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There is extensive use of carbon fiber in the new Corvette Z06. Cool, yes, but advanced composite materials have long been a Corvette tradition. How long? Check out this photo of the 1953 Corvette's fibreglass composite body being held in one hand!



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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

It's been a hectic two months for me. I'm finally back to normal routines, or at least I will be after Jury duty on the 5th. Paulette and I were able to make it to the McKinney Avenue parade last month at least. Kind of strange parade but a great lunch at the S & D Oyster House, a landmark on McKinney Avenue.

If you are interested in dressing up your C5 or C6 a guy I met on the Corvette Forum hand crafts etched billet items that are of the highest quality. If you want some under hood bling, especially custom etched caps and covers, or other neat things check out his online store at www.nakidparts.com. You won't be disappointed.

Joe Wagner

Our Friendly Rep!

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is Doug Mabe. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give him a call at **(214) 920-1900**.

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

In addition to his regular work schedule, Doug is always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting.

On the cover: Demonstrating the light weight of the 1953 body shell.

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President's Prerogative Oct. 2009 Membership: New Members

Fall is here and it's a great time of the year for Drive and Eat activities, Let me know if you have any ideas for an event. As I mentioned the last couple of months, we are going to try something new for activities in 2010. We will have a signup sheet similar to the signup sheet for the after club meeting dinners. Both new and old members can get involved in planning a Drive and Eat or a weekend trip. We still need an activities chairperson to help coordinate the events. If you are interested, let me know.

Cowtown Vettes 8th annual all Corvette Car Show will be held on Saturday October 17th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in west Fort Worth. I think CCT should show our support by attending the show as a group. Cowtown helped us out this year by inviting us to participate in their autocross in Mineral Wells. We were able to combine our Round Up event with their autocross and have a much better racer turnout (more funds raised for CCT) than we had the last couple of years at the Grayson County Airport. We have the same arrangement for Round Up 2010 next year. Please plan on attending.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual CCT Christmas Party at the Texas Motor Speedway on December 19th, 2009. Since everyone enjoyed the food last year, we will have catering provided again by Bartley's BBQ of Grapevine, Texas.

Mitchell Factor

President, CCT

...and remember to **Save the Wave!**

The Corvette Club of Texas has more new members:

Kaveen & Nalini Patel

Garland, TX 75043

They are driving a 2009 yellow coupe.

Paul & Paula Edmondson

Mobile, AL 36693

They are driving a 2009 blue coupe.

Clinton & Sarah Randolph

Ft. Worth, TX 76179-3822

They are driving a Vette purchased from Friendly. (The car information was left blank). We will all have to check out their new ride!

Be sure and add them all to your email list and make them feel welcomed to the club

2009 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT - SIGN UP

Month	Host
January 16	Paul & Mary Wolter
February 20	Dennis & Patti Bertwell
March 20	Charles & Gene Whitaker
April 17	Charles & Gene Whitaker
May 15	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
June 19	Mitch & Carol Factor
July 17	Charles & Gene Whitaker
August 21	Bob Stephens
September 18	Paula & Bob Mischel
October 16	James & Joann Powdrill
November 20	TBA
December 19 CCT Holiday Party @ Texas Motor Speedway Club House	Paul & Mary Wolter, James & Joann Powdrill

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

Quarter	Maintainer
January 16 — April 17	Paul & Mary Wolter
April 18 - July 17	Paula & Bob Mischel
July 18 - October 16	TBA
October 17 – January 21, 2010	TBA

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**SEPTEMBER 18, 2009, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

The meeting was brought to order by the president, Mitch Factor, at 7:30 PM, September 18, 2009. The August minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The minutes of the Board meeting of September 14, were approved as read with one exception, Bianca's last name is Ferguson instead of Stephens. Mel Roggenbuck, gave the treasurer's report.

Paul Wolter, NCCC governor, reported that NCCC has only four more autocrosses scheduled for this year. Cowtown Vettes will be hosting their next autocross at TMS small track starting tomorrow, September 19th, with 7 autocrosses on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. You can go and just watch if you do not want to race. The NCCC governors' meeting will be held tomorrow evening, September 19th. Our next autocross with Cowtown Vettes is scheduled for May 22 & 23 next year. Cowtown will use 4 autocrosses and we will use 7 autocrosses for first choice weekend next year.

Mary Wolter, membership chairman, reported a new member this month but he did not list an email address so she did not send out a message with his name, address, etc. yet.

Mel Roggenbuck gave an activity report on the charity car show, which starts at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 19th and is over by 3:00 PM. When you get there get in touch with Mel, he will be showing his car, and a decision will be made as to where to eat at that time.

Paul Wolter discussed the activity for next weekend, September 26th, the "McKinney Avenue Trolley 20th Anniversary Parade." Meet at 9:00 AM to line up for the parade on a street adjacent to McKinney Ave (will send an update with the street name this coming week). Please contact Paul and let him know if you plan to attend. After the parade we will tour the arts and crafts area and decide where to eat.

