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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

I just noticed that the last issue (Dec. '13) was the 90th monthly issue I have published, 7.5 years and going strong... It is pretty obvious that volunteering for a job in CCT is close to a lifetime commitment. Looking over the list of Chairpersons I think the last time I had to change that list was when Gene took over the raffle from Paulette, how many years ago?

My point? After the same person does the same thing over and over (and over) it tends to become stale. People tend to set the job up once and then do it the same way every time. I know I do that. I haven't made any serious changes to the Newsletter in years.

Of course the same thing can be said of the officers. Mitch served as president 5+ straight years and Bob looks like he is going to be the next Mitch. Jeanette has said for years that she wanted to stop being secretary with no result until a last minute volunteer raised a hand this year. (Thanks Donna.)

One change to the Newsletter this year... Since few are volunteering in advance for After Club and Activities I see no point in continuing that feature. If people change their habits I can reinstate it quickly.

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 C7 be sure and give him a call at **817-718-5335 or 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 normally at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting. Email: dougmahe@ymail.com

On the Cover:

An experimental 1961 Vignale Corvette valued at \$250,000. An example is in the NCM collection (It may be this one but I am not sure., Ed.)

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Kee Notes

What a wonderful Christmas Party for CCT and so many people to thank. Mary and Paul, Joann and James and Pat and Ray for all their work in arranging and preparing everything, Thank you Ronnie Walker for always providing your wonderful music, Mitch for hosting the Chinese gift game that always lasts way too long (and makes Mitch say bad words by the end of it), Chef Manny for an outstanding meal once again and members who adopted and supported our Gills Children. Our silent auction and door prize tickets helped us to raise over \$900 to split with the families besides all the gifts we provided for the children.

I also want to thank everyone that came to visit and support me when I had my knee replacement surgery in November. After a few complications I am doing fine now and hope to be walking without the cane by next meeting.

Our dear CCT friends Patti and Dennis Bertwell lost their son-in-law near the holidays so please remember them and his wife and children in your prayers.

Joe Wagner, thank you for your hard work on our news letter and everyone remember to respond to Paulette Wagner's invitation for CCT breakfast booked for January 4th

Merry Christmas to all our club members and loved ones. Looking forward to a great New Year with our CCT friends and family. God bless everyone. Let's work together to make CCT's next year an exciting and rewarding one.

Bob Kee - President

The CCT Brunch

Will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 9:30am at:

Benedict's

4800 Belt Line Rd

Addison, TX 75234

972-490-0500

<http://www.benedicts-restaurant.com>

RSVP to Paulette and Joe Wagner (paulette@themoralefair.com or 817-253-4030)

Call or text with any last minute changes, please.

Note: We will be following another group that meets from 7:30-9:30am.

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**December 14, 2013, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

There was a short business meeting held to elect the club's 2014 officers. Nominations were opened, but no new candidates were nominated. New officers elected were:

President - Bob Kee

Vice President - Sharon Norris

Treasurer - Jim Iuele

Secretary – Open

Board members - Marvin Snyder, Michael Garrison and Ray Kimminau

Note: The other non-official business activities at the Christmas Party are covered in an article in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Whitaker for

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

Membership Report

Please welcome to the club:

Curtis Evans

Lancaster, TX 75134

email: curtisevans70@gmail.com

Don't forget to add him to your email list

Welcome him to the club next time you see him at a meeting

Thanks

Mary

December 2013 Christmas Party

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette Club of Texas Christmas Party was held on December 14, 2013 in the Condo Clubhouse at the Texas Motor Speedway courtesy of Mary & Paul Wolter. The party committee consisting of Mary, Paul and Joann & James Powdrill arranged a great party with delicious Italian food by Chef Manny. Gene Whitaker sold tickets for the Gill Family raffle with the proceeds given to Mary to buy gift cards for the families that we sponsor for Christmas.

The group of photographs below show the first part of the party where we talked and swapped stories about vacation trips, grandchildren and Corvettes.



The Italian dinner was prepared and served by “Chef Manny” of Community Kitchen where Manuel Vasquez (Chef Manny) is the Community Kitchen Chef. He prepared a delicious dinner that we all enjoyed.





