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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

Wait until you see Charles's coverage of the recent CCT/CTV Autocross event, later in this issue. He really out did himself this time! Anyone who has created a picture collage with 10 or 20 pictures knows how hard it is to do right. Charles did it with 100 or so pictures and the results are stunning. And the really amazing thing, from my point of view as editor, is that the pages were a straight cut and paste into the Newsletter!!!

I have been driving on my new tires for a month or more and I couldn't be happier. It doesn't feel like I've lost any performance, not that I drive on the raggedy edge driving to work. So if you plan on racing they may not be up to your performance standards. They are much quieter on all roads, at least while new, and are supposed to last 2 to 3 times longer than the stock Goodyear Supercar tires I had. The tires are Michelin Pilot Sport A/S Plus ZP and I would recommend them to any C6 owner that is in the market for tires. I am not sure if they are made in C5 sizes but it is worth a little research if you are a C5 driver.

Note: Because of the Autocross there will be no General Meeting Minutes to approve for May.

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: A brand new 1984 Corvette leads the pack through corner 4 at Blackhawk Farms Raceway (Illinois) in a 1984 race.

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President's Prerogative June 2010



I would like to thank everyone who helped with our 2010 auto cross May 21st - 23rd -and an extra thank you goes to Bob Stephens for bringing his motor home to be used for timing and to Paul Wolter who again, working with Cowtown Vettes, provided CCT and all competitors with a great racing event. If you did not attend, you missed a great time. We use the funds raised by the auto cross to help disadvantaged families at Christmas. It was a great way to get to know your fellow club members and other participants.

We still have openings for after-club event sponsors for July and August. Please let me know if you want to sponsor either month. Nominations and election will be held at our June meeting for the Board of Director's position that will become vacant due to Ken Bradley's term ending.

I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Day Holiday . See you at the June meeting.

Mitchell Factor

President, CCT

...and remember to

Save the Wave!

CCT Website News

If you wander over to the CCT website you will see some changes. It's not a major rewrite, mind you, but a minor "freshening up." The stodgy blue background is gone, the content is slightly wider since most folks have higher resolution monitors these days and the header picture is more relevant to a Corvette club.

One other improvement is the site can now be accessed via www.corvettecluboftexas.com which may stop people from missing us because they don't know it was only .org until recently.

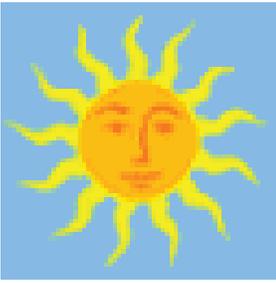
The cosmetics may have changed; the content, however, hasn't. That is obvious on the home page and photos page which has events from a year or more ago listed as "recent." That task is next on the project list. The rest of the pages do their job reasonably well. Crafting an outstanding home page is an art form which takes a lot of thought and effort. It should be very dynamic without requiring a lot of manual editing every few days (or even weeks or months.) The scrolling meeting date function is an example, it automatically updates itself each month. I would like to incorporate a similar event calendar but only if it can be automatically updated somehow. Since we are limited to pure HTML w/Javascript the options are limited. (Any gearheads out there know the limitations that presents.)

CCT webmaster - Joe Wagner

2010 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT SIGN UP			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January 15	Bob Mischel	July 16	
February 19	Mitch and Carol Factor	August 20	
March 19	Bob Stephens	September 17	Mitch and Carol Factor
April 16	Carol Factor	October 15	Steve and Sharon Norris
May 21		November 19	
June 18	Bob and Darlie Kee	December CCT Holiday Party	

2010 CLUB ACTIVITY SIGN UP			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January	Patti Bertwell	July	
February		August	
March	James and Joann Powdrill	September	Paul and Mary Wolter
April	Ken and Jeanette Bradley	October	
May	Steve and Sharon Norris	November	
June	Dennis and Patti Bertwell	December	

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP	
Quarter	Maintainer
January 16 —April 15	Douglas Mabe
April 17 - July 16	Vince Brown
July 17 - October 15	Paul and Mary Wolter
October 16 -January 20, 2010	



Summer Kick-Off Corvette Cruise

When: Saturday, June 19, 2010

Meeting time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Mike's Garden Center, 4800 South Cooper (Hwy 157), Arlington, TX, 76017 (1/4th mile South of I-20 on Cooper (Hwy 157) on West side of street)

Hosts: Dennis and Patti Bertwell

Join fellow CCT members on this summer kick-off drive and eat event that promises to be a fun filled day. This CCT event will include a scenic drive through selected winding back roads to Waco, Texas, lunch at Ninfa's Mexican Food Restaurant, a self-guided tour through the famous Dr. Pepper Museum, and a stop for ice cream to end the day's events. This should prove to be a "cool" start to a hot summer!

