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Harley Earl 1893~1969

As car companies spend millions of dollars each year advertising new car models, consumers rarely question who designs the cars that appeal to our individual style. While the style of a car may be just as important to us as how the car runs, automobile manufacturers did not begin to pay attention to car designs until the 1920s. It was not until 1927, when General Motors decided to hire designer Harley Earl to displace Ford Motors prominence in the automotive world that design became important. What Henry Ford did for the automobile is what Harley Earl did for car design. Harley Earl loved Sports Cars, and returning GI's after World War II were bringing home MGs, Jaguars, and the like.. Earl convinced GM that they needed to build a sports car. The result was the 1953 Corvette!



Harley Earl was born November 22, 1893 in California to well-established parents. His father, J.W. Earl, was a coach builder in California beginning in 1889. J.W. Earl kept up with technology and later changed the name of his shop to Earl Automotive Works. Earl's mother was originally from California and was the daughter of a civil dignitary.

Earl's stature matched his personality. He was a large man and was described as an intimidating person. It has been said if he smiled at you, it made your day, and if he was yelling it made you tremble. Those who worked with Earl say he was an impeccable dresser. His suits were always clean and pressed and he kept duplicate wardrobes in his office closet in case he were to wrinkle during the day he could always change before cocktails.

Earl had originally began his studies at Stanford University, however Earl decided to leave the university and study design with his father at Earl Automotive Works. Earl Automotive Works was a custom design shop which could boast of the biggest movie stars of the 1920s as clients. By the age of 30 Harley Earl was able to boast of wineing and dining with the biggest celebrities of the time. Cecil B. De Mille, a director who owned two Locomobiles, a Lincoln limousine, a touring Cunningham, a Cord roadster and a Model A, just to name a few, believed the success of movies and automobiles went hand in hand. De Mille said the success of movies and automobiles reflected "the heart of motion and speed, the restless urge toward improvement and expansion, the kinetic energy of a young, vigorous nation." While only the rich could afford custom cars, Earl boasted of designing a \$28,000 car

for Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle. And western star Tom Mix had a custom Earl designed car complete with a real leather saddle on the roof and painted stars with the TM logotype all over the vehicle.

When Earl Automotive Works was sold to Cadillac's west coast distributor Don Lee, Harley Earl was hired in 1927 to supervise the newly created Art and Colour Section at General Motors.

The Art and Color Section was the first department of its kind in the automotive world. GM President Alfred Sloan had wanted to establish style and colors of cars which were mass produced. The new Art and Color Section initially was only concerned with recognized style and color. Sloan wanted varied models of cars to not only "attract the affluent and style conscious consumer of the twenties but also to make a change in a routine part of his corporate procedures." Sloan knew design alone could not lure consumers to purchasing a car, so at the same time, he marketed his cars by letting consumers buy using an installment plan or used-car trade ins. With products based on price, model and style, Sloan came up with "a car for every price and purpose."

Earl took nearly 10 years establishing the outlines of an automobile designer. In 1937, Earl changed his Art and Colour Section name to Style Section, reflecting the new general focus on design--including creating and modeling. One of the ways Earl helped innovate models and creations was by introducing two types of design methods. One was a two dimensional rough sketch which consisted of line drawings and the other was three dimensional clay models which were presented to management as realistic mock-ups. Earl helped formalize and lay down the rules which still guide car design today. When Earl retired from GM in 1959, he left behind him a design legacy using classic chrome, two tone paint, tail fins, hardtops and wrap around windshields. By the time he retired in 1958, GM Design had grown from a staff of 50 to 1,100.

Harley Earl is remembered at GM by: **"Our father who art in styling... Harley be thy Name!"**

from The Idaho Corvette Page

Our Friendly Rep!

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is **Gary Kubiak**. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give Gary a call at **214-920-1950**.

Also don't forget to contact Gary when you are upgrading the family car for a new one!

In addition to his regular work schedule, Gary is always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting. Also, you can e-mail Gary at: intdir@friendlychevy.com



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Meeting Information

Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)

Monthly Membership Meeting

Held every third Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet, 2754 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. All members, visitors and Corvette owners are Welcome.

Following each CCT monthly membership meeting, a CCT after club social event is hosted by a CCT Member, starting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting

Held on the Monday before the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

From the Editor

Well it is at the end of the year and, traditionally, the slowest time of the year for any car club. Ours isn't any exception. November didn't have any major activities, as you will see by the thickness of this month's newsletter. The only activities left in the year are the CCT Christmas Party on the 3rd and a tour on the 10th to see a couple of car collections in East Texas that sounds like it will be fun. Other than that everyone is ramping up for the holidays, Thanksgiving, just past, and Christmas. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and will have a joyous and healthy Christmas!