Mitch Factor presented the President's award to Jeanette Bradley for many years of outstanding service as our club secretary, to Margaret Brennan for 5 years of membership, Mary & Paul Wolter for 25 years and Donny Amendson for 50 years.



Then we had the Gill Family Children raffle conducted by the Raffle Lady, Gene Whitaker. The proceeds from the tickets that were sold were given to Mary Wolter to purchase gift cards for each family. The raffle prizes and winners are shown below.





Mitch Factor conducted the Chinese Raffle for those members who brought a gift for the exchange. Many gifts were “stolen” and some gifts changed hands several times before they were declared as “frozen” by Mitch. Everyone had a great time and we appreciate all of the work that the committee did and Mary and Paul for reserving the Texas Motor Speedway condo club house for our party.



More Christmas Party Pictures by Joe Wagner



The table set ups were very pretty and had bags and calendars donated by Friendly Chevrolet. There were also tins full of some very good chocolates.



Friendly Chevrolet also donated a set of Corvette C7 luggage which was sold in a silent auction. The luggage is a \$900 option when you buy your new C7 from Friendly.



Gene and Charles getting ready for the raffle. Proceeds of the Christmas raffle go to the Gill Children families.



Bob and Paul getting the festivities (and dinner) started.



by Paulette Wagner

Jeanette showing off her well deserved President's award



Ken, Carol and Mitch

Governors Report (Submitted By Paul Wolter).

I want to thank everyone for getting their CCT and NCCC 2014 membership renewals submitted in timely manner. This allowed Mary and me to update the NCCC online national databases and release it to our SW Regional Membership Director by December 1st.



Paul's Restoration Project - 1962 Corvette Chassis

The quarterly National Governor's meeting was conducted on November 7th in St. Louis. During the meeting the attendees were told that if your cell phone rings during the meeting you will be fined \$10 and the money is donated to charity. It needs to be put on mute to avoid distractions during the meeting. More and more organizations are doing this since it is disrespectful to both the meeting facilitator and attendees.

The 2014 convention is August 25 – 29, 2014 and will be held at the Westin Savannah Harbor resort in Savannah, GA. Bernyce Molenda was appointed as the convention treasurer.

The new NCCC membership cards being sent out to members show a 1959 Corvette to honor NCCC's 55th anniversary. Membership for 2014 is currently 18,371 members.

NCCC Insurance claims for 2013 have been minor, with a few claims running in the \$3K to \$4K range. Requests for insurance certificates must be initiated no later than 2 weeks prior to the club hosted event date. If you are not a NCCC member you have no \$5M liability insurance coverage from NCCC when attending or participating in club events (drive & eats, autocrosses, after club socials, road trips, etc.).

NCCC and NCCC affiliated clubs are not allowed by GM to use the imaging of a 2014 model Corvette or logo that may be available through various media outlets. Clubs can use photos of a club member's C7 (with owner's approval) on the club's website, newsletter, fliers, etc. NCCC continues to work on obtaining approval from GM to use the C7 logo and 2014 graphics/pictures.

The following table shows the 2014 weekend events that were accepted at the September governor's meeting. Our joint CCT/CTV 14 low speed autocrosses will be held at the Mineral Wells Airport on May 17th & 18th, 2014. Put this date on your calendar and be sure and help support your club at this annual event. Marvin & Donna Snyder are the weekend coordinators for the CCT portion of the autocross event.

The Oklahoma City Corvette Club will be hosting the 2013 Awards Banquet that will be held in 2014 in Oklahoma City.

2014 First Choice Weekend Events

2014 Date	Event	Clubs	Location
4/6		TOCC	
4/12&13	Low Speed AutoX	CTCC & MCCC	Waco
5/3&4		LCC	
5/10&11	Hallett Highspeed AX		Hallett
5/17&18	Lowspeed AutoX	CCT & BRCC(CTV)	Mineral Wells
5/24&25	LowspeedAX& Drags	OCCC	Oklahoma City & Noble, OK
6/7	Lowspeed AutoX	TVS	Oklahoma City
6/8	Lowspeed AutoX	SCCC	Oklahoma City
6/14&15		CCT & BRCC(CTV)	Mansfield (?)
9/20&21	Lowspeed AutoX	CTV	TMS
9/27&28	Lowspeed AutoX	CCOC & SCCC	Oklahoma City
10/11&12		SJCC & CMCT	
10/18&19	Lowspeed AutoX	CTCC& TCCC	Waco
10/25&26	LowspeedAX& Drags	COAST & OCCC	Oklahoma City & Noble, OK

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and I want to wish you all a Happy, Healthful and Prosperous New Year. How many of you have a new C7 on your 2014 want list? Be sure and deal with our Friendly Chevrolet Corvette Club representative Doug Mabe when shopping for your new (or used) Corvette and other Chevrolet products. Also, as a reminder CCT club members get a discount of approximately 20% (depending on item purchased) when purchasing parts or having service work performed at Friendly Chevrolet.

