

# COWTOWN LOW-DOWN

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### All Roads Lead Me Back to the Corvette

It was one of those electrifying Friday nights cruising that filled teenage daydreams. The vague scent of gas, rubber and nitrous floated lightly on the balmy summer air.

Even the thought of it now is so sharp and clear it gets my blood pumping and fills me with excitement.

I had spent my senior year and the two following years building a '69 Camaro that I had bought from a guy I'd known since elementary school. I'd spent ALL of my "disposable" income and some not so disposable but I hadn't missed a trick. Big Block 4 bolt 427, forged crank, 11/1 pistons, balanced, Tricked square port heads (ported & polished), Crane mechanical cam & roller rockers, strip dominator intake and a custom 850 Holley \*PLUS\* a 100hp shot of nitrous ! Fast? It was insane fast & I was finally finished!

I had a great view of Camp Bowie from my front row spot in our usual hang out. Visiting with friends and fellow "Car Guys" was the agenda for the evening. The pinnacle of which was reached around 10pm. It was the place to see and be seen. Camaros, Mustangs, an occasional Mopar, and a few odds and ends thrown in and the envy of most.....an orange '69 Corvette. Those of us honest enough would openly drool as it loped through the parking lot. I don't remember what was under the hood or the owners name but it always seemed to be in top form and was the hallmark of American Muscle. He pulled up and parked in a spot right next to me where a '70 Cuda had been just moments before. As we all know, car guys aren't shy and it wasn't long before compliments were exchanged and a conversation was well underway. Time has blurred the specifics of that conversation but one thing that the "Vette Guy" said that I will always remember, "It doesn't matter who's the fastest - when it's all over, I'm still going home in a Corvette".

To this day I don't think he ever knew how he changed my thinking and the impact that would have on my car hobby. I thought about that simple statement and dwelled on it for months. I began to truly understand the significance of the **CORVETTE**. I realized that no matter what I did, this car would never be a Corvette.

**CORVETTE**..... just the name strikes a cord of excitement in most car enthusiasts and it carries meaning too. I went to a swap meet with a friend of mine that has been into Vettes since the mid 60's and learned a lot. He pointed out several things I'd never noticed. Terms like "Fast as a Corvette", "Corvette Transmission", "Corvette Heads", etc. We all know that any another car with Corvette parts is superior to one without? He also pointed out that any Corvette would draw lookers - even wrecked/burned out RAGS!

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow!!! What a busy couple of months we have had. We have hosted our 2 main events and they have both been very successful. Thanks to the NCCC event team, to the Car Show team, to all who worked and entered, it was great. The success is due to your hard work. Thank you to each one of you.

Now that our events are behind us we can concentrate on officer elections and the holidays. This is the time of year where we start looking forward and deciding what next year will bring. And we start with renewal and officer elections. Please consider becoming an officer, committee chair, or committee member. The holi-

days are a special time due to friends, family, charity work, and our holiday/awards dinner. I hope each of you have a very happy and safe holiday season. May your Halloween tricks and treats be sweet, your cornucopia be over filling with thanks.

Keep on Vett'en,  
Kim West, CTV President 2007

Trivia question: What year was the first year AM/FM stereo was offered as an option?

September's answer was 1959 (first year for sun visor option). Sorry, no question for October.

## PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

### IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ NEW VOTING PROCEDURES

New voting procedures have been approved by the Board to ensure the accuracy and secrecy of elections. Official Election Ballots will be mailed to each qualified voter no later than November 23, 2007. Allow for mail time, and then contact the Club Secretary if you do not receive a ballot.

Every ballot must be sealed in an envelope bearing the voter's first and last name. After the name is matched against the list of qualified voters, the envelope is opened and the ballot is removed and placed, still folded, into a receptacle. After all the envelopes have been processed, the ballots are taken from the receptacle and the votes are counted. Rest assured, your votes will remain secret.

 Refold your Official Election Ballot as received, so your votes can't be seen.

 Seal your ballot in an envelope with your first and last name on the outside. That is how voters will be matched against the official list of qualified voters. Use both first names and the last name, if couples enclose both their ballots in one envelope. You can use the envelope it came in. Just tape it closed.



Submit it at the December 7, 2007, Annual Membership Meeting before counting starts.

OR



Mail it back as instructed on the ballot. Be sure your first name (both first names if couples enclose both ballots in one envelope) and your last name are on the return address.

**ONLY A BALLOT THAT CAN BE CERTIFIED AS CAST BY A QUALIFIED VOTER WILL BE VALID**



Do not enclose more ballots in your envelope than there are names on the outside of the envelope (all will be invalid because no match can be made for each ballot)



Do not enclose fewer ballots in your envelope than there are names on the outside (again, no match is possible)



Do not forget to bring your ballot envelope to the meeting or mail it in time to arrive when the post office box is checked that afternoon.



Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions on the process.

Barb Greenfeder  
CTV Parliamentarian 2007

# Your CTV Vote Counts!

# CAR SHOW

Saturday, October 13, we had our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cowtown All Corvette Car Show. The weather was great, just a bit windy. We had 69 cars of all generations and each entrant received a goody bag, t-shirt, and a door prize.

The 50/50 prizes were outstanding and some were unclaimed and will be put in the November club meeting 50/50. Craig Murphy, as DJ kept the music playing and provided sponsor recognition through out the show. We gave away Chevy music CD's for correct trivia answers and Bruce Lowrie gave away additional prizes as well as show-casing 2 Vette convertibles and a Dually truck.

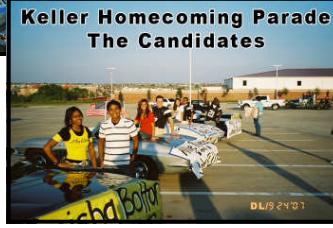
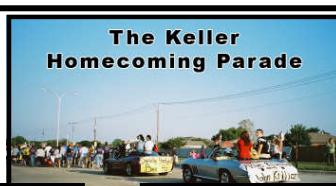
There were lots of people out admiring the cars. During the show, BRCC had a Funkhana and then a Rallye which also went well.

Thanks to all the Car Show Committee, Karyn Folwer, Kim West, Fred & Donna Rosett, Don Wells, Hector Sandoval, and Jan Brefczynski. Thanks also to Doc, Doug, Sylvia, Sharon Z, and Debbie L for door prizes, bag stuffers, and 50/50 items. Thanks also to Don Fowler, the Morrisons, Greenfederers, King's, and Scott W for help in cleaning up.