For the upcoming year, I look forward to working with event planners to publicize all of the events in which our membership will be interested. To do that effectively I need to know about planned events as far in advance as possible. Even if all of the planning isn't done, getting out the date so people can plan ahead is very important. I will try to keep up our consolidated calendar up to date with all of the events I hear about. But if I don't hear about them they won't make the calendar. The moral? As soon as you set a date for your event, let me know. You can add and modify the details later.

Anyone on the e-mailing list that has not renewed CCT membership must do so as soon as possible. Contact Mary Wolter right away. The list will be purged of non-members after this current newsletter, so if you don't get anymore newsletters starting in 2006 you won't a clue that you forgot something important.

I hope to see everyone at the CCT Christmas party on the 3rd. I left the party flier in another month in case you need more information. E-mail Mary to let her know you are coming.

Joe Wagner

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Activities Report

A day trip has been planned for Dec. 10th to go to East Texas to view the private car collection of two ranch owners and enjoy steaks Saturday evening that are as good as Del Frisco, without the Del Frisco price.

The plan is to meet at 9:30 on Saturday morning, December 10th, for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, located at 5304 N. Galloway, in Mesquite (972-681-9351). From 635 North take exit 9A, Oates St.

From the Cracker Barrel the caravan will proceed East on Highway 80 to Hawkins, TX where we will meet our first host & hostess, Larry & Darlene Freeman, ranch owners & Four Winds Steak House owners. At the light in Hawkins turn right and go about 2 miles to CR3750, turn left (East) and go about a mile to a ranch gate with an electric opener and a brick entrance.

From the Hawkins' ranch, the caravan is scheduled to go less than an hour's drive to meet our 2nd host & hostess, the Allen Henleys, who have a collection of corvettes at their ranch.

President's Prerogative

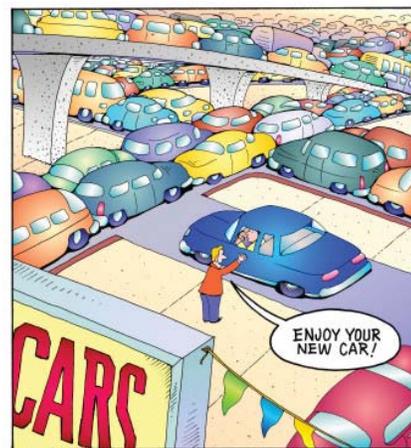
No report this month, it will return in January.

...and remember to

Save the Wave!

Since we had breakfast around 9:30, we should be getting hungry about this time of day and we will be anxious to get to the Four Winds Steak House for dinner. (The restaurant opens at 5 in the afternoon). The Ranch property, where the restaurant is located, was owned by Leroy Jordan of Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl fame. Mr. & Ms. Freeman had extensive re-decorating efforts completed, to accommodate the restaurant operation. The restaurant manager & chef is Mr. Frank Ramori, who was formerly with the DelFrisco steak houses for a long period of time.

Please let Billie or Ben know if you plan to go so we can give the restaurant a head count as they requested. 817-267-2112 or 817-875-3496 cell. Also, please bring your radios and sign the waiver we will have on Saturday morning prior to departure.....Thanks.....Ben Loflin



2005 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT - SIGN UP

Month	Host
January	Mitch & Carol Factor
February	Carl & Jackie Arbogast
March	Ben & Billie Loflin
April	Joe & Gail Carrion
May	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
June	
July	Tom & Elaine Wicker
August	Dennis & Patti Bertwell
September	Bob & Paula Mischel
October	Mitch & Carol Factor
November	Ben & Billie Loflin
December	See you at the CCT Christmas Party!

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

Quarter	Maintainer
January—March	James & Joanne Powdrill
April - June	Tom & Elaine Wicker
July - September	Joe & Paulette Wagner
October –December	Mary & Paul Wolter

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**NOVEMBER 18, 2005, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

Mitch Factor, the president, brought the meeting to order at 7:40 PM, November 18, 2005. No treasurer's report due to absence of the treasurer. The October minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The secretary read the minutes from the November Board meeting and they were approved with one exception: Joann said that Joe Wagner, the Corvetter Editor, would be submitting our newsletters to the NCCC contest for the best newsletter in the region.

