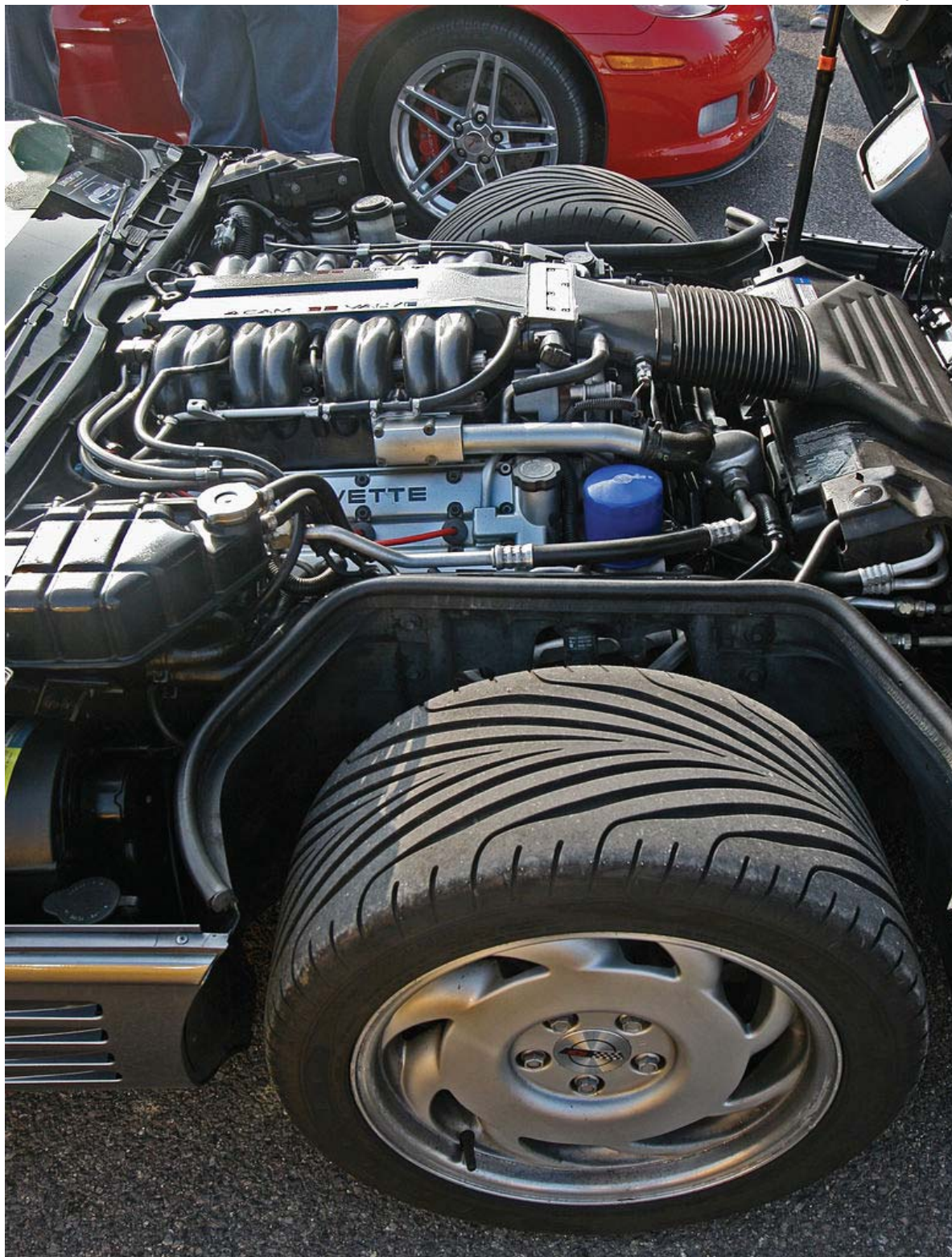


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Meeting Information

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 before the monthly Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

From the Editor

It was nice to see both of our heart patients at the last meeting: Mitch back at the helm after his bypass and Tom Grabos back after his heart transplant! It is amazing what can be done in medicine these days.

Remember next month we will be meeting at a different place again. There will be a flier with more information in this newsletter. I think it is a good idea to get out of Friendly's not so great and not so well air-conditioned meeting room as often as we can.