Current Car Show points: 1<sup>st</sup>-Doc, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Fred, 3<sup>rd</sup>-John B, 4th-Doug, 5<sup>th</sup>-Hector. All points must be turned in to me by November 18.

John Brefczynski, CTV Car Shoe Chairperson 2007

***The December Low Down will be filled with great photos from the CTV Car Show - check it out!***



## ***Photo provided by CTV member: Lynn Stearman***

My brother in England has a collection of cars, 13 I think. He attends car shows all the time.

He sent me this picture taken at a show he took his Isetta bubble car to. Funny that he parked next to a vette.



My brother is the guy in blue. The reason I thought this was interesting is that these cars are parked in front of Hedingham Castle in Essex England. This Castle dates from shortly after the Norman Conquest of 1066, definitely the old with the new.

*Lynn Stearman*

# Bobby Gorman

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## CHARITY

Last year for our December charity most recent car show. We sold over 900 event we participated in WFAA's Santa's tickets that day, mostly thanks to Fred Ro-Helpers. Guess what? We had so much sett. I think he may have told participants fun, we're going to do it again this year. they had to buy a ticket to enter the car

It's on Friday, December 14, this show (just kidding), but he did a fantastic year. The location has changed. This job!

year, it will be in Sun-dance Square, downtown Fort Worth, between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm, on Main Street at 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's where we will drive through. I'll determine a time and place for us all



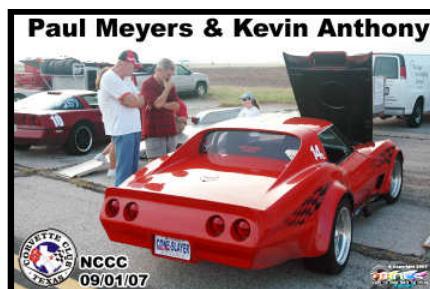
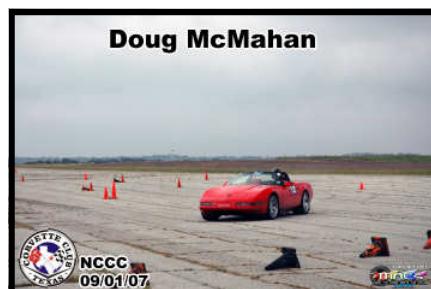
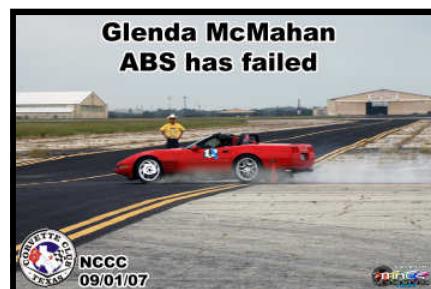
to meet and let everyone know. Everyone is encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for donation. The club will make a cash donation and I'll also be purchasing toys with charity money which comes from the 50/50 raffles at our membership meetings, which comes from you, the members. I really appreciate each and every one of you for purchasing these 50/50 tickets throughout the year and especially at our

progressive dinner and the awards banquet. If you bring a toy to the awards banquet, you will receive a door prize ticket for prizes to be drawn that night!

Thanks again to everyone for their continued support towards our charity projects! Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

Karyn Fowler  
CTV Charity Chairperson 2007

### **Photos from a recent NCCC Race in Sherman, hosted by our friends at Corvette Club of Texas (Paul & Mary Wolters)**



# COWTOWN CRUISER PROGRAM

**CRUISERS** ...this is your last month to compete with competitors as well as members that just capture points for the '07 CCP Competition like take cruises / trips in their Vettes. - the cutoff date is 11/18/07 (midnight).

At the time I wrote this article, we will have our **Local Winery & Jazz Cruise** on Sunday, October 21st; so look for pictures and information from this cruise in the December Low-Down, or on our website.

**Last CCP Cruise for 2007**; it is still not to late to join us for the overnight cruise on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to Fredericksburg, TX; a quaint little German town. We will arrive in Fredericksburg on Friday night, with Saturday morning to enjoy some Hill Country back roads like the "twisted sisters" or maybe even the "Willow City Loop". We anticipate seeing some sites such as "Stonehenge II" and possibly lunch on Saturday in Luckenbach, TX. We will be staying at the Fredericksburg Inn & Suites which is a short walk to downtown, were you can find shopping, brew pubs, etc. If you can't leave on Friday, contact me and I'll provide the route maps & info so you can drive down early Saturday to join us for the rest of the cruise. [RSVP and book your rooms quickly before they are all booked up.](#)

<http://www.cowtownvettess.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#2007 CRUISE SCHEDULE>

Note: These cruises are open to CCP

**Annual Vette Photo Contest:** At the October meeting you saw a display of past photo contest entries, to give you an idea of what photos people enter. Be sure and bring up three of your favorite photos to enter in the contest; bring these to me before the meeting starts so I can get them on the display board for members to vote on. The winner(s) will be presented at the CTV Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Social.

Remember, you do not have to turn in anything besides photos for the contest; meaning you don't have to participate in the cruiser program. This contest is about where you have been with your Vette and sharing those memories with our members. We have closed the contest to amateur photographers only, taking myself out of the competition ☺

Show us where you have been and what fun you have had while cruising and taking trips in your Vette! The Contest Rules are on our website at: <http://www.cowtownvettess.org/CCP/CCP PC 07.html>

*...keep on cruising'*

*Doug McMahan – 2007 CCP Chairperson*

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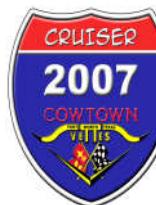
Date: Fri, Sat & Sun, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>

Departure: Mansfield (see website for location)

Driver's Meeting: 2:45 PM

Departure Time: 3:00 PM

Hotel: The Fredericksburg Inn & Suites



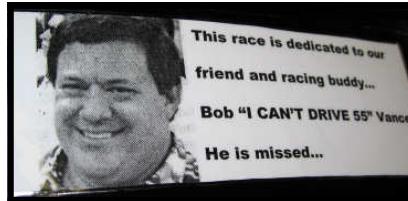
Trip Details: Drive down Friday with Saturday to have lots of fun on back roads, shopping, wineries, etc... Sunday, we will enjoy more fun roads and a winery or two coming home.

