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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

Some of the best cruises CCT has done wound up being ones that I had no preconceived notions about. That was true about our November cruise to a local toy car "museum". Paulette and I went, not expecting much and were completely caught off guard by the sheer numbers and quality of the collection, not to mention all of the real exotic cars our host owns. Even more amazing, only half of the collection was on display and several of the exotic cars were out on rent. (Our host's business, in addition to being an author, is renting exotics by the day.)

The club decided to use our surplus in our treasury to pay for a catered dinner at our annual Christmas party. Personally Paulette and I didn't feel that was necessary as that money may be more useful elsewhere. If you agree with us why not write a \$30 check (the original cost of the party) to be used for a donation to the needy children CCT is supporting this year. They can use it more than we can.

Joe Wagner

Our Friendly Rep!

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

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

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

Toy Corvettes have come a long way. Our November cruise host didn't have one of these, though. Although you would never know, this is in a Toys R Us in Malaysia.

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President's Prerogative Dec. 2007

Upcoming CCT Events:

If Mitch had sent in his column this month he most likely would have thanked all of the workers that made our Roundup autocross such a wonderful success again this year. Without all the volunteers that put in many long hours we would not have been able to host such a fine event. And it didn't rain (very much) so all of the runs went off as scheduled!

Also Mitch would probably would have reminded everyone of our upcoming Christmas Party on the 15th. This year is free to members and guests. But remember to bring an appetizer or desert to share and a gift worth at least \$20 for each person wishing to participate in the gift exchange.

Mitch didn't send in a column this month, but he has a pretty good excuse. He is far away on business, Bangladesh I believe. [Editor]

December

Cancelled Sunday, December 2nd - Allen TX Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 8th - Dinner and Christmas Light Tour - Location: Grand Prairie (see flyer)

Saturday, December 15th- CCT Christmas Party (see flyers)

Please contact Patti Bertwell, 2007 CCT Activities Chair with any questions or suggestions for CCT events. (PBertwell@sbcglobal.net)

...and remember to

Save the Wave!



2007 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT - SIGN UP

Month	Host
January	TBA
February	Dennis & Patti Bertwell
March	Paul & Mary Wolter
April	Barry & Annette Marsh
May	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
June	TBA
July	TBA
August	Joe & Gail Carrion
September	James & Joann Powdrill
October	Bob & Paula Mischell
November	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
December	See you at the CCT Christmas Party!

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

Quarter	Maintainer
January—March	Barry Marsh
April - June	Joe & Paulette Wagner
July - September	TBA
October -December	TBA

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**NOVEMBER 16, 2007, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

Paul Wolter brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, November 16, 2007, in the absence of the president.

The October minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The November board minutes were approved as read.

Paul gave the treasurer's report and also reported on the NCCC quarterly executive meeting in St Louis last weekend. He reported that NCCC has a \$47,000 shortfall for 2008. The membership renewal rate is 72% and they only had 3,000 new members added in 2007 for a total of 17,000 national members. The NCCC Convention for 2008 is in Tulsa, June 21-27. Our club is responsible for planning and setting up the party on Sunday night, June 22, which will be a 50's theme party. The top 15 men and 15 women will receive awards at this party. Betty Parks, from NCCC, will send out contract for CCT to complete and sign to provide the music for our Sunday evening party. NCCC scholarship applications need to be in by May 1, 2008. NCCC 2009 convention will be Colorado Springs, so make your plans. NCCC rule book was approved and it will be published on CD-ROM and uploaded to NCCC website.

NCCC proposed increase in dues will be effective February 2008 and are as follows:

Proposed	Current
\$40 – new member	\$30
\$30 – renewal	\$25
\$15 – spouse	\$10

Paul reported CCT/NTV partnering for 2008 Roundup was discussed and the Board was in agreement to continue the partnership.

Mary reported 48 membership renewals for CCT so far. She discussed the \$5.00 membership for children or grand-children of NCCC members to join as Future Members of NCCC and they would get a membership card and patch.

Dennis reported on past events and good participation for the east Texas tour. The next event is scheduled for tomorrow to tour the exotic car rentals and toy car museum in Haltom City.

Paul reported that the NCCC had approved CCT putting our 50th anniversary logo on our 2008 NCCC convention shirts. Mary has agreed to head up the CCT party at NCCC convention and Joann has agreed to head up the CCT 50th anniversary party at Roundup in 2008. Dennis said he needed more people to volunteer to work on various committees for our 50th anniversary parties. Bob Stephens suggested we look at Friendly's 50th anniversary logo as a suggestion for our logo.

The CCT Christmas party was discussed and Ken Bradley made a motion that the club pay for the catering for all CCT club members who plan to attend. Bob Stephens seconded this and the motion passed with a majority.