Bob Mischel discussed the October 10th CCT Day Trip to Granbury. This is a day long activity with many choices to be made during the day and ending at the Line Camp Steakhouse for dinner. See the flyer on line for where to meet in SW Ft. Worth to caravan to Granbury.

Third weekend in October, Cowtown is having its annual car show, and if you would like to enter your car it is \$20. Best of show gets their car pictured on the advertisement for next year's car show.

Ronnie Walker has recently had another heart attack so keep him in your thoughts and give him a call. He is doing fine and expected to recover. Editor's Note: Clint Brennan also has been facing some health challenges. Please keep him in your thoughts and/or send him a card.

Mitch said next year we would have three sign-up sheets: 1. Activities; 2. After-meeting Dinner Arrangements, and 3. Trophy Case Cleaning. (The trophy case is to be dusted once a month for a three-month period, and is located at Friendly Chevrolet. Also, you get to put some memorabilia of your own in the case for the three months you take care of it.) Also, Patti said she would help anyone on the activities, just contact her.

Paul showed the banner, which CCT donated \$300 to the NCM, recognizing our 50th Anniversary in 2008. It was flown at the National Corvette Museum during their 15th Anniversary celebration. There were about 20 banners, from clubs celebrating their 50th Anniversaries, being flown at the museum during the celebration.

Keith Amendson discussed the NCCC Convention next year. Also he updated everyone on the latest events regarding his brother, Donnie's, No. 3 Sebring '57 Airbox Corvette race car, which was shown at Carlisle recently. Joann Powdrill, conducted the raffle and we had a very good selection of gifts this month. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM and everyone was invited to caravan to Mercado Juarez on Northwest Highway.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

**CCT Day Trip
Oct 10, 2009**



Agenda:

Meet: 10:00 am Albertson grocery store parking lot Southwest corner Hwy 377 and Interstate 20 (SW Ft. Worth).

Lunch: 11:00 am at Grumps hamburgers

Car Show: 11:00 – 4:00 pm on the Granbury Square

<http://www.brazosrivercc.com/>

Shopping on the square in Granbury

Cool-off: 1:00 – 4:15 at the Mischel cabin

Optional Entertainment

Granbury Live: “THE BEAT GOES ON” at 2:00 pm

Granbury Opera: “Lover Letters starring Tony Dow and Judy Norton” at 2:30 pm

Bluff Dale Vineyards: 5-6 p.m. www.bluffdalevineyards.com

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. at Line Camp Steakhouse: www.linecampsteakhouse.com

If you would like to join us for the Corvette Show, please email Bob Mischel at mischel@flash.net by Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009.

Governor's Report.

I attended the SW Region Governor's meeting that was hosted in conjunction with Cowtown Vettes First Choice weekend September 19th & 20th at the Texas Motor Speedway. The governor's meeting was held at 8:00 PM at the Hampton Inn Host hotel located at Alliance Airport on I-35 North. All of the SW Region governors were in attendance, except for two governors. All governors in attendance submitted First Choice Weekend requests, and there were no requests for the identical weekends. I submitted a First Choice weekend request for May 22nd & 23 for 7 autocrosses at the Mineral Wells airport, in conjunction with 4 Brazos River Corvette Club (BRCC) autocrosses, like we did this past June 2009. The list below identifies the 2010 First Choice weekends requested by the various clubs.

2010 SW bids		
Date	Club	Number of Events
March 28/29	SJCC	7
April 10/11	CTCC/MCCC	7 and 7
April 17/18	CCO/COAST	6 and 7
April 24/25	THT/LCC	7 and 7
May 22/23	BRCC/CCT	4 and 7
May 29/30	OCCC/CCOC	6 and 3
June 26/27	TVS	7
August 14/15	CCOC/SCCC	4 and 7
September 18/19	BRCC/CTV	3 and 7
October 16/17	OCCC/MTCC/CCO	1,5, and 1
October 30/31	TV/TOCC	7 and 7

The Oklahoma City Corvette Club (OCCC) will host the 2009 awards banquet in the spring of 2010. The date and location will be announced later. I talked with Scott Wheeler about CCT teaming with CTV to host the 2010 awards banquet, with the location being at TMS Condo club house, where we have our CCT annual holiday party each December. Just a reminder, our annual party will be December 19th at the TMS condo club house and Ronnie Walker will be providing the music, as he has done previously in the past. THANKS to RONNIE, his wife and brother & sister-in-law for helping Ronnie set up and take down all the sound equipment required for the entertainment.

Your 2010 NCCC membership dues are due at our October 2009 CCT membership meeting. CCT also pays \$30 club dues to the SW Region. One of the significant benefits that all NCCC clubs receive is \$1,000,000 of liability insurance coverage for all our events we participate in like the autocrosses, parades, drive-and-eats, car shows, after club social events, holiday party, etc. Since we are referring to parades, I want thank all those who participated in the MATA Parade on McKinney Ave. on Saturday morning, 26 September. The parade was only 10 minutes in length, and the CCT members spent some time visiting all the businesses' promotional booths and collecting giveaways. We then had a very tasty lunch together at D & S Oyster Restaurant on McKinney Ave, which has been in there since 1976.