RSVP to [macsvettes@charter.net](mailto:macsvettes@charter.net) or call 17-473-3837



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# ROAD RUNNER OPEN ROAD RACE 2007



*As I said, Open Road Races are always events not just a race. CTV and LSCC racers dedicated this year's race to the memory of Bob "I can't drive 55"*

**Vance. Here are my highlights of this year's RRORR.**

Tuesday Oct. 2 - The Z06 is loaded on the trailer and all the race gear is loaded in the truck. So it's off to Marathon TX to stay in the historic Gage Hotel. 7½ hrs later we arrive in Marathon to check into the hotel, we'll be staying in one of the Los Portales rooms that have a covered porch and fireplace in the room. Before dinner we relax on the covered porch with some wine enjoying the gardens in the courtyard. Then we're off to the Gage Hotel restaurant Café Cenizo to eat with some ORR friends. This is a great restaurant with very unusual food that includes game offerings, e.g. venison and elk. I have the mole rubbed buffalo ribeye steak, yep it's real buffalo and no it doesn't taste like chicken, and Audrey has the pan-roasted scallops. After dinner it's back to the room to enjoy the fireplace and more wine. While sitting on the porch we see race officials that we know arriving to stay at the hotel and they invite us to come to the White Buffalo bar at the hotel later for drinks (and yes there is a real White Buffalo trophy head in the bar). We go party with them at the bar and wind up closing down the bar with the group.

Wednesday Oct. 3 - After sleeping in, remember we closed down the bar early this morning, we have breakfast and then its out to unload the Z06. After the short drive across the railroad tracks we arrive to check-in at race registration and go to tech inspection. Since we are in the Grand Sport division that has a tech speed of 168 MPH in addition to 6-point racing harnesses and SA2000 or newer full face helmets with shields we are required to have SFI 3.2A/5 race suits with SFI 3.3 accessories including shoes, gloves, neck rings and arm restraints. Tech and registration goes smoothly and quickly since we are there on Wednesday morning and not many racers have arrived at this time. If you are a rookie then Wednesday is the preferable day to attend rookie school in the morning and then go out to the practice course for rookie qualifying in the afternoon. Next, we walk around town (all 3 blocks of it) checking out the art studios and small shops of Marathon. Lunch is at the old gas station turned BBQ restaurant to have smoked brisket burritos. After lunch we head to Ft. Stockton, Audrey driving the truck with trailer and me driving the Z06 for my only look at Hwy 385 in the car before the race and it is the return leg side of the road. We check in at the Swiss Clock Inn and soon after we arrive other ORR racers begin to arrive at the hotel. We go hang out with the racers and catch up since last we saw each other, oh did I mention that regular ORR racers are like a big family. We then head to our favorite authentic Mexican food restaurant in town Bienvenido's to

get some super spicy carne asada.

Thursday Oct. 4 - Thursday is the day when most people drive to Marathon for registration and tech as well as to drive the road and practice at the posted speed limit of 75 MPH. However my navigator Audrey does not like to practice so we instead take the day to go explore around the Big Bend country, in the truck of course. We head west on I10, hey the speed limit is 80 out here, to Balmorhea to check out a spring fed lake. Lake Balmorhea is a spring fed lake in the middle of a desert with the Davis Mountains for a backdrop. While there we see eagles catching fish in the lake and flying with them in their claws. Wow what a sight. We then head down the road a few miles to Balmorhea State Park to check out a spring fed swimming pool that has 18" catfish swimming with you. This pool is deep enough to scuba dive in and there is a dive shop right next door. We then head further south along the scenic Hwy 17 to Ft. Davis in the Davis Mountains. Stop in at the Davis Mountain Nut Company to get some flavored pecans, the mocha chocolate and vanilla almond are our favorites. Then we head further south to Marfa and check out the historic Hotel Paisano. This is the hotel that the cast of the movie Giant stayed in during the filming which included Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, and of course James Dean. We spoke to the Hotel manager and she allowed us to go check out some of the hotel suites that were currently unoccupied including the Elizabeth Taylor suite. It was still too light as we left Marfa to check out the famed Marfa Lights but we had a racers welcome party to attend in Marathon so we were east bound on Hwy 90 back to Marathon. Hey I thought this was the desert but we drove through a very heavy rainstorm on the way to Marathon. The welcome party was outdoors with a dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings, beer, wine coolers, and a live band. Shortly after they started serving the food the rain arrived but fortunately there were covered eating areas. The rain was again very heavy and as we drove back to Ft. Stockton on Hwy 385 (the race hwy) it was flooded in areas with up to 1 foot of water on the road. I thought I was going to have to pull some of the Vette's that were following my truck out of the deep water but all made it without incident.

Friday Oct. 5 - Friday is a busy day. Time to go to registration and check the entrants in the different target speed classes in the Grand Sport division and decide if we should change target speeds before the noon cutoff. We are in the 140 target speed that has 7 entrants but there are only 2 entrants in the 145 so we decide to change to the 145 target speed but tech speed remains 168 and our minimum straightaway speed is now 115. Of course the 2 entrants that we join in the 145 class are very good experienced ORR racers but we are at least guaranteed a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. For lunch its time to head north up to Imperial TX to eat shrimp grown there in the desert at the Permian Sea Shrimp Store. After lunch we go back to Ft. Stockton to get ready for the car show and parade. First time navigators and rookie drivers will want to attend the

## (CONTINUED) ROAD RUNNER OPEN ROAD RACE 2007

navigator's school that is on Friday afternoon. At 3PM all drivers must attend the mandatory drivers meeting. After the drivers meeting all race cars go to the town square by the courthouse for a car show. At 5:30PM the Ft. Stockton police lead all the race cars on a parade route through town and the racers bring candy to throw out to the hundreds of kids along the parade route. At the end of the parade we head to the K-Bob steak house for the traditional night before the race steak dinner with other ORR racers. After dinner its back to the hotel for last minute car, equipment, and race note checks. Friday night we're in bed early since we must be at pre-race grid by 6AM.