Not many activities coming up, at least none announced past July 4th. This month, of course, is the Fort Worth Parade (see flyer) that is always fun to participate in. If any of you haven't paraded your Corvette before, this is the parade to start with. It is basically a pleasant drive through one of the nicest neighborhoods in Fort Worth while passing 100s of people that are not shy about heaping praise on our cars..

Our Friendly Rep!

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is unassigned. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give Friendly a call.

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

In addition to their regular work schedule, Friendly representatives are always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting.

Joe Wagner

On the Cover:

The guts of a C4, wide open. Must have been easy to work on them, compared to today's Corvettes.

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President's Prerogative July 2012

4th of July Weekend fireworks displays



...and remember to

Save the Wave!

2012 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT SIGN UP

Month	Host	Month	Host
January 20	Roy & Susan Warnecke	July 20	
February 17	Darlee & Bob Kee	August 17	Tom & Letty Grabos
March 16	Joe & Gail Carrion	September 21	
April 20	Sharon & Christian Norris	October 19	
May 18	Ken & Jeanette Bradley	November 16	
June 15		December	CCT Christmas Party

2012 CLUB ACTIVITY SIGN UP

Month	Host	Month	Host
January	Bob Stephens	July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

Quarter	Maintainer
January 20 — April 19	Gail Carrion
April 20 - July 19	Margaret Brennan
July 20 - October 18	Ray and Pat Kimminau
October 19 - January 17, 2012	

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**JUNE 15, 2012, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

Mitch Factor brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, June 15, 2012, and thanked everyone for all the well wishes, phone calls, and cards he received after his open-heart surgery.

The May minutes were approved as printed in the June newsletter. The treasurer, Jim Iuele, gave the treasurer's report and said we had three outstanding checks that had not been cashed.

The NCCC Governor, Paul Wolter, reported:

He attended the NCCC meeting and 38 officers were reinstated. Sanctioned events for this year total 1,002. Also, NCCC has 16,000 members. Molinda reached the end of her term for serving as NCCC treasurer and Paul was elected to replace her. NCCC dues have been raised to \$45 per person for new members but renewals will remain at \$35. NCCC insurance includes trailer and equipment. Also, NCCC convention is next week. Next year the NCCC convention will be at Bowling Green and our club might want to go to that one. Three NCCC officer positions will be open if someone wants to participate in the national arena.

Membership Chairperson, Mary Wolter, said we did not have any visitors tonight but Tom and Letty Grabos were present. Tom thanked everyone for all their visits, cards, phone calls and help he received from members of CCT while he was recovering from his heart transplant.

Activities:

Paul reported that the July 4th parade would be the same as we have done for the last few years. Meet at his house at 8:30 AM and everyone could caravan to the start of the parade. Bring candy for the kids, milk bones for the dogs and the club has some beads to hand out to each CCT car participating. We will go to a new place for lunch that Mary has scouted out for this year.

Paul discussed the trip taken to Oklahoma this month. We had good participation.

Saturday, June 30 will be a 50th Anniversary of the Shelby Tour.

Keith Amendson gave away some posters from Corvette Expo Dallas in 1987 and some other memorabilia. He also said he drove up to the casino just across the border to Oklahoma a couple of weeks ago and walked away with \$5,800. This helped him to attend another 50h club anniversary in Iowa.

David Cooper proposed we have our July club meeting at the Texas Steak House in Richardson at Jupiter and Bush toll road, east of Hwy. 75.

Paul Wolter said he wanted to give up the responsibility of heading up the one and only autocross we have every year with Cowtown. He would like for someone else to head up the autocross if the CCT still wants to put on the event. He will help the new person with all the needed details of putting on the event.

Gene Whitaker conducted the raffle and Charles took pictures of the winners for the newsletter. Charles said we took in \$37 for the raffle. Everyone was invited to attend the after-club dinner at Toby Keith's Restaurant and Lounge on Northwest Highway on the same street where Olive Garden is located. This was arranged by Ken and Jeanette Bradley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

July meeting/dinner change of Location

Friday July 20, at 7:30PM

**The CCT Regular Monthly Meeting will be at
TEXAS, 3609 Shire Boulevard, Richardson**

Located just east of Central Expressway (Hwy 75) on the George Bush Turnpike

Direction #1

Take George Bush Turnpike east, exit at Jupiter Road, TEXAS is located on south frontage road

