD

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Membership Report

We have 16 clubs in the Southeast Region with over 1,400 members. While we are not the largest Region in the country (we are 6 out of 16), our Region is home to the largest club in the country--East Tennessee Corvette Club with over 400 members! Way to go! With that said, we still need help from the current members to build membership and to keep ALL of our clubs growing. Most clubs have business cards that can be used to promote your club. Pass these out to Corvette owners that you meet or put them on Corvettes that you see parked. We are looking forward to making this another great year in the South.

Amelia Workman - RMD

Competition

The competition side of the Southeast Region has been quite active so far this year:

April - Nashville Corvette Club (with sanction support from Playground and Plateau Corvette Clubs) hosted the first regional events of the year in April at the Twin Fountains Raceway in Shelbyville, TN. It was a return visit for us to that facility - a 1/4 mi asphalt oval and 1/2 mile asphalt kart track. What a fun and challenging place to drive! There were 43 participants (20 of which were from CA-IN-MI-MW-WR out-of-region folks). Saturday night the 2015 Region awards were presented. Thanks to Deborah Jarrell for such great awards - she out does herself each year!! The Region also presented 2 Rookie of the Year awards that evening to the Men's winner - Don Hoffmeister, Nashville Corvette Club, and to the Ladies' winner - Aggie Crovella, Vette City Vettes. Great job you two!!

May - East Tennessee Corvette Club hosted another round of events at the NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green - this year in conjunction with the Midwest Region. See David's article for more details about the weekend.

July - July had the region returning yet again to the NCM Motorsports Park for 21 events. Participants came from CA-ER-IN-MW-WO regions to enjoy the facilities with us!

Upcoming Regional Events - mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun:

September - 9/3-5 - 21 low speeds at Pellissippi Community College in Knoxville, TN

October - 10/22-23 - 14 low speeds at Pellissippi Community College in Knoxville, TN
10-29-30 - 14 low speeds in Huntsville, AL

November - 4 high speeds (in conjunction with 6 FL high speeds) at Roebing Road Raceway (outside Savannah, GA)

December - 12/3-4 - 14 low speeds in Huntsville, AL
12/10-11 - 14 low speeds at Twin Fountains Raceway in Shelbyville, TN

A special thanks goes out to ALL the clubs that donated their unused sanctions to allow the region to put together this exciting schedule. That list includes Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta, West TN Corvette Club, Playground Corvette Club, Plateau Corvette Club, Middle TN Corvette Club, Vettes of the Smokies, Corvettes of Clarksville, Miracle Strip Corvette Club and Lanier Corvettes Unlimited. You're the BEST!!

Don Parks – RCD

Scholarship Spotlight

**** The Scholarship program for our youth does work! ****

"Receiving the National Council of Corvette Club scholarship three times has helped provide financial assistance that enabled me to receive a Bachelors Degree in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Tennessee debt free. During my undergraduate career, I was able to achieve a 3.89 GPA while remaining active in student societies that help promote STEM in education, tutoring other students in mathematics, and completing undergraduate research in nuclear system prognostics. I plan on continuing my education by pursuing a Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering and certificates in Nuclear Security, Nuclear Criticality Safety, and Project Management. After enriching my education beyond my Bachelor's degree, I plan on continuing my nuclear-centered career at the Y-12 National Security Complex as a Nuclear Engineer. For those who are pursuing a higher education, my advice would be to find a topic that challenges, excited, and engages you. Ultimately, any educational goal set forth is capable of being attained by hard work, time management, and a support system. I know I am thankful for all the support I received through the

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National Council of Corvette Clubs, my local East Tennessee Corvette Club and my family as their support helped me realize my educational goals. I could not have done it without them.

Danielle McFall

GRA-Nuclear Engineering

Y-12 Nuclear Material Applications Technical Specialist

NOTE: Danielle is the daughter of Paul and Debbie McFall of East Tennessee Corvette Club. She was awarded a Judy Yanko and two Sue McGee Scholarships over the past 4 years. Congratulations to Danielle for graduating at the top of her class!

National Corvette Museum Updates

All the contract terms for NCCC using the Motorsports Park have been resolved. Convention 2017 is back on track. The Midwest Region and East Tennessee Corvette Club hosted 3 days of sold out autocross including one day on the 2 mile west track (as a low speed) over Memorial Day weekend. The Southeast Region is returning the 4th of July with the same format. Several bricks for the Holley Tower were sold during May. If you want a good location – do it now.

All Assembly plant tours are now given by the NCM. They leave every 15 minutes from the Museum. Check the NCM web site – select Tours – to verify dates tours are available.

Hope to see everyone in Omaha!