Saturday Oct. 6 Race Day - Alarm goes off at 5AM. Make coffee and eat left over boiled shrimp from Friday's lunch, the breakfast of champions. 6:20AM we're off to pre-race grid in the town park, only rookies show up at 6AM to an empty park. 7:10AM Ft. Stockton police lead the 86 race cars out of the park and down the 14 miles of Hwy 385 to the race grid and north starting line. We see the sun rise as we drive out to the starting line. The weather is perfect and there is no fog in the usual places at the high elevations of the race course. By 8:45AM the spotter planes are in the air and the race course is given the all clear. The first car is off the line and we are the 11<sup>th</sup> car to leave the starting line so it is a scramble to get strapped in with all race gear on as we only have about 15 mins until we are up to the starting line. I'm ready to start the car and oh no where are the keys not in the ignition but in my race suit pocket which I cannot get to strapped in, what a rookie mistake and I should know better after 7 ORR races. There are only 3 cars ahead of me now so that means I have 3 minutes to completely get out of all the harnesses get my keys and get strapped back in with all gear including arm restraints. By the time I get strapped in and the car started all cars ahead of me have left the starting line and everybody is waiting on me. Finally we get the green light and we're off trying to average 145 MPH over 2 legs of a 40 mile race course. Seven miles into the race we pass 6 buzzards a little ways off the road feasting on a deer carcass. Fortunately none fly up as I pass by at 150+ MPH and by 9:20 AM we are at the finish line in Marathon to wait for the other racers at the turn around point. The next vehicle after me should have arrived within minutes after my arrival but 5 mins then 10 mins then 20 mins went by and finally another car arrives but it is not the car that was next behind me. The next vehicle behind me was a Ford Lightning truck that was running in the 140 target speed and remember the buzzards, apparently the whine of the Lightning supercharger got their attention and they flew up and one went into the windshield of the truck. Fortunately he was not injured but needless to say he could not continue the race with a hole in the windshield so he had to pull off the road and go wait at the nearest worker station for the duration of the race. The rest of the racers arrive without incident by 11AM with the earliest half way point finish ever. The half way point is where you check your stop watch times and calculate what you need to do

in the second leg to get your target speed exact and according to the stopwatches we were about 1 second slow. I calculate the error on the average speed indicated in the DIC and what it needs to read for the return leg of the race to compensate for the error and 145.3 MPH is the calculated number.

By 11:30 AM we are headed back out to the south race grid and start line for the second leg of the race. This time keys in the ignition and we are all strapped in and ready to go, no holding up the race for us. Green light all stopwatches started, odometer, and average speed indicator reset and we are off. At 3 miles out from the finish line I have my average speed indicating 145.3 so I set the cruise control at 144 MPH (yes the Corvette cruise control works great even at 165). There was only one sweeper corner to negotiate and it could be taken safely at this speed. We get near the finish line I give the brakes a quick tap for good measure and according to the stop watch it appears we are 1 second fast for the total 80 miles time of 33 minutes 6.207 seconds. We will not know what place we finished until the awards banquet Saturday night. We make the 14 mile trip back to the town park for the after race party in the park. At this point I'm what is called speed drunk and the 75 MPH speed limit back to town feels like 25 MPH. The after race party in the park is where the people in town come out to greet the racers as they return from the race course.

At the awards banquet we are anxious to find out our official finish. They call out awards in 12 other target speeds they finally get to the 145 class. Third place is called out with a 2+ second error and it was not us. Second place is called out with a 1+ second error and again it was not us. We have won first place! Our total time error was 0.197 seconds fast with an average of 145.014 MPH the best time we have ever done in an ORR. We came in second overall in the hand timer competition.

This race met my 3 criteria for a good ORR. (1) Finished the race safely (2) Did not break the car (3) Had fun.

Everything else is just icing on the cake,  
Karl Samuel, CTV Open Road Race Chairperson 2007

For complete results: [www.rrorr.net/2007/2007results.html](http://www.rrorr.net/2007/2007results.html).



# HISTORIAN & WEBMASTER



**History on our Club's website...** Our club's website has made history again this year with three different awards. First was an Art Space World Web Award of Excellence, next

came the Silver in the World Wide Web Awards and last but not least was 1st place in the National Council of Corvette Club's (NCCC) Club Website Contest. The first two awards were international judged website contests and the NCCC contest was a 2nd time win - 1st place both years we have entered the contest, 2005 & 2007.

Some Staggering statistics: at this time, our website contains 39,135 images and pictures, up by 9,598 or 32% growth. As far as added web pages, it grew 406 pages, a 45% growth. Our website has grown to this size (too large) from a mere 17 pages and a few hundred images when I was asked to take over Webmaster in December of 2003 (before it was an elected office). Since that date, our website has added (currently online) 38,885 images/pictures and 1,291 pages - some pictures / pages have been removed as well.

I do want to thank the members for helping to make this an award winning website; one that represents Cowtown Vettes proudly. It took those that contributed by participating and especially those that provided photos from the many events.

**Thanks** go out to Richard Cross, Doc Lambert, Cathy Castorani, Chris & Mary Maylor, Paul & Viola Meyers, Steve Gilliland, and the McMahans for sharing event photos for the Cowtown photo albums and web pages. 

**Q&A:** I've been asked, "how do I find what has changed or been added" I hope I have made this simple, go to the "Website History" button and click on 2007, there you will see a website change log listing virtually every change made to our website, by date.

Another question I get asked frequently is “how do I find something I’m looking for” which can be accomplished by clicking the “Website Index” button. There is even a “History” section that you might find interesting.

**Nominations and Elections...** At the October Membership Meeting, Scott Wheeler won a second term as our Governor, for 2008. Friday, November 2nd is the last chance to nominate someone for an elected office; with the 2008 elections taking place at the December Membership Meeting.

Wondering who to vote for? You can go to our website for a Bio on the candidates (if one was provided), in order to make an educated decision on who to vote for. Remember, these elected officers are your voice for how the club is managed - it is and should not be a popularity con-

test and we need individuals that have a passion and care about what is best for Cowtown!

As Historian for the past several years, I have researched and captured the history of all the elected offices since 1974 along with who held which office. In addition, there is another page that lists annual club awards and their recipients - guess how and where you would go to find those histo

**The 6th Annual Car Show** - the Committee made history this year and put on what I would consider the best car show since we have been members of Cowtown. In addition, the race prepared class was the largest to date at our car show. Craig Murphy provided his DJ services for the event and there were some GREAT door prizes and a 50/50 charity raffle; John even had trivia questions for other prizes and much more - GREAT JOB!!!

In addition to the Car Show this year, Brazos River Corvette Club (BRCC) hosted 4 NCCC events; a non-driving Funkhana and 3 Poker Rallyes. This event brought in 6 participants (for the Car Show and NCCC events) from Houston and two from Oklahoma City along with a others being local ☺

**Cowtown Email List Server:** If you are not receiving emails about Club events, please get in touch with me to validate that you are on the appropriate email list(s). 