There are only two more First Choice weekend events remaining this year, which is the OCCC 10 LS autocrosses on October 24 & 25 and Tejas 13 LS autocrosses on October 31 & November 1st.

The SW region is hosting & paying for the hospitality for the November 2009 national meeting in Kansas City. The cost will be less than \$500.

In the SW Region, the first place women's points leader is Bernyce Molenda who is now retired and can devote more time to participating in race events.....until the retirement money runs out. The first place men's points' leader is Johnny Gann (and Ted Molenda is a very close 2nd place). The first place club, which doesn't surprise us, is OCCC. CCT is in 12th place out of 16 clubs in the SW region, which isn't too bad since we are no longer a racing club, and we've settled into being a drive-and-eat and road trip club, and not in a big hurry to get where we are going. We just want to make sure we get there safely, and don't get any traffic speeding tickets.

The SW Region Treasure's report was read and discussed at the governors' meeting, and the balance is very favorable. I will provide a summary of the report at our October 16th CCT membership meeting. The next SW region governors' meeting is October 31st, in conjunction with Tejas' first choice weekend. NCCC rule book is changing again, which seems to change every two years.

McKinney Avenue Parade

Photo by Paulette Wagner



Photo by Joe Wagner



Photo by Joe Wagner



Pretty good turnout and a nice shady spot to start from

Photo by Joann Powdrill



100 years old - Rosie the trolley

Photo by Joann Powdrill



Merging in behind a trolley at the start

Photo by Paulette Wagner



Powdrills from the Wagners

Photo by Joann Powdrill



Wagners from the Powdrills

Photo by Joann Powdrill



Part way into the parade... Note the lack of spectators!

Photo by Paulette Wagner



Winners! One of the vendors' booths was running a game that you really couldn't lose. Some nice prizes like the bag around Paulette's neck.

Photo by Paulette Wagner



The crowd (minus Paulette) at S & D Oyster Company after the Parade. Great seafood gumbo!



**CCT
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Our by-laws state that membership fees are due before the November meeting date. Thus, to renew for the 2010 membership, the **dues are to be paid by November 1st, 2009.**

The renewal form indicates the amount due, depending on whether it is a couple, a single or spouse of lifetime member, whom to make the check payable to, and where to mail the check along with the renewal form. For our recent new members, if you joined the club after September 1st, 2009 or later, you are covered for 2010 and not required to pay additional membership fees for 2010. Also included are the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) fees. You may make one check payable to Corvette Club of Texas (CCT).

If you have any questions, please call me at 817-478-6096 or email me at mwol1990@sbcglobal.net

Mary Wolter
Membership for the Corvette Club of Texas

**NOTE: DETACH THIS PAGE AND RETURN THE LOWER
HALF WITH YOU CHECK...**

**CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Please renew my/our membership for the Corvette Club of Texas year 2010

Names _____

CCT Dues:

___ \$20.00 Single Membership

___ \$30.00 Couple Membership

___ \$10.00 Spouse of Lifetime Member

NCCC Dues:

___ \$35.00 New Member

___ \$25.00 Renewal for Individual

___ \$10.00 Spouse of NCCC

Member

Enclosed is my check for a total of \$ _____

MAIL TO: Mary Wolter
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CCT Renewal Form

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We (still) need your tips

A project has been proposed as a way for our club to recognize its 51st year. We are compiling a collection of tips on owning a Corvette. It would be great to have every member add a helpful, informative item or two for "Tips on Owning a Corvette by Corvette Owners."

The format of your tip should be one sentence starting with an action verb, followed by a sentence or two explaining why or how this is important. (For guidance we are using advice from www.tipsbooklets.com)

Examples:

Wave at your fellow Corvette owners as you drive. It's important to "Save the Wave."

Close the door of your Vette by pushing on the door, not the window glass. Since Corvette windows do not have reinforcing frame around them, the glass is vulnerable.

You can focus on your generation of Corvette or just a general tip applicable to all owners. You share your expertise and help other owners enjoy Vette ownership. If we get enough tips for each generation we will group them by generation.

Please send your tips to Paulette Wagner at paulette_wagner@hotmail.com

With a smile,

Paulette

Word Comment

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Before attending any event listed in this calendar please double check with the organizers for any last minute changes. CCT is not responsible for the accuracy of any listing except of **CCT organized events**. For **NCCC events** check <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

October

10	Cruise & Show	Brazos River Corvette Show	Granbury TX
12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Show	Cowtown Corvette club car show	in S.W. Ft. Worth - Contact Mel for more info.
24	Show	AAP Car Show	See flyer
24	Autocross	12 LS	MTCC/NTV - OKC
31	Autocross	14 Events	TV/TOCC - Mineral Wells
31	Meeting	SWR Governors' meeting	

November

5-7	Gathering	National Corvette Museum Vets 'n Vettes Event	http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/vetsnvettes/info.shtml
14 -15	Meeting	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
TBA	Cruise	Overnight Christmas Lights Tour	Jefferson TX

December

14	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	No Meeting in December
19	Party	CCT Christmas Party	