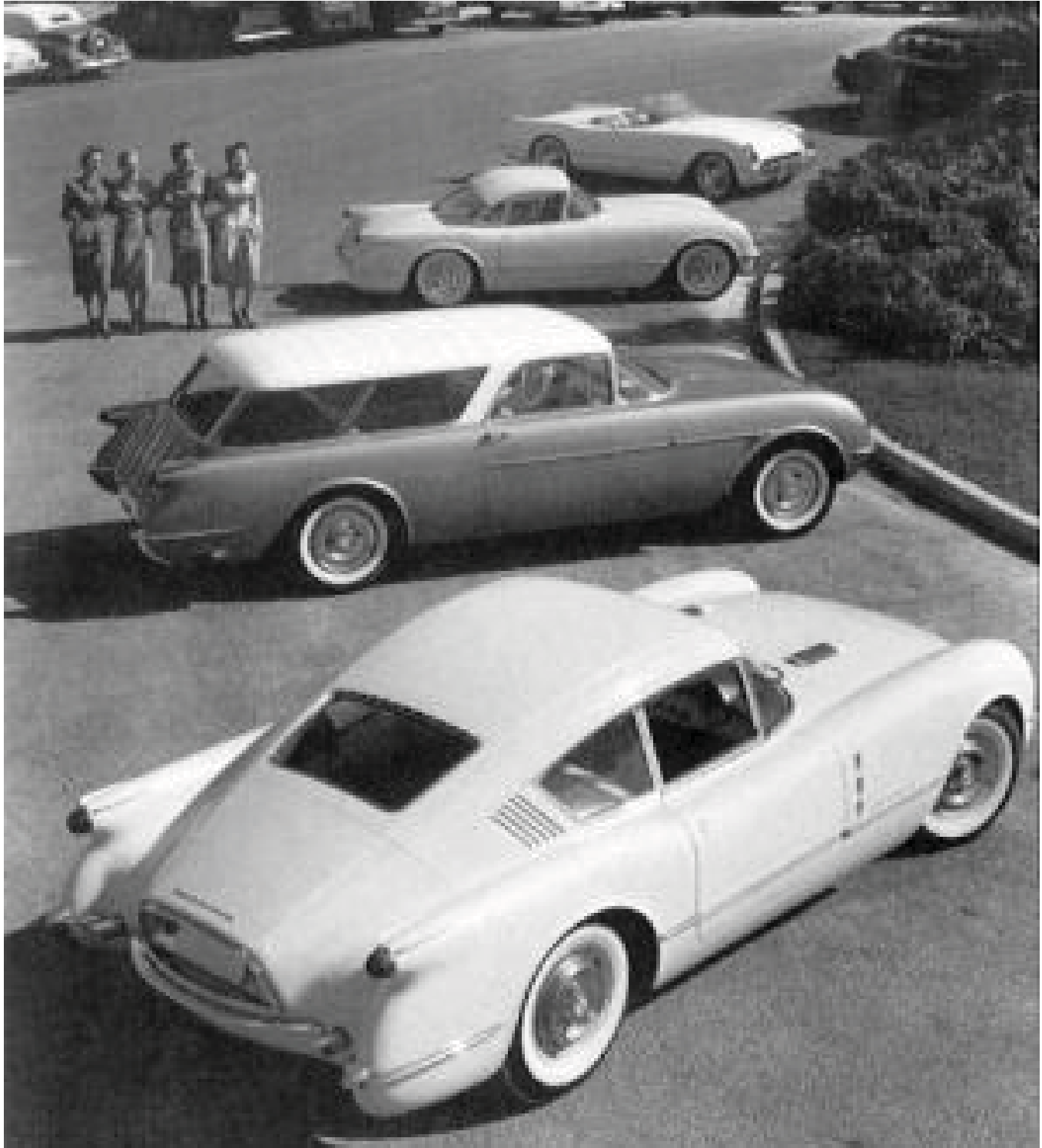


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Meeting Information

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

I upgraded my computer a week ago to a Windows 7 based machine. Wow, it is so much faster than my old Vista computer! Even with all the high tech stuff I do with my computers Windows 7 handled everything with only a couple head-scratchers. None of the problems were anything a non-computer geek would ever see. Only one program refused to install so far, but that was because I also upgraded to a 64 bit computer and the old (2001 era) program couldn't handle that. If you have been thinking of replacing your old beater computer, now is the time. If not, consider upgrading the operating system to Windows 7, easy if you are on Vista now -- not so easy from XP, though. If you need help upgrading, computer or software, I'm available for a nominal fee. 😊

Pretty slim newsletter this month. We really didn't have much in the way of events, except for our trip to Granbury. And, I guess, few took any pictures they wanted to share. Of course, Charles submitted a page as always. And Paul sent a nice article on Cowtown's show. I've decided not to go searching the Internet for content any more (probably breaking copyright laws doing so anyway) so everyone should keep the articles coming or expect thin newsletters in the future..