If you plan to join us on this trip to Waco, **please contact Patti Bertwell by June 16th** at 817-235-8287 or by email at pbertwell@sbcglobal.net.



Membership: New Members

The club has a new member! Please welcome to the club:

Brian Stroupe

email address: bstroupe@sbcglobal.net

Brian is driving a new 2010 crystal red coupe. We welcome him to our club.

Thanks

Mary Wolter

Membership for Corvette Club of Texas

Cowtown Vettes and Corvette Club of Texas Autocross

By Charles Whitaker

Our Corvette club (CCT) joined with the Cowtown Vettes club (CTV) to host a full weekend of autocross events at Mineral Wells, Texas May 22nd & 23rd 2010. We gathered at the old army helipad at the Mineral Wells airport Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. to set up the racetrack and timing. Fortunately, we had a lot of help to set up the racetrack and set up the timing computer in Bob Stephen's motor coach so after some test runs we left the track with time to go by the Holiday Inn to get shower and change clothes if you wanted to. Darlie Kee arranged Friday and Saturday dinners and Sunday lunch for the CCT member at restaurants where we could sit together as a group. The first night we ate at the Mesquite Pit and after dinner many of our members gathered back at the Holiday Inn to watch the NASCAR truck race on TV, but I knew that I wasn't going to be able to stay awake so we went to our room. I think that I managed to stay awake for about 30 laps.

Saturday morning we were up at 5:30 a.m. and we had a big breakfast at the Holiday Inn of eggs, sausage and biscuits before going to the racetrack. Paul Wolter had encouraged us to be there at 7:00 a.m. because there were still tents to set up for the 3 corner stations and timing lights to set up. The drivers had to unload their cars, get them inspected and checked-in at the registration table to validate their NCCC membership or race as an independent. There was a meeting for the corner workers where we were told the fine points of counting traffic cones that were knocked over or moved out of the square marked on the race track and how to report them back to the timing official by radio. We were also told how to stop a car using a red flag if there was a corner worker resetting a cone. It got a little harder when it came to counting the number of wheels that a race car could have off the track if it spun out and a Did Not Finish (DNF) had to be declared. Safety was covered and workers were advised not to turn their backs on a moving racecar. Then there was a race drivers meeting where the fine points of driving the track and scoring penalties for knocking over cones were covered and what to do if a cone was down before they arrived at a corner. I really liked the part where they asked the race drivers not to hit the corner workers if one of them was setting up a traffic cone.

I shouldn't forget the great morning snacks and coffee that JoAnn Powdrill and her refreshment committee provided. She and her workers did great job as I can attest to from my own experience. Then it was time for the race drivers to walk the track and decide what speed to approach each turn, see which turns were unusual such as having a decreasing radius and which side to enter the chicane course. This was followed by a parade lap of the racecars and then we got down to the business of racing and counting traffic cones. CTV sponsored the first 4 autocross races in the morning and early afternoon that allowed each driver to make two runs in each race and then CCT sponsored 3 autocross races in the afternoon. The timing was done using a computer and the timing lights so you might say that it was automated at least, but not automatic. There had to be a person to get the race cars in line, a starter, a timing person, runners to take the printed times and to post them on the event board. A minimum of 9 corner workers was required to set traffic cones back in place, to log each car's numbers, count the number of cones knocked over and to report them to timing. I'm glad that the days are over when flags were used for reporting traffic cones. A large digital display at the finish line let each driver see his or her own time. We finished the Saturday races at about 3 p.m. which was early so we had time to go by the hotel and change clothes and then we went to Nancy's Italian Restaurant for the dinner arranged by Darlie. The NASCAR All-Star Race was on TV that night and I managed to stay awake until the checkered flag was dropped and then I went immediately to sleep. It was a long day.

Paul let us sleep-in until 6 a.m. Sunday morning so after another big breakfast of eggs, sausage and biscuits we arrived at the race track at 7:30 a.m. for the final 3 autocross races sponsored by CCT. We finished at 11 a.m. thanks to Dennis Bertwell keeping the cars running fast. With the extra help we had, the corner station tents stored in the trailer and the cones collected from the track so that we could leave at noon. Darlie arranged for lunch at a Cajun restaurant in Weatherford on the way back. In closing I want to say that it was hard to figure out what to do with over a hundred photographs so I hope you like it. While I am appointed by our president to take photographs for the club, I don't have to be the only person to write articles for the newsletter. Try it, you may enjoy it.









The Best Steak in Texas! by Carol Factor

On Saturday, May 15th 2010, the 7th Annual Texas Steak Cook Off was held in Hico, Texas. Mitch and I joined Steve and Sharon Norris, Carole and Chuck Henderson, and Bob and Paula Mischel on the two day trip to attend this year's event. Every year this notorious cook off is held rain or shine in Hico, Texas. Backyard chefs from all over the southwest join together to compete against each other to see who can create the tastiest steaks you can imagine.