Direction #2

**Take 75 north, exit George Bush Turnpike East, stay in right lane it takes you
off at Jupiter (no tolls)**

From north take 75 south, same as above

Direction #3

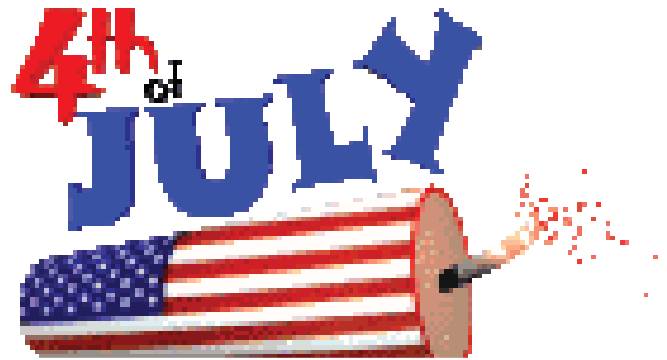
75 north, exit Renner Road, go east to second light (Wyndham) turn left, TEXAS will be on right

If you want to arrive early; they open at 4 pm, Happy Hour is 4-6 with discounts on beer, wine and appetizer.

You can view the menu at www.thesonof texas.com, this restaurant is run by

Dale Wamstad, who also has the Silver Fox Steakhouses.





Westcliff West Neighborhood Independence Day Parade

DATE: Wednesday, July 4, 2012

CCT will join Cowtown Vettes and other parade entrants as in the past years and drive in the Westcliff West Neighborhood located in Southwest Ft. Worth. **Bring candy to throw to the children and dog bones for the dogs along the parade route. Don't forget to fly the CCT & U.S.A. car flags on your vette.**

MEETING LOCATION & TIME: Paul & Mary Wolter, 4520 Fonda Dr., Arlington, TX 76017 @ 8:30 AM Wednesday morning, July 4th. We will depart @ 8:45 AM and caravan to the parade location in Southwest Fort Worth. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen and hats. The church typically has free cookies, drinks, etc. for us.

PARADE LOCATION: From I-20: Exit Trail Lake Drive, proceed North. At the traffic light at Granbury Road, stay in the left lane and go straight under the railroad overpass (remains of an old wooden trestle). Go straight, up a small hill by Westcliff Elementary, then down the hill to Manderly Place on the right. Turn right there and go into the First Congregational Church parking lot.

PARADE STAGING: 9:15 AM - 1st Congregational Church

PARADE: 10:00 AM Start

PARADE ROUTE: thru the Westcliff West Neighborhood, ending in Foster Park

PARADE SPONSOR: Westcliff West Neighborhood Association

The following link provides a map of the parade location

<http://cowtownvettes.org/images/maps/4thParMap.jpg>

LUNCH AFTER PARADE: We will caravan to and eat at the Los Vaqueros Stockyards restaurant @2629 N. Main St, Fort Worth following the parade.

June 2012 Meeting & Raffle

By Charles Whitaker

The regular meeting of the Corvette Club of Texas was held on June 15, 2012 at Friendly Chevrolet. We celebrated the return of our president, Mitch Factor, after successful bypass surgery and the return of Tom Grabos after a successful heart transplant. They are both doing well and will continue their recovery with happy hearts. It was great to have them back with us. Jim Luele presented the treasurer's report and Paul Wolter, our NCCC Governor, talked about the NCCC activities. We had about 25 members in attendance for the meeting.