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are capturing our Club's history or website, please don't hesitate to give me a shout.

--*Doug McMahan - CTV Historian & Webmaster 2007*

**REMEMBER: whatever your Corvette interest is,  
*pursue your passion, keep the spirit of fun and  
fellowship in mind ...and most of all...***  
**HAVE FUN DOING IT!!!**

2008 ELECTED OFFICER POSITION					
The following is a list of the position and candidate for the 2008 Election held on Tuesday, 7 March.					
2008 CIVIL SERVICE OFFICER QUALIFICATION					
POSITIONS WITH CANDIDATES FILLED FOR 2008					
Officer	Current '07	2008 CANDIDATES	Office Name	Inc. No.	Rec. Date
<b>President</b>	Kim West	Kim West	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Vice President</b>	Bobbi Johnson	Bobbi Johnson	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Secretary</b>	Jean Brinkworth	Jean Brinkworth	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Treasurer</b>	Candy Montano	Candy Montano	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Editor</b>	Debra German	Debra German	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Webmaster</b>	David McFarland	David McFarland	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07
<b>Greeter</b>	Scott Wheeler	Scott Wheeler	1	Sep.	Rec. 07
<b>Board of Directors</b>					
<b>President</b>	Paul Moyer (E)	Kim West	1	Inc. No.	Rec. 07



# ALL ROADS LEAD ME BACK TO THE CORVETTE

*(continued from the cover story)*

As our business began to grow and do well, it was obvious that I had some choices to make. I clearly could not keep up with the family, business, horses, motorcycles, cars and hunting. We chose to loose the horses, motorcycles and with the Muscle Car market being what it was...we decided to sell the '69 and '72 SS/RS Camaros to move up into a larger house.

Sheri has often asked if I regret the sacrifice and I can honestly say that it was a decision well made. Besides, it was only a few short years before our finances allowed for a "Toy" car.

We had discussions about lots of different cars and their attributes and shortcomings. My first thought was a Lotus Esprit. That thought was quickly snuffed when I discussed them with the mechanic I regularly conferred with about our Jaguar and Range Rovers. My second thought was a Porsche 911 - specifically a 911 C4 Targa. I was discussing my thoughts with a older "Car Guy" and he seemed quite impressed but asked a couple questions. "So.....what do you know about Porsches?" - "If (when) it breaks, can you fix it ?" Hmmnnnnnnnnnn. Good point!

My thoughts drifted back to the first time I'd driven a Corvette. I was 17 and a friend asked that I teach him to drive his dads '66 4/sp Convertible. It was only a small block car but driving this car and listening to the rumble of the side pipes was almost intoxicating! The choice seemed quite clear now - well kinda.

You see, I was born in '67, so to me, a Corvette was always a C3. I loved these and as most car guys had posters of C3 Corvettes in my room as far back as I can remember. I was disappointed - no- downright offended when Chevrolet introduced the C4. What the heck Is "THAT" supposed to be?

Quite ironic though, that my first Corvette would be a Red '95 LT1/6Spd! It still resides in our garage. She is a beauty and fun to drive but it didn't quite hit the spot. I would regularly peruse the Internet , "just curious" about that 80-82 C3 that I never got. I noticed that the Corvette market had its ups and downs. I began to study this and

watch the market closely.

During a serious slump in the market I happened to find a '80 4spd that the owner had tried to sell on eBay and some jerk stiffed him. I

called and we visited as he explained that he had taken a new job and was in a jam of sorts and had no way to transport the car to Pennsylvania nor a place to store it when he got there in 10 days! I explained that I was 1000 miles from him in Texas but would consider making the trip if he made it worth my while. He threw out a price that almost caused me to drop the phone! Within 2 hours I had made arrangements to borrow a trailer and have a friend (the guy I went to the swap meet with) go with me.

Two days later we drove straight through 24 hours and contended with wind, rain and all sorts of traffic. I was so pumped when we arrived that the blowing rain couldn't begin to dampen my excitement. The car was exactly what I had been told. I had inspected, test driven, had her paid for and loaded her within 2 hours. During the long drive home the adrenaline wore off but the thrill is still there today. It still brings a smile to my face when the cover comes off and I have never driven another car that was such an extension of me. It's as if it becomes a part of me as I sit down in the seat.

It's hard to miss the fact that each year the Corvette gets better and faster and has now become a "SuperCar". After many experiences with C2's- C6's we have found that we just prefer the C3's. So much so that we finally were able to track down a '70 convertible for Sheri. It's a "Basket Case" and not numbers matching but it's exactly what we were looking for. We will be doing a "Frame Off" next summer and I have already started collecting the endless list of needed parts. It's a great feeling to be beyond the always looking for the newer, better, faster, stage and just truly enjoy working on and driving the cars we love.

We thoroughly enjoy Cowtown and the opportunity to serve as the Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. We view the club somewhat differently than some though. We don't see it as a "Car Club". We feel that cars are only a part of it. We see Cowtown as a "People Club" - People that is that all share the passion for the American Sports Car.....The Corvette !

