

# *Corvette Club of Texas Sponsored by Friendly Chevrolet*



February 2005 Newsletter  
**Corvette Club of Texas**  
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Things to do this month-

- Sign up for the Possum Kingdom Mardi Gras field trip (Feb. 26)
- See ya' at the February general meeting (February 18, 2005!), Friendly Chevrolet, 7:30



Visit our Web Site at: <http://www.corvettecluboftexas.org/>

“Save the Wave”



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## Presidents Prerogative

### The President's Prerogative

Last month, I mentioned the idea of having some of our monthly meetings as “fun meetings” with a more abbreviated “business” agenda. In keeping with this idea, I have contacted the Dallas representative, Tony Mitchell, a distributor for Maguire Auto Detailing Products and he has invited our club to come over to his warehouse in Dallas for the March meeting. His company is called Wash Solutions and is located at 2403 Walnut Ridge in Dallas (close to I35 and Walnut Hill Lane). He will demonstrate the Maguire products and give us some in depth detailing techniques. He will have products there for purchase also. Be sure to bring your folding chairs. A very brief business meeting and dinner will follow the demo (more details for both the dinner and the Maguire's demo to be announced).

Thank you!!! to Dennis Bertwell for putting together an excellent tentative 2005 activity schedule for our club. This list is on our CCT website and also in the newsletter. Please review and forward any comments to Dennis. In order for any or all of these events to take place, we need members to step forward to sponsor and coordinate each activity i.e., announcing the event time and date, meeting place, lunch or dinner selection, route to the location, etc. Of course, two or more members could share in coordinating events.

We welcome CCT's newest members:

Robert & Shirley Elfont 2005 Metallic Red Coupe  
Thomas & Elaine Wicker 2005Magnetic Red Coupe  
Kevin & Lorene Doukas 2005 Yellow Coupe  
Russell & Kathy Brundrett 1992 White Convertible

Thank you for your continued support.

Mitch Factor  
President, CCT

...and remember to **Save the Wave!**



Remember to bring a simple wrapped “prize” for our upcoming meetings to help support our club. In case new members are not aware of the process: raffle tickets are sold for chances to win the raffle prizes on the night of our monthly meeting as a way to provide extra income for the club. Thank you, Jackie Arbogast, for continuing to sell tickets and conducting the raffle each month!

There is a website that gives plenty of current news about Corvettes you might find interesting: [www.corvetteactioncenter.com](http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com). An in depth article covering the 2005 Vette and lots of other Corvette related articles are on this site.

Please help support our club by volunteering to help organize and/or lead at least one event this year. We also still need hosts for the after club meeting dinner for the following months: June, July, October, November, and December. This is a simple thing: just pick a spot and tell us where to go to eat. We love to drive and eat!

Carol Factor  
Vice President, CCT

**CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**  
**JANUARY 21, 2005, MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

The president, Mitch Factor, brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, January 21, 2005. Mitch announced the after-meeting event would be at the Texas Land and Cattle on Northwest Highway and everyone was welcome and should sign the sheet if they wanted to go. There would be a few questions to answer and a charge of \$2.00 per car with a prize for the winner.

The secretary read the January board minutes taken by JoAnn Powdrill, and they were approved as read. The Christmas party served as the membership meeting for December and no official minutes were taken. The treasurer, Mel Roggenbuck, gave the treasurer's report. A check was received from Friendly for fourth quarter assistance.

The NCCC Governor, JoAnn Powdrill, announced that Cowtown was hosting the awards banquet for the region this year. She said that the NCCC Scholarship Fund needed to be funded by May 2005. The flyers for our event in October are due to the NCCC by July 30, 2005. Also, everyone needs to sign in at every meeting and event we have to be eligible for the insurance provided by NCCC and earn points if you are working or running an event.

The membership director, Mary Wolter, gave the membership report and welcomed four new members and eight guests and invited them all to participate in the gathering at Texas Land and Cattle after the meeting. JoAnn showed everyone the beautiful glass trophy that was presented to the Club for participating in the Speedway Children's Charities and she will add it to the CCT trophy case at Friendly.