Mitch Factor



Tom Grabos



Jim Luele



Paul Wolter

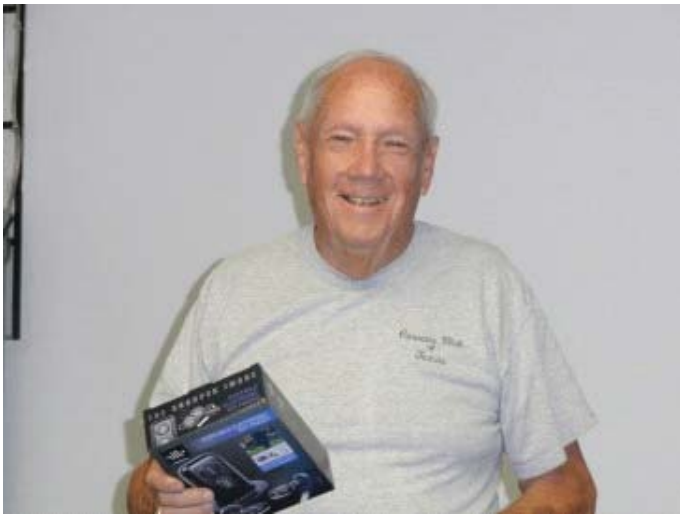
The Raffle Lady, Gene Whitaker, collected \$37 from selling tickets for the raffle. Each person who brought a gift for the raffle and each visitor got a free ticket. The six raffle prize-winners are pictured below with their prizes. I want to personally thank all of the people who brought prizes because it makes the meeting a lot of fun. By the way, it is okay to bring a prize back that you won and can't use. For instance, if you got a bottle of wine and you don't drink, bring it back. Just remember that all prizes should be in good taste and the more Corvette stuff that you bring the better.



Darlie Kee



Paul Wolter



Bob Stephens



Tom Grabos



Ken Bradley



Bob Mischel

Our after-meeting dinner was hosted by Ken & Jeanette Bradley at Toby Keith's, "I Love This Bar & Grill." Most of the members that attended the club meeting were at the dinner. We got good service from our waitress, the food was good and the music was loud.



Dinner at Toby Keith's, "I love This Bar & Grill"

Before I left Friendly Chevrolet for the dinner, I took photographs of two 2013 Corvettes on display in the lobby. The ZR1 in the photograph at the left was priced at \$127,000 and the 60th Anniversary convertible was priced at \$90,000 and included a 427 ci engine.



2013 ZR1 Corvette "hard top" Race Car



2013 Anniversary Corvette Convertible

June 5, 2012 Transit of Venus

By Charles Whitaker

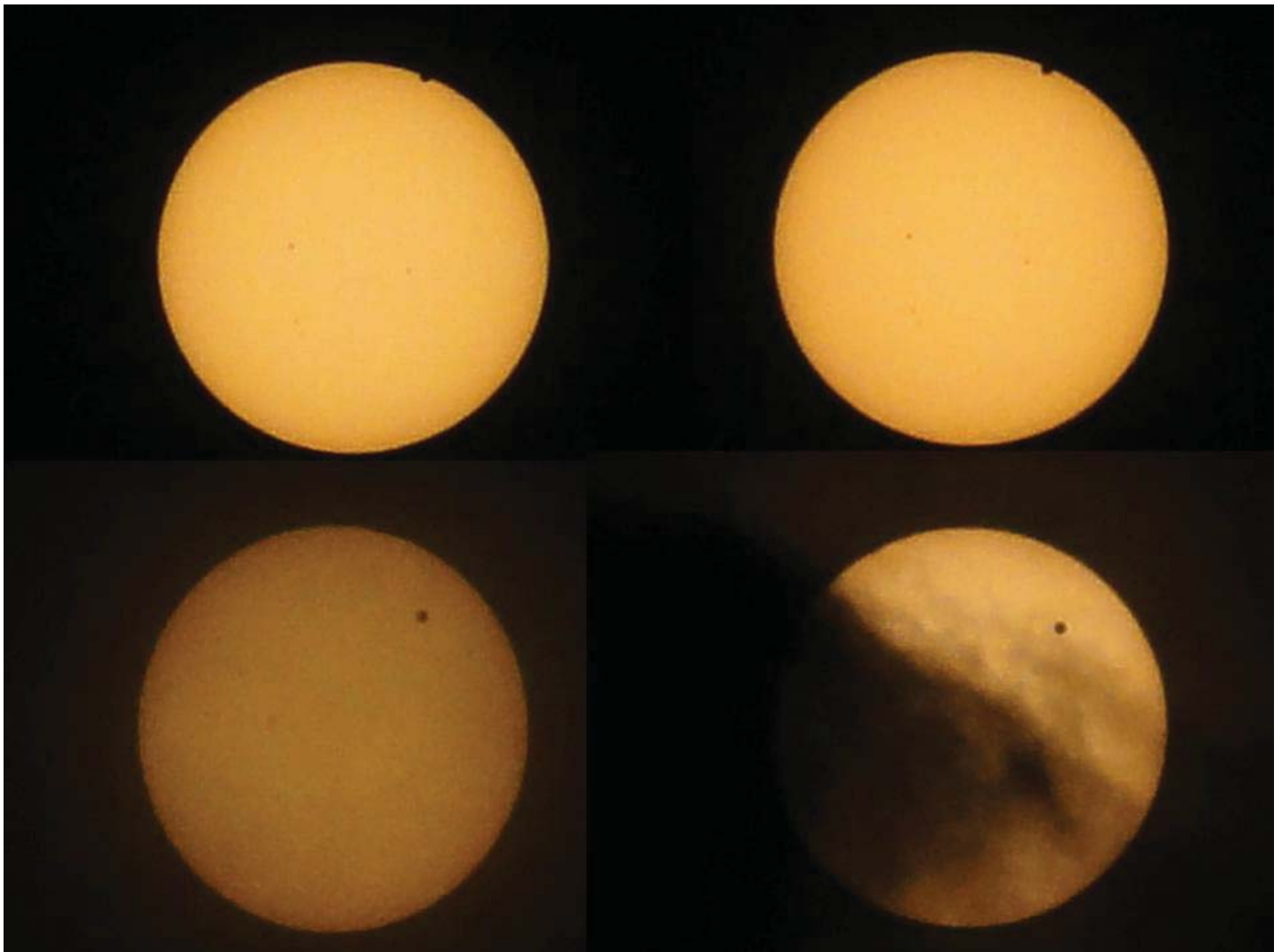
The June 5th 2012 Transit of Venus across the Sun was photographed using my Sony DSC-HX5V camera mounted on a tripod. This is the same camera that I use at the club meetings to take photographs for our newsletter. A solar filter made by Thousand Oaks Optical was held on the camera by an adapter that I machined from PVC. The start of the transit is called "First Contact" and that occurred at 5:05:08 p.m. CDT. The first photograph (upper left) was taken at 5:13:58 about 9 minutes after first contact with an exposure of 1/1600 second, 10X optical zoom and image stabilization.

