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Things to do this month-

- Wash and wax the 'vette! Tidy up the garage. Take down the Christmas decorations.
- See ya' at the January meeting (January 21, 2005!), Friendly Chevrolet, 7:30



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

"Save the Wave"



Presidents Prerogative

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Last year was a great year with lots of changes.

I want to start by thanking every one for their support throughout the year.

My goals for last year were:

- Update our website
- Increase our membership
- Have an additional fundraiser i.e. a car show, proceeds of which will help to offset the cost of our Christmas party so that it could be catered.
- Have more participation from our membership at club functions

Well.... three out of four is not all that bad. Maybe we will keep the car show as one of the clubs goals for 2005.

Congratulations are in order for the following new Officers and Board Member:

- Mitch Factor - President
- Carole Factor - Vice President
- Mel Roggenbuck - Treasurer
- Jeanette Bradley - Secretary
- Bob Mischel – Board Member

This year should bring many opportunities for participation in various activities such as the NCCC Convention in Orlando, what seems to be our annual outing to Possum Kingdom for the Mardi Gras parade, The Poppy Seed festival, Hot Springs Corvette weekend and Eureka Springs Corvette weekend , just to name a few.

Remember every time you meet a fellow Vette owner ask them to come and visit our club.

Thanks and as always “*Save the Wave*“

Joe Carrion

New Year's Greetings From Mitchell Factor, President of CCT, 2005

As we look forward to the New Year, we should be proud of our accomplishments in 2004. Day trips, weekend trips, our success with the 2004 CCT Roundup, the award presented to our club for contributions to the children's charity...these are just a few that come to mind. Many of these events will be repeated in 2005, and the focus will be on increasing the participation of our members. There is an opportunity for every single member to contribute something to the success of our club. If you don't want to participate by hosting or participating in even one club event or activity you might ask yourself, *why am I a member of CCT?*

There is also no reason we should not have 100% participation in our one annual event, the CCT Roundup. The Roundup may be restructured as a one-day event this year. It's a great fundraiser for us and every member should contribute some time to help make it successful this year.

Many of the past meetings have been purely business meetings. We got a little side tracked and forgot about the fun we are supposed to be having because of our common interest in Corvettes. We will try to add some fun in 2005 by endeavoring to bring you some things of interest as Corvette owners i.e., maybe some speakers, movies, vendors, etc. We have done this in the past and enjoyed it.

Our charity work is something we can be especially proud of. We have much to look forward to this year. Let's make this a year to have fun and increase the participation of the whole club. ***Let's do away with the 20% rule: 20% of the members doing 100% of the jobs.***

I look forward to serving as your president this year.

Mitchell Factor

Front and Center.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and this picture speaks volumes about CCT's involvement in the community. Special Kudo's to Mary and Paul Wolter for driving so many of these activities.





Soaring Through 2005 With The Snow Goose

The year 2004 is the year of the Snow Goose. Perhaps that may seem strange to you as a subject for a New Year's letter. But stay with me.....this might make sense if you can persevere long enough to read this in its entirety (at this point, you may pitch this in nearest trash can or shredder if you have a short attention span).

The Snow Goose is a beautiful white bird, with black wing tips. They fly in formations as large as 20,000 to 30,000 to their northern nesting grounds just as the snow and ice begin to melt in the spring, and they return when the snow begins to fall in the autumn. Each goose helps to break the air for those following behind. Out of respect for the elders in the group, they allow those that have lived the longest to have first choice of their nesting spots along the journey. They make a strong impression on humans as they soar through the north wind overhead, because of their beauty, precision, and "honking" noise.

So what does all this have to do with the New Year? Well, I have been reading the Medicine Wheel, a book about Native American philosophy, that stresses that all things on earth are related, and therefore, need to be in harmony as we rely on God. This is not some mystical, new age belief system. The teachings convey how the Native Americans learned to live each day to the fullest while in contact with God and the beauty of Nature.