Nomination for officers was opened and it was discussed that officers could serve more than two terms if a waiver was passed and no other people were nominated for that position. Ken Bradley nominated Joann for vice president because she had agreed to change positions with Paul Wolter, who has been the vice president for two years. Dennis suggested that everyone needs to ask around to see if some other people might be interested in being an officer and leave the nominations open until voting takes place at the Christmas party on December 15th.

Paulette Wagner held the raffle. Everyone was invited to proceed to China Buffet on Northwest Highway arranged by Ken Bradley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary



2007 Corvette Club of Texas Holiday Party!

Saturday, December 15
at 7:00 PM

Texas Motor Speedway
Condo Club House
Hwy 114 & I-35 North

This year we will have a catered meal from
Sweet Memories Catering.

CCT members voted at the November 16th
membership meeting for the club to pay the \$15
meal cost per attendee. To ensure that we have the
correct number of meals present at our annual
Holiday Party please RSVP to Mary Wolter by
December 7th, mwol1990@sbcglobal.net

or call 817-478-6096

Chinese gift exchange (\$20 minimum cost per
person) will follow the dinner.

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

MENU

SWEET MEMORIES ITALIAN CUISINE

Reggiano Chicken

**Grilled chicken blended with
penne pasta**

**Blanched spinach, grilled
bacon,**

**Glazed in parmigiano-reggiano
cheese**

**Topped with sundried
tomatoes**

Garnished with bread sticks

**Grilled & chilled young
vegetables**

**Crispy green salad served with
Italian herbed dressing.**

2007 PRAIRIE LIGHTS

Dinner and Holiday Light Tour

Come join us for a **Holiday Season Drive-n-Eat!**

This CCT activity was well attended in 2006 and with several new display experiences and 40% more lights (3 million total) this year's event promises to have even more

“WOW factor”.

When: Saturday, December 8, 2007 6:00 PM

Dinner: Cracker Barrel Restaurant

(Located on the West side of Hwy. 360 in Arlington at the Brown Ave. exit)

After dinner together at the Cracker Barrel restaurant, we will proceed to Creek Park at Joe Pool Lake in Grand Prairie to the Prairie Lights Tour.

Admission fee: \$15.00 per car

If you will be joining other CCT Members for this evening of dinner and a Holiday light tour, **please contact Patti Bertwell by email at PBertwell@sbcglobal.net by**

Thursday, December 6, 2007.

Governor's Report

I wish to thank Joanne Powdrill, who was elected governor in October 2004 (replacing Gary Frederick) for the past 3 years that she has been governor of CCT, attending all the numerous Governor's meetings, accessing multitudes of NCCC email correspondence and passing along relevant information to our club members, reporting on NCCC upcoming events and keeping the CCT membership up-to-date and representing our club interests at the NCCC SW Region and National levels.

My first notable activity as CCT governor in the NCCC SW Region, which encompasses NCCC clubs in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, was to drive to St. Louis, Mo and attend the 2007 NCCC National Quarterly Executive Meeting held on November 10th and 11th that was conducted at the Sheridan Hotel. The first meeting that Mary and I attended was the Regional Membership Director's meeting chaired by RMD Bob Bowen that was conducted on Friday evening. There is a 72% renewal rate for NCCC membership. In 2007 3,000 members were added, for a total of 17,000 national members. New membership is not increasing at the earlier rate. Also discussed was the estimated 2008 budget shortfall of \$47,000 and possible solutions to reduce costs and increase membership in NCCC, one of which was to modify the content of the NCCC Blue Bars quarterly magazine to possibly include technical articles and articles of interest. December 1st is Blue Bars cut-off date for getting in articles to Sylvia Hoaldrige Director of Publications for the Winter edition.

The NCCC 2008 Convention will be in Tulsa 21 – 27 June. CCT is hosting the Sunday night party. The top 15 men's & 15 women's awards will be held Sunday night at the CCT Champions party. The original plan was to have been a 50s party until NCCC decided that the top 15 men's and women's awards was to occur at the CCT party. A buffet dinner for approximately 400 to 500 people will be served at the CCT party. We will be responsible for decorating 50 tables Seating will be 8 persons per table and 10 tables additional will be provided around the outer perimeter of the room, which will not require decorating. Betty Parks, the Convention Treasurer will send out contract for CCT to complete and sign for CCT providing the music for our Sunday evening party. North Texas Vettes (NTV) has offered to assist us in helping set up our party on Sunday afternoon. The NTV party is Western theme and is later in the week on Thursday evening.

The autocrosses will be held at Hallett and the Route 66 cruises will be conducted Wednesday & Thursday. The Awards banquet will be Friday night and the dinner cost per person is \$10 each.