The second photograph (upper right) was at 5:16:38 about 11 minutes after first contact with the same parameters. The transit of Venus has not proceeded to "Second Contact" where Venus would appear to be 100% on the Sun.

As always seems to happen in astronomy, the clouds came and there was a little drizzle that covered a period of an hour and 20 minutes. The third photograph (lower left) was a 6:45:53 through a cloud layer when Venus was well into its transit. None of these photographs have been altered in any way such as changing the contrast or color, but they have been enlarged so that Venus is visible. The color that you see around the Sun is due to the cloud layer. The exposure of this photograph was increased to 1/400 second, but nothing else changed.

The fourth photograph (lower right) was taken at 6:59:25 as the clouds started to close in and prevented seeing the transit any further. The photograph has some character to it that reminds me of a photograph of the Moon at Halloween time. The exposure time was increased again to 1/200 second and the clouds dominate it.

Transits of Venus are in 8-year pairs and we won't be around in 105 or 113 years to see the next pair in 2117 and 2125.



Governors Report By Paul Wolter

It doesn't seem possible that we are already half way thru 2012. Now that we are having 100 degree temperatures again in Texas, I know that we will experience the days going by a lot slower! Guess it's time to use the swimming pool more often. Since we typically have hot weather in July and August, there are no NCCC events scheduled to occur during those months. But there are other car related events that we can participate in. The next event is in just several days, which is the Westcliff West Neighborhood 4th of July parade in Southwest Ft. Worth. See the flyer in this newsletter for participation information.



The first local NCCC event will be the 16th Annual Super Speedway 14 Autocross event at the Texas Motor Speedway that is being hosted by Cowtown Vettes. Be sure and go out and participate or go watch and socialize with the participants and hosts. Cowtown will also be hosting a one day NCCC non-racing event using three of our CCT's unused NCCC sanctions on September 29th or 30th (Saturday or Sunday). These events will consist of a People's Choice Car Show, a Funkhana followed by a Gimmick and Chance (poker) Rallye which will be run simultaneously.

We are looking for a CCT member to volunteer to be the weekend coordinator for our next year's 2013 autocross event. I have been the weekend coordinator for the past 12 years and have decided that it's time to have another member take over. I will train, advise and help as necessary. If we can't find a replacement, then CCT will most

likely discontinue hosting the annual autocross events in conjunction with CTV. I believe that we should continue hosting the NCCC events for the racers and for the NCCC organization, but it's time for a new person to take over. This is the "only" event that we host which generates an income for the club (other than the annual membership dues, which will likely be required to increase next year to partially help offset the autocross income loss).