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: Interesting collection! All are Corvette based but the bottom two are badged Corvair. In '54 GM wasn't sure which name would stick.

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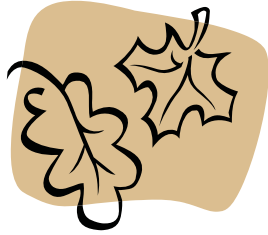
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President's Prerogative Nov. 2009



It was great to see everyone at the October membership meeting. I look forward to seeing you all again at the November CCT meeting.

Please contact Mary Wolter as soon as possible if you have not already sent in your membership renewal for 2010. She needs to receive your membership renewal form and dues for CCT and NCCC before the November club meeting.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the CCT Annual Christmas Party on Saturday on December 19th. For those of you that missed the October membership meeting: It was announced that we would charge \$20.00 per person to have the dinner catered. We are planning on using the same restaurant, Bartley's, that catered last year's Christmas party. There will also be our usual Chinese Gift Exchange. Each person needs to bring a gift with a minimum cost of \$25.00. Be sure to RSVP for the Christmas party. The cost at the door without RSVP's is \$25.00 per person.

Watch for an email from Mary Wolter soon with the list of children we can adopt from the Gill Children Services this year. If you are new to CCT, Mary obtains a list of families with children that need assistance in order for the children to receive

Christmas presents. Your participation in helping these children is greatly appreciated.

See you at the monthly meeting.

Mitchell Factor

President, CCT

...and remember to

Save the Wave!

Membership: New Members

Steve and Sharon Norris

email address: ssnorris@verizon.net

They are driving a 2009 red coupe. Steve and Sharon attended our October meeting. Please welcome them 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.
OCTOBER 16, 2009, MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS

The meeting was brought to order by the president, Mitch Factor, at 7:30 PM, October 16, 2009. The September minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The minutes of the Board meeting of October 12 were approved as read and taken by Charles Whitaker in the absence of Jeanette Bradley. Charles added one sentence to the minutes and that was: "Joann Powdrill volunteered to collect money for the Christmas Party." Mel Roggenbuck, gave the treasurer's report.

Paul Wolter, NCCC governor, reported that our next autocross with Cowtown Vettes is scheduled for May 22 & 23, 2010. Oklahoma City Corvette Club will host the 2009 awards banquet. At the NCCC governors' meeting, after the autocross last month, Scott Wheeler (a Cowtown member) discussed the idea of Cowtown and CCT going together to host the March 2011 banquet for NCCC. We might do that, because if there is no racing event scheduled, there will not be very many people attending the banquet.

Mary Wolter, membership chairman, reported we now have 70 members and welcomed two visitors to the meeting: Sharon and Steve Norris who are proud owners of a new red 2009 Vette. Mary also reminded everyone that membership dues need to be paid tonight or you can send her a check in the mail this week.

Mitch suggested that a good way to keep new members interested in our club is to have a telephone committee call new members to encourage them to come to the events and meetings and let them know what to expect and how much fun we have. Bob Stephens suggested putting a committee together of three people to discuss the phone calling.

Paulette Wagner discussed the event last weekend and said everyone had a great day. Some people went to the theater to see a show called "Love Letters". Everyone then went to a winery and then to the Chuckwagon Steakhouse after enjoying the hospitality of Bob and Paula Mischel hosting a delightful afternoon in their log home on Granbury Lake.

Bob Kee discussed racing his car at the Cowtown event last weekend. The McKinney Avenue parade was discussed and it seems there were more parade participants than there were watchers. Paul discussed the Cowtown Vettes car show coming up this weekend and said we need to participate in some of their activities to support them.

Mitch said that if you put on an event you need to put the information of where, when, meeting place, time and date of event in the newsletter a month prior to the event. Contact Joe Wagner, our Corvetter editor, to publish the info. Also, the event host should write a small article for the newsletter after the event.

Mary explained the Gill Children's Charity and said she would be sending out an email the second week of November with names of the children and their Christmas wishes. The gifts can be brought to the Christmas Party. This is a charitable organization for families who have "fallen between the cracks" of making too much to qualify for some charities but yet they do not have enough money for Christmas gifts. We even take our raffle money from the Christmas Party and buy gift certificates from Target or Walmart for the families and they can use them for Christmas dinner, diapers, or whatever they need. The Gill Charity helps these families year round, not just for Christmas.