The colorful wildflowers were waving in the spring breeze along the route to Hico. We stopped for lunch at the Loco Coyote in Glen Rose, well known for their BBQ. We arrived in Hico with plenty of time to walk off the lunch in the historic downtown square where vendors lined the streets and live bands performed.

Grills were hot and ready by 5:00pm and we lined up to get our gourmet steaks. We found the shortest line and soon had a double reinforced paper platter with a huge cooked-to-order rib-eye and all the trimmings. The winning team was Pica Pi-dras. We left the cook off that evening full again and ready to relax back at the hotel.

Still perfect weather the next morning, we slept in and took a leisurely drive to the Hard 8 BBQ Restaurant in Stephenville for lunch and then on to the outlet mall in Cleburne to check out the more than 2,500 pairs of ladies' Yellow Box shoes we had heard about at this mall.

Thanks to Steve and Sharon Norris for planning a great 2 day adventure for us. We hope 2011 will include another outing to the steak cook off!



The Event



The Boys



The Girls

2010 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**

June

5	Show	Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
6	Show	Hooters in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
14	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Cruise	Summer Kick-Off Corvette Cruise	See flyer for details
26	Show	El Chico in Garland	www.carsroadshow.com
26 - 27	Autocross	7 + 7	TVS
28 - 29	HS Autocross	High Performance Event	National Corvette Museum & VIR

July

3	Show	Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
4	Show	Hooters in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20-26	Tour	Lime Rock Cruise	National Corvette Museum
24	Show	El Chico in Garland	www.carsroadshow.com
24	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	During Convention Week in Palm Beach, FL

August

1	Show	Hooters in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
7	Show	Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
14 - 15	Autocross	4 and 7	CCOC/SCCC
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19 - 24	Tour	2010 Route 66 /Grand Canyon Tour with Bloomington Gold	www.bloomingtongoldtours.com/park_tour/default.htm
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
28	Show	El Chico in Garland	www.carsroadshow.com

September

2 - 4	Gathering	NCM Birthday Bash	National Corvette Museum
4	Show	Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
5	Show	Hooters in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
10 - 11	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO
13	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16 - 18	Gathering	Z06 Fest	National Corvette Museum
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18 - 19	Autocross	3 and 7	BRCC/CTV
18	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	Fort Worth
23 - 25	Gathering	Pace Car Reunion	National Corvette Museum
25	Show	El Chico in Garland	www.carsroadshow.com

October

1-3	Show/Autocross	18th Lone Star Nationals	TMS - www.lonestarnats.com
2	Show	Bass Pro Shop in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
3	Show	Hooters in Grapevine	www.carsroadshow.com
9	Autocross	7	TCCC
11	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
15	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16 - 17	Autocross	1, 5 and 1	OCCC/MTCC/CCO
23	Show	El Chico in Garland	www.carsroadshow.com
30 - 31	Autocross	7 and 7	TV/TOCC

November

4 - 6	Gathering	Vets 'n Vettes	National Corvette Museum
12 - 13	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO
15	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

December

4	Cruise	Christmas in Jefferson County	More info tba
13	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	No Meeting in December
TBA	Party	CCT Christmas Party	

CCT Members,

Cowtown would like to thank you for partnering with us to pull off one (if not the) largest Mineral Wells NCCC event that we have seen since we started competing in late '03. We hope that the final numbers come in where both of our clubs come out very profitable from this event.

Cowtown would like to thank Bob for the use of the motorhome for timing, I know that the Timing Crew really appreciated it. I would really like to thank all of you that came out on Friday to help setup the course. The setup went fairly quick and other than the blow-thru offset-gates at the start, the rest of the course was smooth and technical, as designed.

We regret that one of the other owners of the sweeper didn't inform us that they had removed a wheel this past week to get it fixed - resulting in us not being able to utilize the sweeper at all however, Paul's back-pack blower worked well. The delay after the first autocross was required since the AM cleaning the run line actually removed the gravel off the wrong side of the cones in two areas, and actually blew it into the course run line. We could not correct it prior to the end of the autocross without risking a protest since the cleaned surface would have created non-equal track conditions for all participants in autocross #1.

As far as Sunday, it was great to get in, get the events run and get done early. The course was more fun and yes faster however; that was by our original design. By removing the entrance gates to the sweepers you could drive deeper and wider into the entrance of them and most were set up as decreasing radius turns; thus a wider entrance helps setup for those better. We also removed the 4th pylon from the chicane at the back which made it almost a blow-thru rather than a skills test; like it was Saturday with 4 cones.

Paul: we will get the event results handled for all eleven autocrosses (in your absence) and get them to the RCD in the required timeframe.

Again - many thanks to all of you!

Doug

Event Coordinator

PS: hopefully within a week or so - the event photos will be posted on Cowtown's website ...if you do have photos you'd like to contribute, feel free to email them to me.