by Jamie Hagwood



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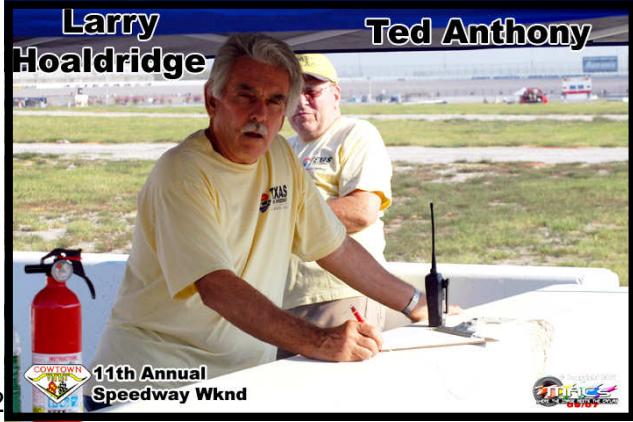
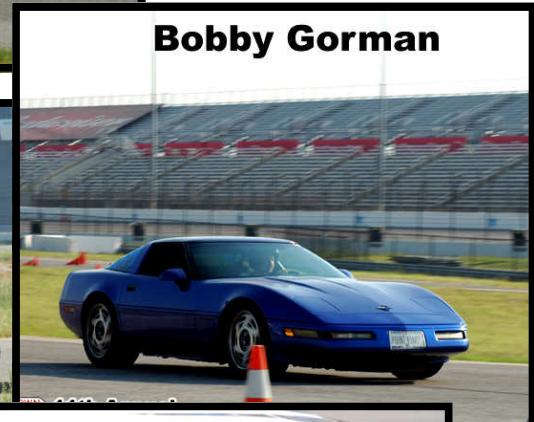
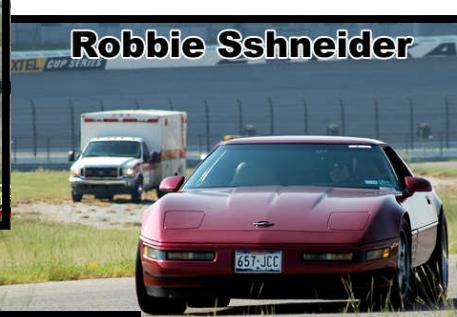
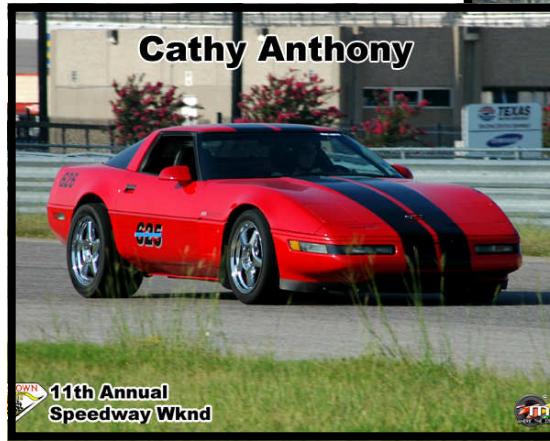
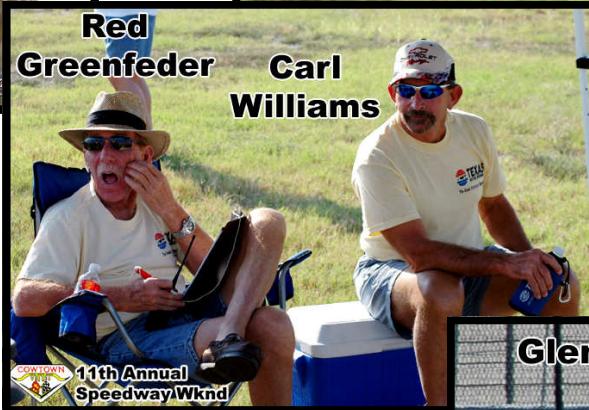
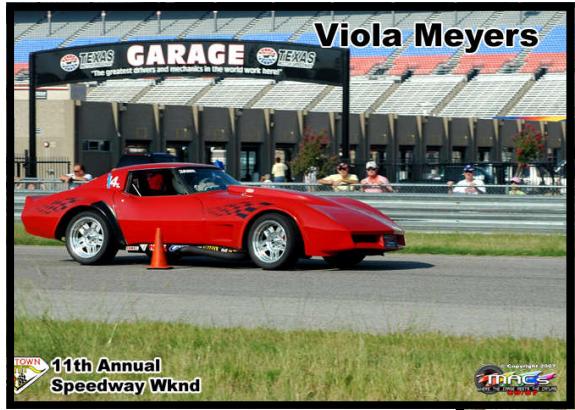
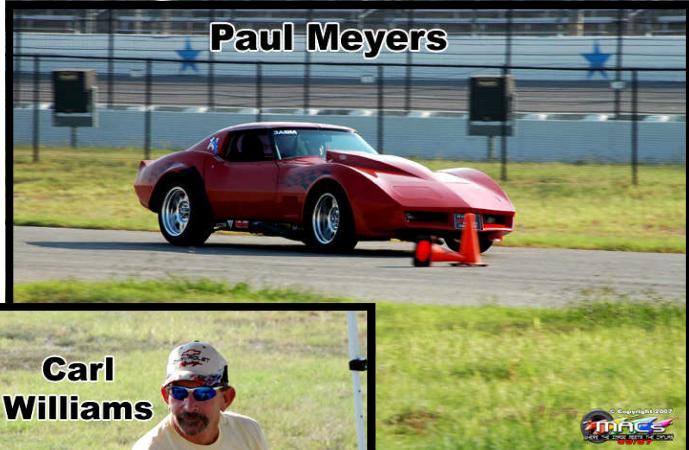
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# COWTOWN VETTES AT TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL SUPER SPEEDWAY WEEKEND



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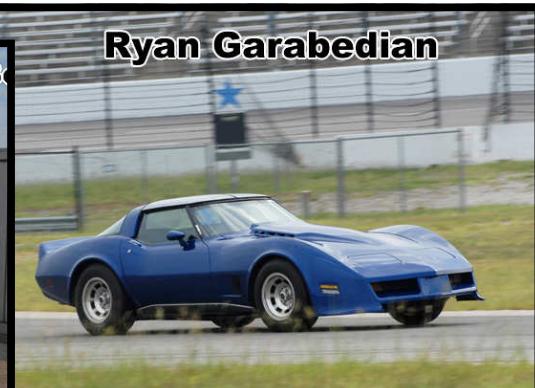
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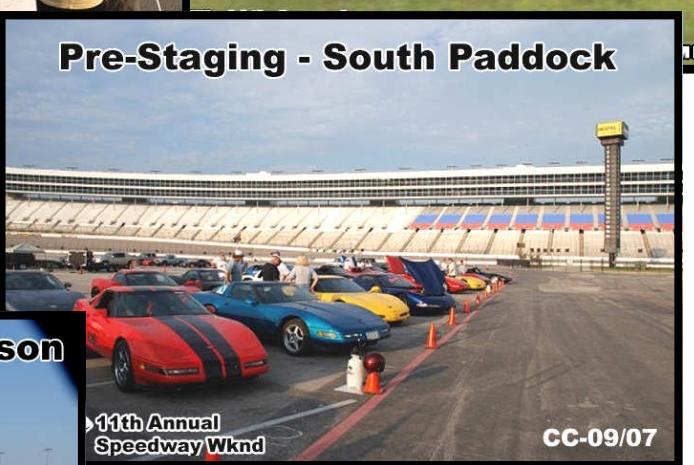
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**Carol, Sylvia & Glenda  
Registration**