Mitch suggested that since most of our officers and board of directors have been in place for several years that we forego giving gifts to officers and board members this year and use that money to buy more gifts for the raffle so more people would have an opportunity to win a nice gift. But, we will still give a President's award and have the Chinese auction. The price of the Christmas Party will be \$20.00 per person if you RSVP to Joann Powdrill before the party and \$25.00 per person at the door without an RSVP. This RSVP will help in ordering the food and tables and chairs.

Mitch opened nominations for NCCC governor and Paul Wolter was nominated (after volunteering) and was voted in by acclamation. Keith Amendson commented on several car shows he attended since the last meeting. Paul told Keith there was a car show tomorrow for Corvettes that had 100,000 plus miles on them and Keith said his did qualify. Paulette reported that Clint Brennan was very sick and needed to hear from members to lift his spirits.

Gene Whitaker conducted the raffle and then everyone caravanned to Kay's Café on I-35E at the Mockingbird exit. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

October 2009 Dinner

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette Club of Texas after meeting dinner for October 2009 was hosted by Joann & James Powdrill at Kay's Restaurant & Bar on Stemmons Freeway. A contest on "Facts About The Month Of October" was held by the Powdrill's with a tie that was broken by several rounds of "Pick A Number" and was won by Gene Whitaker, our Raffle Lady. The Powdrill's presented a bottle of wine with their private label as the prize. We enjoyed talking and visiting with each other and eating a variety of excellent dishes prepared by the restaurant. I counted 28 people at the dinner, but it is hard to get everyone to sit still so that number may be 1 or 2 high or low. We hope to return to Kay's sometime in the future.

The Raffle Lady thanks you for bringing the nice gifts to the raffle held at the end of this month's business meeting. A total of \$55 was collected for our treasury.



Cowtown Vettes Annual Corvette Show by Paul Wolter

Five CCT Corvette owners met at Paul & Mary Wolter's home in South West Arlington and caravanned to the 8th Annual All Corvette Car Show on October 17th. The weather was great after a week of rain and the cars were awesome. There were a total of 94 Corvettes registered and in excess of \$1400 was raised for local charities. Many thanks to Gilbert Crouch and his wife for remembering to bring their camera to the show! Mel Roggenbuck won the C2 mid-year class with his 1966 fully restored silver & black coupe.



Gilbert Crouch with his 1996 Grand Sport



Mitch & Carol Factor's 2007 Indy Pace Car



Mel Roggenbuck's 1966 Class Winner!



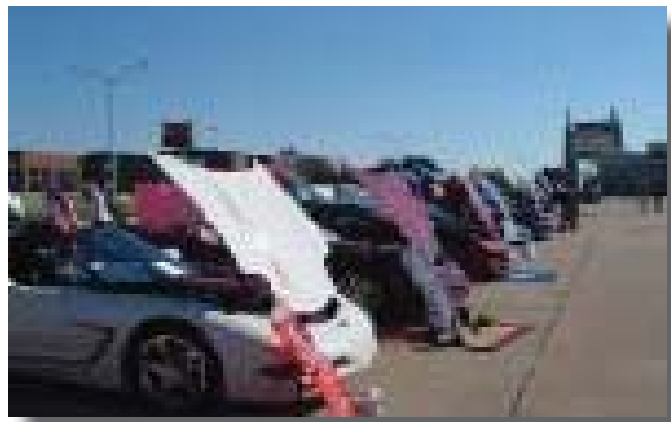
Paul & Mary Wolter's 1956 Corvette

The Corvette show was held in south west Ft. Worth, near the Hulen Mall from 10 AM to 2 PM. Like last year, there were plenty of door prizes, coffee, bottled water, cokes, Krispy Crème doughnuts, pound cake, and Halloween candy available for the all of participants. After sampling some of the goodies, we should have walked back home instead of driving to work off all the calories consumed!

The Cowtown Vettes members are outstanding hosts and do a great job of making everyone enjoy a good time. We saw and visited with many of the Corvette owners, a lot of whom we remembered seeing at the Corvette show last year. Former CCT members Larry and Sally McGlaun stopped by with their C4 coupe that they had for sale at \$9,950. They have replaced it with a very nice 2004 convertible that is white with a red interior.