Mitch commented on upcoming events and asked for a volunteer for Activities Chairman. Dennis Bertwell and Ben Loflin volunteered to co-chair activities. Mitch also said we need a couple to volunteer to take care of the Club's trophy case at Friendly for each quarter. It is an easy job and all you have to do is come about 30 minutes before the meeting and dust the trophies. During that time you can display one of your Corvette memorabilia in the case. Ben Loflin, reported on the trip to Natchitoches last month to see the Christmas lights.

Mitch opened the floor for nominations for a board member to replace Dennis Bertwell, who would be ending his term of office in March. Jeanette nominated Ken Bradley and it was seconded. Nominations will stay open until the February meeting when the voting will take place.

Joe Carrion presented the President's award for 2004 to Ben Loflin, who had helped him the most last year. Mitch presented Joe Carrion his gift of a Z06 wall clock for his participation as president in 2004, since he was not at the Christmas party when the other participation gifts were presented. Also, Paul Wolter gave Mitch his Z06 Clock participation award for being treasurer in 2004. Also, Phillip Schilt was presented his Z06 Clock for being on the Board and Web Master.

**New Business:**

The Board voted to donate \$500 to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) this year. James Powdrill suggested the club buy raffle tickets from NCM and raffle them off as door prizes each month, which was well received by the membership.

Mitch suggested that we have one business meeting a quarter and fun meetings the other months. A suggestion was made to have a business meeting one month and a fun meeting the next month and maybe have some meetings with speakers or films of interest. Mitch talked about putting on a car show for Friendly and set up a booth to get new members. Mary would check out Friendly regarding the car show. Mitch asked for any new ideas for events.

Ken Bradley announced that he was planning another trip to Angel Fire for July 4th and wanted to know how many people would be interested this year. Several couples raised their hands (Factor, Arbogast, Mischel, Powdrill, Loflin, Bertwell). Ken mentioned several activities that would take place over the 6-7 day period: Horseback riding in the mountains with a cowboy steak dinner and cowboy singer; ride the rapids, July 4th parade, Taos and Red River sightseeing and shopping, and other activities. Also, Ken and Jeanette would raffle off two bedrooms in their house for two couples to stay with them so they would not have any hotel room expense for their stay in Angel Fire.

Jackie Arbogast held the monthly raffle of the gifts furnished by the club members. Everyone was invited to caravan to Texas Land and Cattle on Northwest Highway for dinner. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

## FRIENDLY CHEVROLET CORVETTE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

Our Corvette Club of Texas Representative is Tommy Gallatin. When you need to replace your corvette for a new C6 be sure and give Tommy a call at 214-920-1910 for an excellent price. Don't forget to contact Tommy when you are upgrading that tired SUV or family car for a new one! In addition to his regular work schedule, Tommy is always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting. We also want to thank our sponsor Friendly Chevrolet and Tommy for providing the great sandwiches, cookies, chips and drinks for our monthly membership meetings.

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

## NCM REPORT

Registration for the Z06 Fest will open next week. The event will be held July 21 – 23 and more details and registration will be available online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/Z06/info.shtml>.

The museum will be kicking off a special limited raffle for a Build Your Own C6 Z06. Tickets will be limited to 500 for \$500 each and the raffle will begin immediately after the closing of the Machine Silver 500 ticket raffle that is under way right now. The raving for the Z06 will be held during the C3 Extravaganza, October 13 – 15.

## 2005 MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

The next CCT monthly board meeting will be 7:30 PM Monday, February 14th, at Friendly Chevrolet in the Sales Meeting Room. To be able to effectively address all items of importance that the monthly board meetings will continue to be held on Monday evenings until further notice, **the week before the membership meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)**. The Board meetings are open to all CCT members, and members are encouraged to attend and be a part of planning and providing direction for the club in 2005.

## ACTIVITIES REPORT-Things to Do

Members of Corvette Club of Texas:

A committee of CCT members met recently to discuss possible activities for 2005. We determined that there are a wide variety of opportunities that will be available including car shows, scenic drives, parades, charity events, social activities, and swap meets. It should be a very exciting year for all CCT members who like to be involved.

To turn the attached "idea list" into a "reality list," we need your support in both interest and planning. Our event success in 2005 depends on the participation of "all" members, not just a few.

