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## Corvette Club of Texas

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On the Cover: Charles Whitaker's 1978 Pace Car all polished up and looking good at the Heights Baptist Church's Car Show

**Upcoming Events**

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 events**. For **NCCC events** check <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

**2019**

**Monthly Meeting**

Held every third Friday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet, 2754 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. All members, visitors and Corvette owners are welcome. Following each CCT 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 6:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

**Our Friendly Rep!**

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is still pending. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C7, or when you are upgrading the family car for a new one, be sure and give Friendly a call at 214-920-1900.

**Feb. 15**      **CCT Board Meeting at Friendly Chevrolet**      **06:30 PM**  
The board meeting is held at the Friendly Chevrolet snack bar one half hour before the general meeting. All members are welcome.

**Feb. 15**      **CCT Membership Meeting at Friendly Chevrolet**      **07:00 PM**  
The general membership meeting is held in the Friendly Chevrolet second floor meeting room. Bring a raffle gift and get a free raffle ticket. All are welcome to join us at an after meeting dinner at a different restaurant each month.

**Mar 9**      **Cowtown Corvette Club practice autocross**  
At Burleson, TX. All are welcome to drive on a low speed course.  
More info later

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**Mar 16 -17**      **First NCCC Autocross of 2019**  
In Waco, TX. More info later

**Apr. 19**      **CCT Board Meeting at Friendly Chevrolet**      **06:30 PM**  
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**May. 17**      **CCT Board Meeting at Friendly Chevrolet**      **06:30 PM**  
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**From the Editor**

I still haven't received the official list of current Officers and Board so the list here, and on our web site, is still slightly out of date. Also there is an obvious lack of folks signing up to host club events this year. (See table below.)

We finally got to go to Austin with an arm-load of Christmas presents for our granddaughter. It is always fun seeing an almost 2 year old tear into the wrapping paper... They learn how to do that quickly!

We seem to be unusually healthy collectively right now. Even my ongoing infections seem to have abated for the moment. (Knocking on wood with crossed fingers that that continues...) Because of that we had the rare opportunity to get our whole family together in one place at the same time. Both of our sons and 1 and 1/2 grand children. (Our daughter-in-law is due with our second grand child in April.) A fun reunion of sorts.

I noticed that since I retired driving my Corvette has gone from being a daily driver to maybe 3-4 outings a month. It is so much easier to use our Suburban for everything. It would be interesting to see if everyone who is retired sees the same pattern. I may have to search for my trickle charger to keep the battery topped up. Something I've never needed to do for any of my eight, daily driver Corvettes.

*Joe Wagner*

**After Meeting Drive & Eat**

Sign up at a meeting or email [jwagner@gte.net](mailto:jwagner@gte.net)

Month	Host
January 18th, 2019	Mike & Debbie
February 15th	James & Joanne
March 15th	Bob & Paula
April 19th	Bob & Darlie
May 17th	Jeff & Sharon
June 21st	Open
July 19th	Paul & Mary
August 16th	James & Joann
September 20th	Carey & Melissa
October 18th	Open
November 15th	Ray and Pat
December	No meeting in Dec.

**CCT Event Coordinator**

Sign up with the CCT Activities Chair or any officer.

Month	Coordinator
January 2019	Open
February	Open
March	Open
April	Open
May	Open
June	Open
July	Open
August	Open
September	Open
October	Open
November	Open
December	Open

**CCT General Membership Meeting Minutes****January 18, 2019**

Bob Kee called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A dinner announcement was made and a show of hands counted. There are still some openings for dinner hosts this year. The list was circulated.

Paulette Wagner shared information regarding staying in contact with Ken and Jeanette Bradley and discussed the possibility of lunch plans with Jeanette. Paulette also talked about the recent January Supper Club event and planning for next quarter. All restaurant suggestions are welcome.

Charles Whitaker shared an update regarding Ken and Jeanette.

Jim Luele gave a Treasurer's report.

Paul Wolter gave an NCCC report.

Mary Wolter gave a membership report and she also brought nice club hats and shirts for sale. She shared the success of our Gill Children Christmas club project.

Joann Powdrill conducted the club raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Submitted by: Debbie Garrison



Carey Leslie and Dottie. Dottie's last CCT event

**Sunday Supper Club**

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette Club of Texas gathered at Lefty's Lobster-Chowder House in Addison, Texas for the return of the Sunday Supper Club on January 13, 2019. Paulette Wagner hosted the dinner and it was wonderful to have the Sunday Supper Club back. You'll please be sure to thank her and encourage her to continue the wonderful once a quarter dinner. I was the only person to order Lobster and I made a big mess on the table.