**Inside the Timing Trailer**



**Alyssa Martin  
CTV - FCOA Member**



**Her 1st Race Event**

**Paul & Robbie - Tech**



11th Annual  
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**Brian, Sam & Sheila - Corner 1**

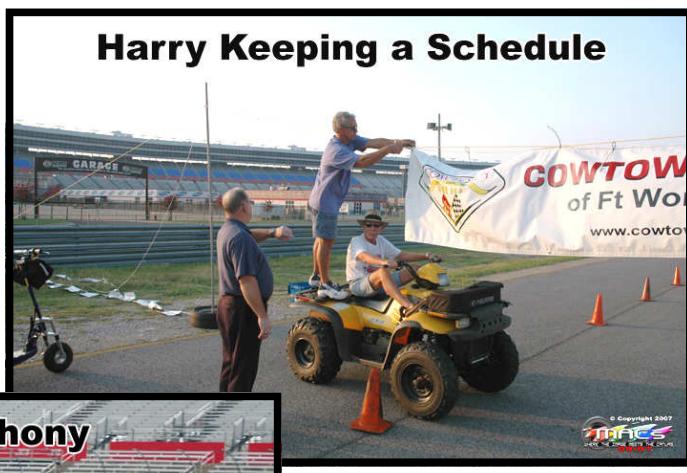


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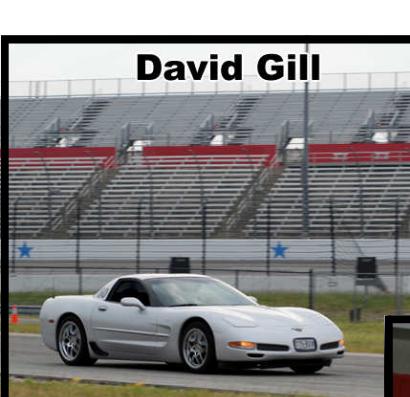
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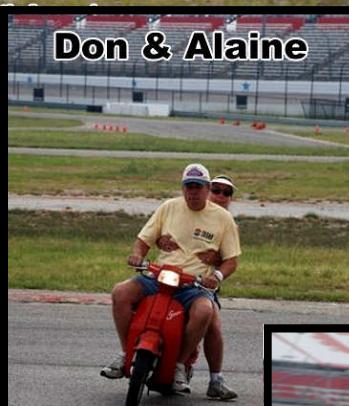


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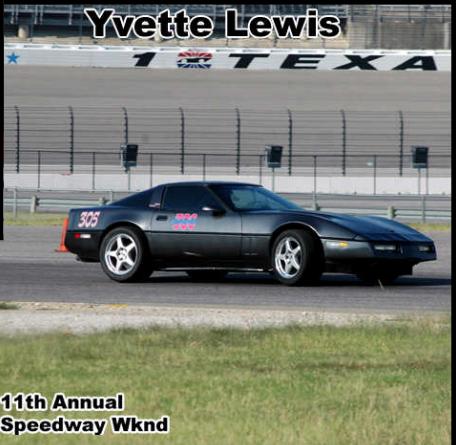


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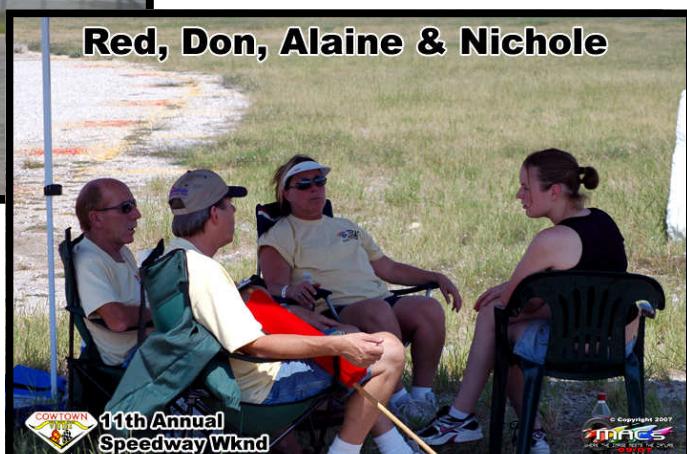


**Doug McMahan**



11th Annual  
Speedway Wknd

**Red, Don, Alaine & Nichole**



11th Annual  
Speedway Wknd

**James & Rick**





**Laps on the Oval**



**Cathy & Heather**



**..it is over for another year**



**Sam & Cathy Castorani's 2008**



**Relaxing after the Event**



**Red, Glenda & Cathy**



# **Thank-You Cowtown Volunteers!**

**Thanks to the members who volunteered to work the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend. The event was one of the most successful in the history of the club. The reason is teamwork and dedicated members. You know who you are and this event would not have been the success it was without your help. I thank-you and the club thanks you.**

**Bob Morrison  
CTV NCCC Events Chairperson 2007**

## NCCC GOVERNOR

Regional Governors' Meeting - A governors' meeting for the NCCC Southwest Region was held, September 22, in Fort Worth during the evening hospitality at CTV's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend.

This was the designated meeting to submit proposals and bids for '08 event weekends. I submitted September 20-21, 2008 as a First Choice Weekend. There was no competing bid for that weekend, so it should be awarded to us. I advertised it as another Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) event. 'Major' event weekends were also presented, without conflicting dates. These are holiday weekends and/or weekends that include record setting drags. The major weekends for '08 will be the Memorial Day weekend with record drags on May 25 hosted by OCCC and record setting drags on April 18-19 hosted by CCO (Tulsa). By the way, for you record setting drag enthusiasts, there will be a night time event at 2008 Convention in Tulsa tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 23.

Miscellaneous Nuggets - New national drag record: L1E 13.75 by Sharon Meessemann. (As an old 1E racer, that one hurts).

Rule clarification: The center cap on C4 OEM or OEM-style wheels must be removed for speed events.

I've heard that there are some 2007 NCCC Membership pins available. They will be distributed to the Regional Membership Directors at the November National meeting on a first come basis. Let me know if you want one – remember they only sent one per couple this year – and I'll let our RMD know.

I now have a copy of the proposed '08 competition rule book. It's an electronic copy. The Governors will be voting on it at the November meeting. I can ship you a copy; send me an email request.