The only event that is currently in the planning stage at this point is the Possum Kingdom Mardi Gras Parade at Possum Kingdom

Lake. This event is being organized now Mary Wolters has taken the leadership for this first event. We have participated in this event for the past few years and always had a good time. The date is Saturday, February 26th, and is an all day event. More information will be distributed regarding this activity at the meeting but briefly, it is a day that starts with a 2 hour Corvette Caravan tour to Possum Kingdom Lake, lunch at Lumpy's BBQ, a period of time to shine and decorate the Vette's for the Parade, the Parade and then even a dinner on the way home from the Parade.

Also, you will note on the event calendar that the annual AutoRama Car Show in Dallas at Market Hall is on Feb. 11-13. I have heard from a few members that might be interested in going to this car show where a variety of Rods, Customs, Corvettes, Trucks, and Motorcycles are shown. Our club president, Mitch Factor, suggested that we set a time on Saturday, February 12th, at 10:00 AM for those that would like to meet at the AutoRama main front entrance for those interested in joining. (If you arrive late, please call Mitch on his cell phone at 214-212-5787 and he will tell you how to hook up while we are there.) After we see the displays, if there is interest, we can decide to go to lunch someplace.

On the next page are any number of activities that we can do as a club, in large groups or small groups.

<b>2005 CCT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR</b>
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## Corvette Club of Texas

### 2005 Calendar of Events

Month	Event	Location	Dates
<b>January</b>	NONE		
<b>February</b>	AutoRama Car Show	Dallas, TX. (Market Hall)	Feb. 11-13
	Mardi Gras Parade	Possum Kingdom Lake, TX.	Feb. 26
<b>March</b>	Fort Worth Rod and Custom Show	Fort Worth, TX. (Amon Carter Exhibit Hall)	Mar. 4-6
	All Chevy Car Show	Killeen, TX. (Killeen Special Events)	Mar. 12
<b>April</b>	Texas Corvette Association Car Show	Boerne, TX.	Apr. 16
	Red Poppy Festival	Georgetown, TX. (Parade and car show)	TBD
	National Corvette Museum C5/C6 Birthday Bash	Bowling Green, KY.	Apr. 21-23
	33rd Annual Pate Swap Meet	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)	Apr. 28 - May 1
<b>May</b>	Annual AER Auto, Rod, Truck, and Motorcycle Show	Carrollton, TX. (3420 Wyley Post Road)	May. 7
	Speedway Children's Charity Laps	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)	May. 14
	Lone Star Corvette Classic	Fort Worth (Texas Motor Speedway)	May 14-16
	Granbury Basket Building Event for TMS	Granbury, TX. (Bob Mischels Home)	TBD

## June

Open Car Show	Boerne, TX.	Jun 3-5
Big Daddy Car Show	Addison, TX. (SE Corner of Beltline and Toll Road)	Jun 14-15
Forever Free Car Show & Chili Cook-Off	McKinney, TX.	Jun.28

## July

4th of July Parade (Tentative)	Trophy Club, TX.	TBD
4th of July Parade with Cowtown Vettes (Tentative)	Fort Worth, TX.	TBD
Angel Fire Week (Tentative)	Angel Fire, NM.	Jul 2-10

## August

Corvettes at the Diamond	Round Rock, TX.	TBD
Corvettes at Carlisle Classic	Carlisle, PA.	TBD
Cowtown Vettes 4th Annual All Corvette Show	Arlington, TX. (Hulen Mall)	TBD

## September

Wichita Corvette Roundup	Wichita Falls, TX.	TBD
Southwest Swap Meet	Arlington, TX. (Ball park)	TBD
Good Guys Car Show	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)	Sep 30-Oct 1

## October

Eureka Springs Corvette Show	Eureka Springs, AR.	TBD
CCT Autocross Annual Event	Sherman, TX. (Airport)	Oct. 8th
Waco NCRS Corvette Show	Waco, TX.	Oct. 20-22

## November

Fun Walk on the Track	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)	TBD
Wimberley Weekend Corvette Cruise (Tentative)	Wimberley, TX.	TBD

## December

CCT Christmas Party	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor	Dec. 3
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	Speedway)	
Allen Christmas Parade	Allen, TX.	TBD
Festival of Lights Corvette Trip (Tentative)	Natchitoches, LA.	Dec. 9-11

**TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE**

Quarter	Maintainer
January -April	
April - July	
July - October	
October -January	

**CCT APPAREL, etc, FOR SALE**

Mary usually has these items for sale prior to our monthly business meeting. Come a little early and pick out what you need. Proceeds benefit the Club