This is the solid axel 1950's Corvette lineup



This is part of the C5 vettes that were displayed

They had a 50-50 jackpot that totaled over \$1000 that was won by Cowtown Vettes member Karen Fowler, who let out a huge scream upon hearing her ticket number announced. I am certain that win made her day much more enjoyable, as she was one of the many Cowtown Vette workers who had helped work the show each year.

We got pictures of all our CCT members' Corvettes who participated in the show except for member Bob Stevens' 2009 red coupe. We'll get a picture of Bob's Corvette in one of the future newsletter articles. Bob had intended to bring his 1987 red Corvette convertible and enter it in the "over 100,000 mile class", but a failed inspection prevented Bob from driving it the 100 mile round trip to/from the show.

Granbury Trip

Photo by Joe Wagner



At the start. C4 parking to the right please...

Photo by Joe Wagner



Relaxing at the Mischel's after a hard day shopping n the square

Photo by Paulette Wagner



The view from the Bluff Dale Winery patio

Photo by Paulette Wagner



Belly up to the bar to get some wine samples

Photo by Joe Wagner



Not a very prepossessing place for dinner. But the food was excellent

Photo by Joe Wagner



Nice display of horsepower for the locals.

Photo by Joe Wagner



Photo by Joe Wagner



Photo by Paulette Wagner



Good food, but not so sure about the fried Oreos...

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

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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

December

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March

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19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

April

12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
29 - May 1	Gathering	C5/C6 Bash	National Corvette Museum

May

13 - 15	Gathering	The Gathering	National Corvette Museum
17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
27 - 29	Gathering	Forum Cruise-In	National Corvette Museum

June

14	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
28 - 29	HS Autocross	High Performance Event	National Corvette Museum & VIR

September

2 - 4	Gathering	NCM Birthday Bash	National Corvette Museum
13	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16 - 18	Gathering	Z06 Fest	National Corvette Museum
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
23 - 25	Gathering	Pace Car Reunion	National Corvette Museum

October

11	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
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November

4 - 6	Gathering	Vets 'n Vettes	National Corvette Museum
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NCM News

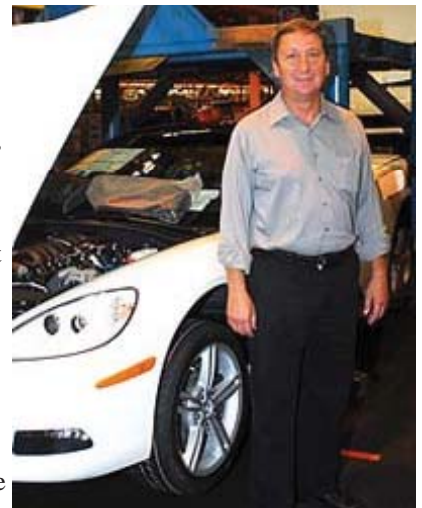
New Corvette Plant Manager Arrives

Bowling Green is proud to welcome Bob Parcell as the new plant manager of the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Parcell began work for GM in 1979 as a co-op student, and most recently served at president of Cami Automotive, a joint venture between GM and Suzuki in Canada.

"If you are in this business... the business of building cars, this is a dream job. We've all dreamt of one day running the Corvette plant," said Parcell.

Former manager, Paul Graham, has moved to Arlington Assembly Plant in Texas to oversee the production of conventional and hybrid versions of the Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade.

Members can enjoy a full article / interview with Bob Parcell in our September / October issue of America's Sports Car magazine... hitting mailboxes this week! Not a member? Find out more information and sign up here!



Corvette's "Pink Lady" Passes



Donna Mae Mims of Bridgeville, PA died on October 6, 2009. She was known by many as the "Pink Lady, Think Pink, Donna Amazing and even Free Maui." Donna started racing in 1958 and was the first woman driver ever to win a Sports Car Club of America National Championship H Production in 1963. Her career led her to racing such cars as the Camaro, Austin Healey, MG, Corvette and Corvair. She worked for Yenko Chevrolet and Yenko sports car division as executive secretary for both and was the liaison for design and production with the Yenko sports car division. She worked closely with Zora Arkus-Duntov, Ed Cole and the pioneers of Chevrolet Racing. She raced many times in Sebring, Daytona, and Riverside.

Donna Mae was a participant in the original Cannonball Run in her 1968 Cadillac Limo. She was known as being able to go toe to toe with some of the best drivers in the country. She was an avid longtime member of the Sports Car Club of America, Corvette Club of Western PA, founder and member of Steeltown Corvette Club, and member of Three Rivers Corvette Club. She also belonged to Western PA Corvair Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Dr., Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101-9134, phone: (270)-781-7973. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauerfamilyservices.com