David Goebel - RE

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Here we are with the SUMMER 2016 issue of Blue Bars! Where does the time go? Hope you attended the National Convention in Omaha and had a great time.

We've been busy here in the SWR the last three months and we pick right up again starting in August. We've had several low speed events (Mart, Texas Motor Speedway, Sheriff's track in OK City), high speed at Hallet, drags at Thunder Valley in Noble, OK, and our "Spring Scramble" (in Jun) in Mansfield, TX consisting of a car show, Funkhana, and two Rallyes.

Cowtown Vettes (SWR) has also done a couple of "cruises". The first was a weekend trip to the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana in March and the second just happened in June where 15 Corvettes spent an 8 day trip to the Swiss America Cruise to western Colorado. Specific details and pictures will be available on Cowtown's website, in their monthly newsletter the *Low-Down*, and some will be in a future issue of Blue Bars. What a great way to showcase our Corvettes and see the USA!

We pick up the racing events again in August with 14 low speed autocrosses at Motorsport Ranch at Cresson, TX on Aug 13-14, followed by 10 high speed autocrosses that San Jacinto Corvette Club (SJCC - one of our Houston clubs) is hosting at the NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY on Aug 20-21.



September and October are filled with low speed autocrosses at Mineral Well, TX (twice), and OK City (twice). If you are into Drag Racing, our region is one of the few regions that host Record Drags. The second of the two events for 2016 will be October 23 and will be held again at Thunder Valley Raceway in Noble, OK, preceded by seven low speed autocross events in OK City the day prior. Our final SWR event for 2016 will be 12 low-speed events in Kyle, TX (just south of Austin).

Please check our schedule and come join us in the fun – we'd love to have you.

Doc - Doug - Ron

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Last issue I said "winter is officially over and Corvette season is now upon us!" Well, it seemed like spring was here when we had temperatures in the 70's and 80's. Then we start having daily highs in the 40's, 50's and low 60's. In spite of Mother Nature, we are still getting our cars ready and are planning our Corvette summer.

News around the region includes finding a site and sanctions to have a West Region Fundraiser on July 9th & 10th. This event will help fund our WR Scholarship Fund and to offset some of the cost of WR Competition Awards. The site of the fundraiser is just north of Des Moines, IA and will be run on a .6 mile go kart track. This is guaranteed to be a great time. If you have never run on a go kart track you need to try it at least once. Circle July 9th & 10th on your calendar and come join the WR for a "fun" weekend.

The West Region is bracing for the wave of Corvettes and NCCC Members that will 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 have a Hollywood Dress up Party. As I said "there is something for everyone". If you have not yet signed up for Convention, please hurry because time is running out. Check the West Region or NCCC website for the most up to date information. If you have never been to a Convention, make this one your 1st. As a West Region member there will never be one closer or MORE FUN!!

Our West Region Website is being updated almost daily. Phil has been very willing to make changes and get the site up to date. The site is looking better and better, thank you Phil for working with me on the updates.

We are now accepting applications, until June 15th, for the West Region Scholarship Program. Children and grandchildren of NCCC Members and Youth Members are eligible to apply. The Scholarship Fund is funded by permanent number request and the 2016 WR Fundraiser. Even if you don't race, I would like to encourage you to purchase a permanent number. This will help fund the program and we will be able to continue to give Scholarships to member's family. Donations are also accepted if you would like to help.

Come and experience the West Region,

Larry Beebe - RE

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Cliff Harris our RMD continues to work on ways to attract new members and the results show membership is increasing faster this year than in 2015. Cliff is seeing a lot of new members and some former members returning. They bring new ideas such as places to go etc. New members find clubs through the Internet, so it is a good idea to make sure your club has a web site with all the club information on it. Most new members have C6 and the number of C7 ownership is increasing.

The summer started out with O.C. Vettes and the Huntington Beach Concours which is one of the longest running Concours in Southern CA. Corvette West Big Bear Bash had a better turnout than last year and has become a tradition for over 30 years for the place to be in the summer time. Other clubs will be hosting multi events and these and all club events are on the Regional website. Once there you can check on events, standings, flyers, results. The web site is <http://www.ncccwcregion.org>. Please visit it to keep up to date and make sure you do not miss an event. Just a reminder from Joe that you can track your club's regional competition points in the database.

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2016/Programs/PointsCalculations.php?Region=WC> Save it to a favorite and the only thing that changes is the year. Therefore, next year you just change the 2016 to 2017.

The regional calendar of events and flyers are located here:

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2016/Programs/ListEventsForRegion.php?regionCode=WC>

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

All of your Regional Officers look forward to seeing you at future events. Save the Wave!

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