Joann Powdrill, the NCCC Governor, said that Bernice Melinda was elected the new Exec and Eileen Fox was elected secretary for the Southwest Region in NCCC. Convention in 2006 will be in Orlando, and 2007 will be in Nashville. Oklahoma City Corvette Club has put in a bid for 2008. Our Roundup for next year has been sanctioned for October 14, 2006.

Mary Wolter, the Membership Chairman, reported 42 members renewed for this year and we did reach the 51% for NCCC renewals.

Ben Loflin, Activities Chairman, reported on the upcoming events. December 10 is the date to tour two separate car collections. The club Christmas party will be December 3rd at Lone Star Tower Condo Club House at TMS and hosted by Paul and Mary. Please bring your Gill's Children gifts to the Christmas party. The Chinese gift exchange is \$20 per person this year. Mary said all the Gill childrens' names were taken.

Mitch re-opened nominations for 2006 officers and the following nominations were made at the last meeting: Mitch--President; Paul Wolter--Vice President; Mel Roggenbuck--Treasurer; Jeanette Bradley--Secretary. Nominations will remain open until the December Christmas Party, at which time the voting will take place. If someone has an interest in any of the positions, please contact Mitch or a Board member and let your wishes be known.

Nominations were opened to replace Paul Wolter on the Board—his term expires December 2005. Joann nominated Barry Marsh and it was seconded. Voting will take place at the Christmas Party.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of money to donate to each Gill Children's family. Mary suggested we increase the amount because we only have 6 families this year instead of 8 as in the past. Charles Whitaker made a motion to increase each gift certificate to \$75. This can be used for anything at the specified grocery store, which might be diapers, baby food or even medicine. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dennis Bertwell asked if we had sent the National Corvette Museum the \$500 we voted to donate for this year. Mitch explained that we discovered we still owed the NCM \$500 for the CCT Lifetime Membership and considered that to be the donation for this year since we had missed the window on buying \$500 worth of car raffle tickets for the donation this year.

The raffle took place with five raffle gifts. Each person donating gifts was given a raffle ticket for each donation. A new member won a Christmas stein; Pattie Bertwell won cards by Paula Mischel, commemorative stamps, and jar of gourmet jelly; Charles Whitaker won cards by Paula, lotto tickets and gourmet jelly; Carol Factor won cards by Paula, lotto tickets and gourmet jelly; and Gene Whitaker won a bottle of Meguires Cleaner. Thanks to everyone who donated the gifts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM and everyone proceeded to Papadeaux for a late night dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

Membership Report

46 Active CCT Members
28 NCCC Members
8 Inactive CCT lifetime members

Please welcome our newest member:

Stanley Carman

Carrollton, TX

He drives a Black 2006 Z06

Mary Wolter

Membership Chair for the Corvette Club of Texas

Governor's Report

All the races have been run, all the points counted and CCT finished 12th in points in the Southwest Region out of 18 clubs.

It has been a fun year and now we can relax awhile and look forward to all the events in 2006.

Bernyce Molenda will be the new Region Executive for 2006-2007 and Eileen Fox will be the new Region Secretary. All the other officers will remain the same.

A bid has been made for the Southwest Region to host the 2008 NCCC Convention which would be held in Tulsa with the responsibility for the various events and parties being spread among all the clubs in the region. The proposed date would be the latter part of June 2008. (Stay tuned)

Joann Powdrill

2005 EVENT CALENDAR

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December

3	Party	CCT Christmas Party	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)
3	Cruise (monthly)	North Texas Mustang Club Cruise 5:00 – 8:30 PM	Cracker Barrel, 35E @ Fox Avenue Exit, 889 South Stemmons Freeway, West Side Frontage Rd, , Lewisville
3	Cruise (monthly)	Extreme Corvettes Cruise Night 5 – 9 PM	Ezs Brick Oven, NW corner 190 & Coit, Plano see www.extremecorvettes.com for more info
4	Show (monthly)	Hot Rods & Hoggs Car Show	706 N. Watson rd in Arlington. 22 classes with 1st & 2nd in each class,50-50 pot and door prizes. Contact 817-649-5220 for info.
9-11	Cruise	Festival of Lights Corvette Trip (Tentative)	Natchitoches, LA
10	Cruise	CCT Cruise and eat	See article in this newsletter
10	Show (monthly)	Cruisers Club of Cedar Hill Car Show	Whataburger, FM 1382 & 67 in Cedar Hill, Bobby Knight at 972-291-3837
10	Show (monthly)	The Camaro and Firebird Car Club registration 5-7 PM, awards 8:30PM	Chuck's Lewisville location, 2267 I-35, north of Vista Ridge Mall, \$10 entry fee
12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	---	Remember there is no CCT Membership Meeting in December	
24	Deadline	Last day to submit articles to October Newsletter	Send to joe@y2k7.com
TBD	Parade	Allen Christmas Parade	Allen, TX.