HALTOM CITY CAR SHOW FOR KIDS



Saturday, March 29

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

benefitting the Haltom City/BISD

Back-to-School Health Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Haltom High School, 5501 Haltom Road

(Rain date: Sunday, March 30, 1 to 5 p.m.)



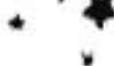
Fun activities for kids

- *Concessions - Haltom Area Band & Friends*
- *Raffle prizes, Bike rodeo*
- *Classic cars, trucks and motorcycles*
- *Registration fee \$20*

No admission charge to attend

For information: email: fburns@haltomcitytx.com

or call 817-222-7767



2014 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/>

January

17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

February

21	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

March

21	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
29	Show	Haltom City Car Show for kids	See flyer above.

April

6	Autocross	TOCC First Choice	Location TBD
8-13	Museum Tour	MiM Auctions, Astronauts, Alligators Tour	Florida. See NCM website for info
14-15	HPDE	High Performance Driving Event	Sebring. See NCM website for info
12 - 13	Autocross	CTCC and MCC First Choice	Waco
18	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
24-26	Gathering	2014 NCM Bash	Bowling Green. See NM website for info
27-29	Tour	2014 2nd Annual Dragon Run Tour	See NCM Website for info

May

3 - 4	Autocross	LCC First Choice	Location TBD
10 - 11	High speed Autocross	??? First Choice	Hallett
15-17	Gathering	2014 ZR-1/C4 Gathering	See NCM Website for info
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17 - 18	Autocross	CCT & BRCC(CTV) First Choice	Mineral Wells
22-25	Gathering	2014 Fourth Annual Barn Raising	See NCM Website for info
24 - 25	Autocross and Drags	OCCC First Choice	Oklahoma City and Noble, OK

June

7	Autocross	TVS First Choice	Oklahoma City
8	Autocross	SCCC First Choice	Oklahoma City
14 - 15	Autocross	CCT & BRCC(CTV) First Choice	Mansfield (?)
20	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
30-1	HPDE	High Performance Driving Event	VIR, See NCM website for info

July

18	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

August

25 - 27	Caravan/ Gathering	Nationwide caravan to the Corvette Museum	Lots more info at http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/
28 - 30	Gathering	20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum	Lots more info at http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/celebration/20info.shtml
28	Meeting	"Corvette Hall of Fame" Induction and Banquet	See NCM Website for info
15	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
15	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
25-26	HPDE	High Performance Driving Event	Summit Point, See NCM website for info

September

20 -21	Autocross	CTV First Choice	TMS
27 - 28	Autocross	CCOC & SCCC First Choice	Oklahoma City
19	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

October

TBA	Museum Tour	1-Lap of Kentucky	See NCM Website for info
11 - 12	Autocross	SJCC & CMCT First Choice	Location TBD
17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18 - 19	Autocross	CTCC & TCCC First Choice	Waco
25 - 26	Autocross and Drags	COAST & OCCC First Choice	Oklahoma City & Noble, OK

November

6-8	Gathering	Vet's 'n Vettes	See NCM website for info
21	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

December

---	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	No Meeting in December
---	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	No Meeting at Friendly in December
TBD	Party	CCT Christmas Party	TMS Clubhouse

WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS CALENDAR:

Note: Prior to attending any of the following events, please ensure that event is being held at location given on date provided. Sponsor has option to reschedule event date and location. Weekend show and cruises at Restaurants are typically hosted during the summer months only.

2nd & 3rd Tuesdays	Show	Sonic Cruise Nights	503 N. Hyw 548, Forney TX 972-839-9179 - Jerry
3rd Thursday	Show	K & G Car Show	1418 N. Town East Blvd, Mesquite TX 469632-6993