Membership Renewals - I won't be at the November meeting to pick up membership renewals. That meeting is our deadline. Please have a renewal form to accompany your payment; it makes it much easier to keep track of. Most of the information is optional; it's nice to document any changes. Remember, it's \$62/couple & \$42/single (for almost everybody).

Remember - NCCC '08 National Convention clothing and logo merchandise are available from Don Wells. He has exclusive colors for Southwest Region members (since we're the hosts) at bargain prices. Look sharp for Tulsa in June 2008.

Finally - Thank you for showing me your confidence to serve you for another term as NCCC Governor. I believe Glenda could also have served you well. She is an excellent competitor who is out at the track throughout the Southwest Region every month. I will strive to keep your confidence in me.

Don't forget to write or call... /Scott

A used car is not always what it's jacked up to be.

## COMPETITION



### Our newest NCCC Autocross Participants

...David Gill and Don Littlefield (new members this year) enjoyed their participation in the Club's 2007 TMS NCCC Event! Both ran in the "Novice" category for the first seven autocrosses and

switched to the normal class for their Vette for the last three events. Don ended up taking a Group I FTD as well, which is not an easy accomplishment - **GREAT JOB!**



**Don Littlefield**

**Speaking of the 11th Annual Super Speedway Weekend** - Bob Morrison, as the Weekend Coordinator, enabled setting some new baselines for event success; assisted and/or maybe guided by his lovely wife Cindy ☺

Thanks to Brazos River Corvette Club (BRCC) donating three NCCC sanctions, this made history as the first CTV event weekend with more than 7 autocross events; a total of 10 autocrosses on the TMS infield course.



With the tight time-frames that TMS holds us to for this event and/or any significant downtime, it has been very tight with 7 events in the past. This was also the first year in many

that our attendance hit the 70+ mark, which was great - just ten shy of our maximum limit. The success of this event did take everyone's time, efforts and dedication to make this mark into the history books - **THANK YOU!!!!**

**BRCC Funkhana / Rallyes** - eight members participated in the events that were hosted in conjunction with our 6th Annual Corvette Car Show. If you didn't participate, you missed some FUN and a nice relaxing end to the day's events at the Lone Oak Winery while the rallye results were tallied and the awards presented. ↗

...Doug McMahan – '07 Competition Chairperson

# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

The National Corvette Museum is focused on expanding their mission which consists of a major building addition. With the additional 47,000 sq', the Museum addition will feature Corvette Boulevard with capacity for 12 new Corvettes parking on the street awaiting their new owners to take Museum Delivery. Corvette Boulevard will be an old fashioned main street scene with "store fronts" including a library and archives, a store (Corvette Store), a diner (Corvette Caf ), and a marquee (Conference Center). The Corvette Club Room will provide space for our clubs/chapters wishing to meet at the Museum, as well as other activities. The Conference Center will serve as a versatile space - seating 400 for dinners, accommodating approximately 30 cars for display, and conducting Corvette auctions or special second season exhibits. The Corvette Caf  will provide light snacks and drinks as well as seat approximately 80 people with additional capacity both outside and inside the Caf  during events.

The Library and Archives will continue to serve as a primary repository for historical Corvette related memorabilia, literature, art, and research documents for all ages and interests. However, with the new allocation of space and equipment, the Museum will emphasize preservation and education. Additionally, the Library and Archives has been invited to store significant amounts of unique materials from the National Corvette Restorers Society. This information has never been available for the public. With all these plans in the works, enthusiast support is more important than ever. I encourage all CTV members to join the museum either through me or online.

## 2008 Arctic White Coupe Raffle

An exciting raffle is underway at the National Corvette Museum featuring a 2008 Arctic White Corvette Coupe. The C6 Corvette raffle, limited to only 500 tickets available at \$250 each, features the 3LT package, polished wheels, automatic transmission and red interior. The winner will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. CT on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 and need not be present to win.

This exciting raffle car also includes the GU2 Performance Axle Option (2.73 ratio), a new option on the 2008 model year Corvette. The winner will have the opportunity to take delivery at the Museum as part of the highly requested R8C Museum Delivery Program option. This unique program includes a VIP Museum and GM Assembly Plant tour, one-year individual membership to the Museum, hands-on training by a delivery team member, program decal and more. The winner will be contacted immediately following the drawing if they are not present. Each December NCM offers a limited ticket raffle with a 1 in 500 odds to win, and it continues to be one of our most popular raffle fundraisers, stated NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to offer a new Corvette through these types of fundraisers and we appreciate the support of our members and supporters world-wide who take a chance to win.

Drive Safely & Share The Passion!

Jamie Hagwood, CTV NCM Chairperson 2007



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# MEMBERSHIP

The October Membership Meeting had 54 Members, no new visitors and 1 FCOA (Future Corvette Owner of America) visitor--Macey Davidson (Ted and Linda Anthony).

## Save the Date for Upcoming CTV Socials

Saturday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Progressive Dinner & Poker Run

Saturday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
CTV Holiday Party & Awards Banquet

Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
Toy Drive for Santa's Helpers

**Help make these activities a success by volunteering!**

### CTV MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR ROY (Rookie of the Year) AWARD 2007 MEMBERS

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
1. Stephen Arvay	11-03-06
2. Janice Arvay	11-03-06
3. Beth Batista	12-01-06
4. Doug Batista	12-01-06
5. Jim Benware	12-01-06
6. Linda Benware	12-01-06
7. Bill Buehler	07-07-06
7. Jane Buehler	07-07-06
8. Wally Carpeaux	07-07-06
9. Kathy Carpeaux	07-07-06
10. Edward Gonzalez	08-04-06
11. Candice Gonzalez	08-04-06
12. Kerry King	03-03-06
13. Alaine King	03-03-06
14. Tim Lowrey	11-03-06
15. Royce Lummus	07-07-06
16. Linda Lummus	07-07-06
17. Pat Makovy	08-04-06
19. Scott Pierce	03-03-06
20. Carolyn Potter	08-04-06
22. Michael Sammet	02-03-06
23. Hector Sandoval	03-03-06
24. Lisa Savage	12-01-06
25. Lee Savage	12-01-06
26. Robert D. Schneider	04-07-06

### CTV MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR CTV 100%er Award

Scott & Mo Wheeler  
John & Jan Brefczynski  
Don & Karyn Fowler  
Red & Brab Greenfeder  
Doug & Glenda McMahan  
Paul & Viola Meyers  
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