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February

24-25	Meeting	NCCC National Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO
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April

20-22	Gathering	C5/C6 Birthday Bash	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973
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May

4-6	Gathering	ZR-1 / C4 Gathering	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973
5-6	Meeting	NCCC National Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO
25-27	Gathering	Corvette Forum Cruise-in	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973 - www.corvetteforum.com

July

20-22	Gathering	Z06 Fest	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973
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August

5-11	Gathering	47th Annual NCCC Convention	Orlando, Florida conventiondirector2006@corvettesnccc.org
25-27	Gathering	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle PA - carsatcarlisle.com

31-Sep 3	Gathering	NCM Anniversary Celebration/Hall Of Fame	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973
September			
8-9	Meeting	NCCC National Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO
October			
12-14	Gathering	C3 Extravaganza	National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY 1-800-53-VETTE or (270) 781-7973
14	Autocross	CCT Annual Roundup	Check the newsletter for more info
November			
10-11	Meeting	NCCC National Meeting	Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO
December			
2	Party	CCT Christmas Party (Date tentative)	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)

Tech Tips 101

Upgrade your stock C5 alarm with a shock sensor

From Corvette Forum



Introduction.

I basically followed this post http://www.c5-corvette.com/c5_alarm.htm The only thing I did differently was placing the shock sensor against the drive tunnel - still effective but much easier that way.

Materials.

You'll need a shock sensor. I've used a CodeAlram IR-S shock sensor, which I got from a local CodeAlarm dealer for \$30. The sensor has four wires: Black – ground, Red – 12 V, Brown and Yellow are signal wires. The shock operates by grounding signal wires when vibrations are detected. Yellow wire has about half of the Brown wire threshold and it is intended to be used as a warning signal. Wires. You'll need a piece of gage 16 or 18 hookup wire about a foot long. Also you'll need two wires (of any types) to provide power to the sensor.

Methods.

Open your BCM compartment in the passenger foot-wall. The BCM module is that shiny box you see on the left. Pick it up and rotate the connectors towards you. What you need is a pin N 9 in the top connector. The numbering is from the bottom – so the most inferior pin is N1. Just make it easier – the brown wire is connected to pin N6. The green wire is where you'll need to insert your hookup

wire. Once you inserted it – you need to test it. Right above the BCM module you should see three wires wrapped in the black tape: orange, yellow and black. The black wire is the ground. Get it out of the pack.

To test your pin 9 connection, stay in the car, close all doors and activate the security with your key fob – the security light should disappear from your dash. Next, connect ground wire with your hookup wire, alarm should sound.

If you succeeded this far – you're 90% there. Next unwrap the orange wire from the tape, it should carry +12V. Test it with your voltmeter. Next, supply power to the sensor from the black and orange wires. Touch it – the sensor should light its LED. Next connect your hookup wire to either of the signal wires and test it by locking the car, etc. If it works you're 95% done.

Positioning the sensor. I decided that the wrapping it around the steering shaft does not justify the pain of disassembling all the panels. Instead – you can just lay it against the carpet and the body of the drive tunnel. Just slide it under the carpet to the left of the passenger foot well.

I found that even the lightest tap against the windshield activates the alarm. That might be too sensitive for some of you, but the sensor has a sensitivity dial so it can be adjusted to a setting that suites your needs.

Don't Miss Out! Holiday Party 2005

Join us for our Corvette Club of Texas
Holiday Party!

Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM

Texas Motor Speedway

Lone Star Tower Condo Club House

Hwy 114 & I-35

Please bring a dish or dishes to share
and BYOB (if you want hard alcoholic
beverages).

The club will furnish the meat and drinks.
Chinese gift exchange (\$20 minimum cost per
person), will follow the dinner.

If you have adopted a Gill's Children Child,
please bring all of their gifts.

Please RSVP to Paul & Mary Wolter at
Mwol1990@sbcglobal.net 817-478-6096 by
December 1st if you plan to attend this years
annual CCT Christmas party.