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Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

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And, if you can read this you can also read the license plate on my Corvette:

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Joe Wagner

Austin Formula 1 Preview Show - June 16th By Joe and Paulette Wagner

The first event of the Austin Formula 1 season was held at the Convention Center in downtown Austin. Lots of cars and other displays, but not a lot about the track and race itself. That was a bit disappointing.



Current Red Bull car



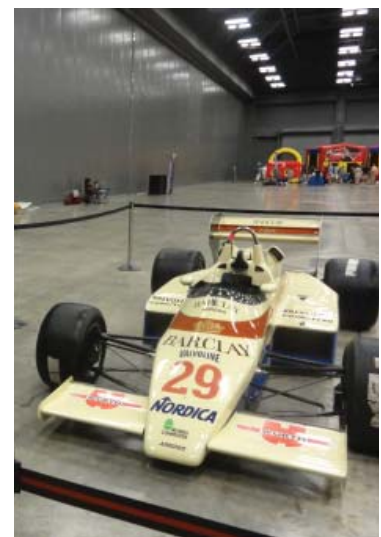
Current Ferrari car



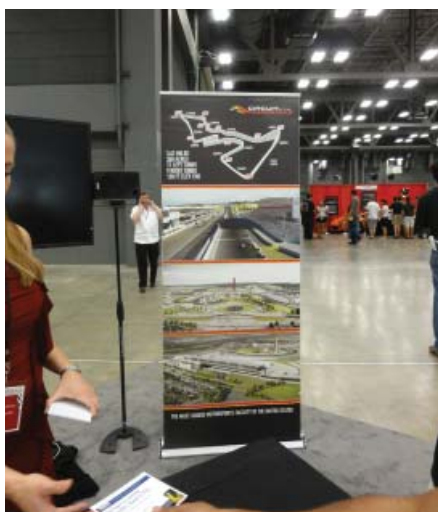
Classic John Player Special



Older Ferrari, very odd design



A private team car from 1983



The only track display!



Paulette with the "Practice" car . They held tire changing competitions and other demonstrations on it.

Shelby Cobra 50th Anniversary gathering

By Joe and Paulette Wagner

On June 30th the traveling 50th Anniversary Cobra show made its way to Dallas. Lots of Cobras and many cars you wouldn't think of as Cobras were on display. Seldom do you have the opportunity to see so many classic cars in one place.



First cars we saw... Two Sunbeam Tigers which used the Cobra engines back in 1966.



More like it... A beautiful red Cobra, one of many classic and replica Cobras on display.



An original Mustang GT500 Cobra. Lots of current Mustangs were to be seen as well, but the classics are the best.



First time I've ever seen three Panteras together in one place.



Cobras everywhere! There were three rows of them, actually. The owners were as talkative about their cars as we are about our Corvettes.



Not every Cobra there was in concours shape... This one is a project car for sure. But I like the license plate.

2012 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/>

July

4	Parade	Traditional Westcliff West Neighborhood Parade	See flyer above for info.
20	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Texas Restaurant - see flyer
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Texas Restaurant - see flyer

August

4-5	Autocross	SCCC & CCOC - 13 Low Speed	OK City, OK
13-18	NCM Tour	MIM Woodward Tour	
17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
30-Sep. 1	Celebration	Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction	NCM

September

7-8	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis
15	Meeting	SWR Governor's Meeting	Fort Worth, TX
15-16	Autocross	CTV & BRCC - Low Speed	TMS
21	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
29 or 30	Show/Rallye	Show, Funkhana and Gimmick Rallye	Cowtown Vettes - Place TBA

October

4-6	Gathering	R8C Reunion	NCM
13-14	Autocross	TCCC - Low Speed	Waco, TX
19	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20-21	Drag Race/ Autocross	Coast & CCOC - Low Speed autocross and drags	OK City and Noble, OK
27	Meeting	SWR Governor's Meeting	Waco, TX

November

1-5	Gathering	Vets 'n Vettes	NCM
9-10	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16-17	Autocross	Texas Outlaws CC - Play Day and autocross	TBA

December

---	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	No Meeting in December
---	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	No Meeting at Friendly in December
TBA	Party	CCT Christmas Party	TMS Clubhouse - More info TBA