Mid America is donating membership cards and patches again for the 2008 FOCA. \$5 fee registers child up to 15 years old. Scholarships applications need to be in by 1 May 2008. The NCCC 2009 Convention will be in Colorado Springs.

The proposed new rule book was approved following considerable discussion prior to approval, and much of the discussion addressed the concern that there had been changes to the proposed rule book since the first draft had been emailed to the governors. It was pointed out that the changes that had been done were corrections to many typographical errors and

omissions in the first proposed draft that the various governors and members had identified in their review of that draft, and that there were no changes to the intent of the context of the document. The new rule book will be distributed as a CD included in the membership renewal packages / new member packages. The rule book will also be available on the national NCCC web site for viewing or downloading. One of the new changes allows any autocross event driver to have any passenger 16 years old or older. The event driver does not have to be a novice driver.

The following proposed increase in dues was presented and will be voted on at the Fall Executive meeting:

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>
\$40 new member	\$30
\$ 30 renewal	\$25
\$15 Spouse	\$10

The CCT board of Directors and membership decided to select an earlier autocross date that does not conflict with other competing events, like this year during our autocross was also the Texas/OU football game and the Corvette Weekend at Eureka Springs, AK. plus hopeful we can miss some of the rain fall we usually experience in October. The first choice weekend date requested to NCCC and awarded for next year's CCT Roundup 2008 date is September 6 – 7, 2008 that will be held again at the Grayson County Airport.

The following is a summary of the Club Points in the SW Region for all Events Through October 29. As you can see CCT is in the top 10!

<u>Club</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1 Oklahoma City Corvette Club	SW-131	14050
2 San Jacinto Corvette Club	SW-063	6240
3 Cowtown Vettes	SW-055	5968
4 Tejas Vettes	SW-163	4307
5 Centex Corvette Club	SW-200	3905
6 Tin Hall Toys	SW-392	2693
7 Longhorn Corvette Club	SW-207	2425
8 Texas Outlaws Corvette Club	SW-198	1223
9 North Texas Vettes	SW-555	1218
10 Corvette Club of Texas	SW-074	889
11 Mid Coast Corvette Club	SW-170	862
12 Tulsa Vette Set	SW-248	842
13 Competition Corvettes of Ok.	SW-423	813
14 Corvette Club of Ok. City	SW-468	792

Governor's Report Cont.

- 15 Brazos River Corvette Club SW-540 700
- 16 Corvette Owners Club of Houston SW-508 700
- 17 Sun Cities Corvette Club SW-085 700
- 18 Mid Tex Corvette Club SW-185 578
- 19 Corvette Owners Ass'n of South Texas SW-143 497

As part of our agreement with our NCCC Platinum Level sponsors, savings to members are available by signing up for a discount at www.goodyeargarage.com.

Chinese Gift Exchange

Since our holiday party is only several weeks away its time to clarify the Chinese gift exchange. What kind of gift works well? It should be something useful, different, unique, and not embarrassing (in good taste). It isn't a matter of money usually that makes a particular gift a hit. The importance of the selection of the gift that each player brings to the game cannot be stressed enough. To be fair to all, you should select a gift that you would want to receive, although you do not want to pick your own gift at the exchange. This is not an event for gag gifts. Ideally, the club suggests that gifts should be a minimum of \$20.

Gift-wrapping should be first class as it helps folks decide which gift to select. This rule is extremely important to ensure that everyone enjoys the spirit of your gift. A coupon ticket will be passed out to everyone who brings a gift. The mate to your ticket will be placed in a container.

So how do we play the game?

1. The game host will draw the first number and the person will come to the table where the presents are located and select a gift of their choosing.
2. The gift must be opened at the table and displayed for the group.
3. All gifts that are opened must be maintained in plain view. This will be important for future selections, as you will see.
4. The first person selecting a gift will draw the next number and the second person may now select a gift.
5. The second person now has the choice of selecting a gift from the collection of unopened gifts or the gift that was selected by the first person.
6. If the second person chooses to select the gift from the first person, the gift has now been owned twice. In this case, the first person is now without a present, therefore they must go to the collection of gifts and select a gift and open it. **The previous owner of a gift may not steal the gift back immediately, when it is first stolen from them. A previous owner may not steal a previously selected**

gift until their next gift selection is stolen. The person selecting the gift from the table must open the gift and the person must draw a number to select the next person in the gift selection process.