CT WINDOW FLAGS \$11	REPLACEMENT FLAGS \$10
STATIC CLINGS LARGE \$ 6 SMALL \$1	U.S. or TEXAS FLAG \$5 ea. or Two for \$8
TEXAS SHIRT \$35	TEXAS LIGHT WEIGHT JACKET \$55

Photos of most of these items can be found on our web page

**2005 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT SIGN UP**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Host</b>
January	Mitch & Carol Factor
February	Carl & Jackie Arbogast
March	Ben & Billie Loflin
April	Joe & Gail Carrion
May	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
June	
July	
August	Dennis & Patti Bertwell
September	Bob & Paula Mischel
October	
November	

## 2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

2005:

### AUTOMOTIVE SPECIAL EVENTS CALANDER 2005

#### CAR SHOWS, SWAP MEETS/AUCTIONS & RACING

- Feb 25 –27 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Auto Swap Meet, Sheriff's Posse Grounds, Hwy 51 S. [wcaac@nws.net](mailto:wcaac@nws.net)
- Feb 26 - 27 Corvette/Chevy Expo, George Brown Convention Center, Houston [chevycorvettexpo.com](http://chevycorvettexpo.com)
- March 4 –6 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Ft. Worth Rod & Custom Car/Motorcycle Show, Will Rogers Exhibit bldg, 972-226-1315  
[txshowcar@aol.com](mailto:txshowcar@aol.com)
- March 12 All Chevy Car Show, Killeen
- April 1 - 3 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Greenville Swap Meet, Hunt Count Fairgrounds, Greenville 903-454-0438
- April 16 Texas Corvette Association Car Show, Borne
- April 21 – 23 National Corvette Museum annual C5/C6 Bash, Bowling Gree, KY
- Apr 28 – May 1 Pate Swap Meet and Car Corral @ the Texas Motor Speedway, I-35 at exit 72, Ft. Worth, Tx [www.pateswapmeet.com](http://www.pateswapmeet.com)
- May 7 Annual AER Auto, Rod, Truck & Motorcycle Show, 3420 Wyley Post Rd, Carrollton
- May 14 Speedway Children's Charity Laps for Charity at Texas Motor Speedway, 6 - 10 PM, I-35 at exit 72, Ft. Worth [www.speedwaycharites.org](http://www.speedwaycharites.org)
- June 9 Speedway Children's Charity Life in the Fast Lane Condo Tour, Texas Motor Speedway, I-35 at exit 72, Ft. Worth [www.speedwaycharites.org](http://www.speedwaycharites.org)
- July 17-22 NCRS National Convention, Park City, Utah
- Sep 1 – 4 Corvette Celebration, Bowling Green, KY [corvettemuseum.com](http://corvettemuseum.com)
- Sep 29 - Oct 1 2005 Pace Car Reunion, Bowling Green, KY [corvettemuseum.com](http://corvettemuseum.com)
- Sept 30 Oct 1 –2 GoodGuys 13<sup>th</sup> Lone Star Nationals, Texas Motor Speedway, I-35 at exit 72 Ft. Worth [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com)
- Sept 10 Speedway Children's Charity Laps for Charity at Texas Motor Speedway, 6 - 10 PM, I-35 at exit 72 Ft. Worth [www.speedwaycharites.org](http://www.speedwaycharites.org)
- Oct 20 – 2 2 Texas NCRS 2005 Regional Meet, '53 – '89 Corvette Judging and Show in Waco, Tx

**NCCC Southwest Region Events** [www.ncrs.com](http://www.ncrs.com)

See NCCC Event Calendar at <http://www.ncccsregion.org/>

**2005 Texas Motor Speedway Racing –Ft. Worth** [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com) 817-215-8500 (Qualifying is the day preceding each race)

- April 14** The Dallas Morning News Pole Day *NASCAR Busch Series*
- April 15** The Dallas Morning News Pole Day *NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series*  
Crown Royal IROC Race
- April 16** O'Reilly 300 *NASCAR Busch Series*
- April 17** Samsung/RadioShack 500 *NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series*
- June 9** 96.3 KSCS Qualifying Night  
*NASCAR Craftsman Truck & IRL IndyCar Series*
- June 10** Fort Worth 400k *NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series*
- June 11** Texas 100 *Menards Infiniti Pro Series*  
Bombardier 500k *IRL IndyCar Series*
- November 3** Qualifying *NASCAR Craftsman Truck & NASCAR Busch Series*
- November 4** Qualifying *NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series*  
Silverado 350k *NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series*
- November 5** O'Reilly Challenge *NASCAR Busch Series*
- November 6** Dickies 500 *NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series* Dallas Morning News Pole Day *NASCAR Buries*