Lefty's Lobster-Chowder House – Photo by John Booth



Corvettes



Dottie & Corvettes

This is Dottie's last Corvette outing as she has graduated to Guide Dog status. We will miss her.



Our Group – Photo by John Booth



Our Host Gus and Paulette



I was the only one to have lobster

photo by Paulette Wagner



Photos by John Booth

**January 2019 Corvette Club of Texas Meeting**

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette of Texas meeting was held on January 18, 2019 at Friendly Chevrolet in Dallas, Texas. Our president conducted the meeting. Jim Iuele reported on the treasury. Mary Wolter said that we have 48 members at this point for 2019 of which 43 are NCCC members. Mary also reported on the delivery of the gifts to the Angels of the Gill Children charity for this Christmas.



Bob Kee, Our President



Paul Wolter, Our NCCC Governor



Paulette Wagner Welcoming Sonji Killyon to the Meeting with Joe Wagner in the Background

Joann Powdrill conducted the action and there were 4 prizes. The winners are shown below.



Gerry Freeman



Bob Kee



Gerry Freeman



Me, Charles Whitaker

The after-meeting dinner was held at Sal's Pizza Restaurant on Wycliff Avenue. The restaurant reserved parking places for us where we got to talk and tell stories that were probably mostly true. The food was good and the service was great.



Thanks to Friendly Chevrolet and Mark Eddins for supporting the club, providing a place for us to meet and selling us such great Corvettes. Thanks to Bob Kee our president, Mike Garrison our vice-president and to Joe Wagner for another great newsletter last month and to Paulette for sponsoring the quarterly dinners. Thanks to Paul Wolter for being our NCCC Governor and telling us about the upcoming events and to Mary Wolter for doing so many things including being our Membership Person and to Debbie Garrison for organizing exciting events for us.

Lastly, but most important, thanks to the Corvette club members that join in our activities. It takes a lot of work from a lot of people to run the club. All of these efforts are what make our club such a nice organization.

**Governor's Report. (Prepared by Paul Wolter)**

The year 2019 is already going by faster than a Corvette! It's hard to comprehend that January is already gone and we have quickly headed into February. The SWR awards banquet for the 2018 NCCC season that is being hosted by the Longhorn Corvette Club will be held in Georgetown in just a week from now on February 9th and 10th. Several of the things planned for the awards banquet on Saturday are a tour thru a classic car collection, a car show, funkhana and then two Rallyes on Sunday.

The newly elected SWR Competition Director Mike Sears' spouse, Loren, passed away on Wednesday, January 23rd. Loren was a member of the Long Horn Corvette Club in Austin and was only 58 years old, which is not really that old. We, along with many other NCCC SWR members will be attending her funeral on Friday, February 1st. As we get older, we are experiencing more relatives, friends and acquaintances who are passing away. It's been said that life on Earth is just a training ground for our next life experience.

On a lighter note, I read an article recently about consumer pricing that pointed out that a new Corvette is an expensive car which can only transport two people. However, it is an excellent value at its starting price of \$55,495 especially when comparing it to much higher priced European sports cars. It has much more performance, technology, safety, handling, styling, etc. than its Corvette predecessor generations. Today's base C7 coupe cost can be compared the cost of earlier Corvettes by accounting for inflation. When using the Consumer Price Index to adjust the base price of previous Corvette base models in 2018 dollars reveals the following:

2013 C6: \$54,762

2004 C5: \$58,995

1996 C4: \$59,467

1982 C3: \$47,100

1967 C2: \$32,933

1962 C1 \$33,590

When reviewing the above numbers, we need to remember that the first two generation Corvettes were very sparsely equipped from the manufacturer, and now standard equipment such as power steering, power windows, power brakes, climate control (with air-conditioning), seat belts w/shoulder harness, tinted windows, etc. were only available as an option at an extra charge. Optioning out one of these earlier generation Corvettes to a reasonable level brings its inflation adjusted price pretty much in line with the MSRP of a new base C7. So, perhaps if you don't already own a C7 maybe this will help you justify getting a new C7!

The SWR NCCC 2019 first choice weekend events and National meetings that are being held February thru November are listed on the SWR website at <http://www.ncccsregion.org/schedule.html>. The first autocross is being held in Waco on March 16 – 17. On March 9th the Cowtown Corvette Club is hosting a practice autocross in Burleson that is open to anyone who would like to drive their Corvette on a low speed autocross course. Or, if you want to just come by and watch that is also doable.