7. If the second person chooses to select a gift from the collection of gifts, they will open the gift and then the person will draw a ticket to identify the next person in the gift exchange.
8. The next person now has a choice of selecting a gift from any of the previously opened gifts or from the collection of wrapped gifts to be selected.
9. A gift is frozen when the person has possession of the same gift 3 times. Players can only select from gifts that have not been frozen, or from the gifts which have not been selected. who has a gift stolen, may now select a gift from another person with an opened gift that is not frozen or select one from the collection of unopened gifts.
10. The game continues until the last gift is opened from the collection of gifts,

Every participant in the game needs to keep it uppermost in his or her mind that, no matter what gift they have in their possession at the moment, it isn't their gift until the "fat lady" sings, so to speak.



Trip to Model Car Museum

Photos by Joe Wagner



Parked out front, we drool over a nice Lamborghini



First thing you see inside is a very nice Rolls. Only \$3000/day and you can take on a cruise



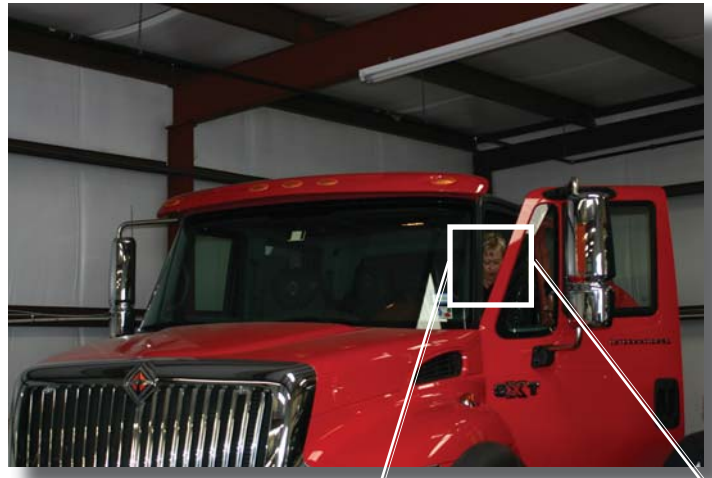
I know a lot about cars but I've never seen one like this...



There were very few Corvette models. A pair of blue C1s...



...and another C1 and a C3. Most of the collection is German, especially Mercedes.



Patti dwarfed by a huge pickup. Yes it's for rent too.



More Model Car Cruise pictures



Not all the rentals are "exotic"



Some of the models were amazing



Our host Ron Sturgeon. He has only half of his collection here, The rest is in his home. It would be interesting to see which half is better.



Later we have a good time at Oscar's



The whole crew.

2007 EVENT CALENDAR

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December

2	Parade	Cancelled Allen TX Christmas Parade	info TBA
TBA	Cruise	Christmas Light Tour	See flyer
15	Party	CCT Christmas Party - see flyer	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)
25	Deadline	Last day to submit articles and pictures to next month's Newsletter	Send to joe@y2k7.com

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June

21 - 27	Convention	NCCC Annual Convention and National Governor's Meeting	Tulsa, OK
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September

3-5	Caravan	National Corvette Museum 15th Anniversary Caravan	Plan Ahead! http://www.corvettecaravan.com/
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NCM News

Document Your Corvette

Preserving documentation on a Corvette is not only a hobby but can be a great gift that shows you went the extra mile this holiday season. Build sheets and replica window stickers are available through the NCM and are available on any Corvette assembled in Bowling Green since the GM Plant opened in 1981.



Order your build sheets and windows stickers before December 14 and receive them in time to wrap and place under the tree. For extra savings, order the complete build sheet package featuring an original dealer brochure and black book in addition to the build sheet and window sticker. Find out more and place your order here: <https://store.corvettemuseum.com/services/buildsheet.asp>

AUTOMOBILE Magazine's "Automobile All-Stars"

AUTOMOBILE Magazine recently announced the 2008 All Star Awards and Corvette made the list!

"These ten cars are the year's most exciting cars, our picks for the vehicles we'd most like to personally own in our dream garage." Each year, the editors and bureau chiefs of AUTOMOBILE Magazine convene to test, evaluate, and debate the performance, significance, and pure enthusiast appeal of the cars that have made the biggest impact. Chevrolet Corvette – Evolutionary improvements keep the Vette in a class of its own. The revised 2008 edition does the 0-to-60-mph sprint in 4.3 seconds—with an automatic transmission. The prestigious list of the deserving award winners is featured in the January 2008 issue, available on newsstands December 4, 2007.

2008 Show Scheduling

We are currently working on our 2008 Corvette show schedule and invite you to share any shows for us to consider.

Many of the shows we attend provide complimentary space and some donate a portion of their show proceeds to our non-profit foundation. If you know of a Corvette Show (with an attendance of at least 300 Corvettes) where you feel the NCM should have a booth, please forward the dates, location and contact information to Stephanie Morrill – Membership Services Manager at: stephanie@corvettemuseum.com or contact Stephanie at: (800) 53-VETTE.