**Texas Raceway – Kennedale** 817-483-0356/483-8410

**Texas Motorplex Racing – Ennis [texasmotorplex.com](http://texasmotorplex.com)**

- April 29- May 1 NHRA Lucas Oil Racing Series
- May 20 –22 Super Chevy Show
- Sept 22 – 25 O'Reilly Fall Nationals

**Weekly & Monthly Events:**

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 cruises at Restaurants are typically hosted during the summer months only.

- Every Wednesday Test-N-Tune, April - October, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536
- Every Thursday Street Night Drags, April - October, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0356
- Every Thursday Cruise at Sammy Walker's Bar-B-Que on Dalrock Rd, one block South of Hwy 66, 7 pm, Hosted by the Rowlett Cruise Knights and Rods & Relics, Rockwall
- Every Friday Buz Post Fun-N-Grudge, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536
- Every Saturday ET Points Racing, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536

- 1st Saturday Show & Shine Hosted by Vought Car Club, April thru Oct at 5 -9 PM, \$10 Auto Entry Fee, Sonic Drive In, I-20 & Greater Southwest Hiway, Grand Prairie 972-723-1506
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Pals & Gals Classic Cruisers, Burger Box, 7700 Glenview Dr, Richland Hills, TX 76180, March thru October 5:30 – 8:30 PM, \$6 Registration, Contact Bill Trussell, 817-222-0556 or Rickey Dickey, 817-428-0865.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday North Texas Mustang Club Cruise @ Cracker Barrel, 35E @ Fox Avenue Exit, 889 South Stemmons Freeway, West Side Frontage Rd, 5:00 – 8:30 PM, Lewisville
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Extreme Corvettes Cruise Night 5 – 9 PM @ Ezs Brick Oven, NW corner 190 & Coit, Plano
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Cruisers Club of Cedar Hill Car Show @ Whataburger, FM 1382 & 67 in Cedar Hill, Bobby Knight at 972-291-3837
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday The Camaro and Firebird Car Club and Chuck's Lewisville location, 2267 I-35, north of Vista Ridge Mall, registration 5-7 PM, awards 8:30PM, \$10 entry fee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Late Great Chevy's of Dallas 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise Night 2003 in Old Downtown Carrollton on Broadway, 6 – 9 PM, Open to All Models \$5 entry fee, April – October , [www.oldcarrollton.com](http://www.oldcarrollton.com)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Christian Classic Cruisers and North Hills Mall, Loop 820 & Hwy 26, April and October shows 5 – 9 PM, May through September shows 6 – 9 PM. \$10 to register 817-379-5484 or 817-944-6615 [www.christian-c-cruisers.com](http://www.christian-c-cruisers.com)

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## 2005 CCT MEETINGS

**Corvette Club of Texas (CCT) Monthly Membership Meetings are Every Third Friday of the Month, 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet, 2754 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. All Visitors and Corvette Owners are Welcome.**

**Following each CCT monthly membership meeting, a CCT after club social event is hosted by a CCT Member(s), starting at approximately 8:30 p.m.**

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## Ed Page

It is my intent to publish the Newsletter every month. I will try to have a Web version ready for publication by the end of the first week of each month. In order to meet my own expectations, here's what I need from you.

Each chairperson (Activities, Charity, any officer or other wanting to have something published) should have newsletter articles ready by the fifth workday of each new month.

Anybody can submit articles for publication. I will not edit for grammar, word choice, punctuation or other stuff I know nothing about. I might simply decide something warrants additional commentary, or needs to be shortened (I can't imagine lengthened). Otherwise it will be included in the publication as received.

Articles should be in Microsoft Word format. If you have photos, they should be digital and in JPG format. All articles, files, photos, etc, should be sent to the editor via e-mail as an attachment. Call me if you have questions.

Due to costs of printing and mailing, complete printed versions of the Newsletter have not been distributed. Some people will have not received prior issues. We are exploring less costly alternatives.