I have learned from the Snow Goose to keep traveling on our sometimes difficult journey and not get stuck or bogged down in one position, using this as an excuse for not being all we can be. Oh, I know, you are saying to yourself right now that you couldn't care less about a philosophical lesson. You're tired and irritable from all the holiday stress. But picture the color of the Snow Goose and how it relates to the New Year. White is the sum of all colors although it appears to have no color at all. White is symbolic of all that is new and sparkling – the promise of Life to come from the birth of Christ.

So as I read about the Snow Goose, I saw an image of one goose in particular that was having great difficulty making his journey. This goose couldn't accept that migration was part of his life. He wondered why he had to leave his warm home and fly hundreds of miles in the cold north wind every year. His feathers would get more and more ruffled as he got angrier and angrier about his life, and this caused him to struggle fiercely against the force of the wind. He got more tired than the others and grew bitter. But still, he had to make the journey anyway, just like the others. Accepting some things as they are sure makes life easier. That's the lesson for me to carry into 2005.

Try to watch as many sunsets as you can in 2005, and you may catch a glimpse of the Snow Goose as it moves with the north wind across the evening sky. If you see one that seems to be struggling, send him a special prayer.

Carol Factor
Vice President, Corvette Club of Texas
December 30, 2004

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

Our annual Christmas party served as our monthly Membership meeting for December. Our next meeting is January 21st.

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

Informative information provided by Joann Powdrill, Governor:

Governor's Report

This is a slow time of year for NCCC news but soon things will get rolling. In the meantime check out your latest copy of Blue Bars. On page 49 one of our members "Keith Amendson" is pictured at the 2004 NCCC Convention in Las Vegas. Also on page 16 of the same issue you will see where CCT came in 11th in the Newsletter Contest. (Thanks to editors Paul & Mary). The contest was based on the first half of the year. At the Christmas party I think Mary challenged Jim Adams to do the same or better for 2005. So help Jim out send him your best material and see if CCT can win again.

Joann

WHY NCCC?

The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) was founded as an all volunteer, non-profit organization in 1959 by a small group of Corvette owners/enthusiasts!

The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with the use of the Corvette!

The Competition Program is administered at the National level. This is a major **BENEFIT** to Member Clubs. The purpose is to encourage interactivity between individual Clubs within NCCC. The largest single **BENEFIT** most obvious is the insurance program provided by K&K Insurance Company, which is a third party insurance; covering ALL MEETINGS, SOCIALS, CARAVANS, CAR SHOWS and COMPETITION EVENTS. Below is an abbreviated listing of the coverage under this policy:

"Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit"	\$1,000,000.00
"Personal and Advertising Injury Limit"	\$1,000,000.00
"Each Occurrence Limit"	\$1,000,000.00
"Fire Damage Limit" (any one fire)	\$ 300,000.00
"Medical Expense Limit" (any one person) (various locations)	\$ 5,000.00

COVERAGE	COMPOSITE RATE
Non-competitive Event Liability	Per Member
Rallye Event Liability	Per Event
Competitive Event Liability	Per Event

(This does not cover travel to and from supervised, insured, sponsored events)

2005 MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

The next CCT monthly board meeting will be 7:30 PM Monday, January 10th, 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 (2nd 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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome New Members

Our first new members for the 2005 are:

Kevin and Marilyn O'Neill
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Boerne, TX
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2001 Red Corvette

ACTIVITIES REPORT-Things to Do

Activities are what we are all about. Ben Loflin has served admirably in the capacity of Activities Chair this past year. Now we need new blood to pick up this torch, so to speak. At the January meeting we will be discussing opportunities for fun and excitement in 2005. Come with your best ideas. Lets put together a Grand calendar this year.

If you missed it!

Caravan to Natchitoches

Around 8:30 AM. Dec. 10th, A Friday , and with each car equipped with a survival/goodie bag courtesy of Gail [A real nice touch Gail], 5 Corvettes left north Dallas via I-20 headed for Louisiana to view the Christmas lights and witness the spectacular display of fireworks put on each year by the quaint town of Natchitoches.

Since Billie and I live in Bedford, we merged into the caravan [thank you James & JoAnn] as it left Terrell...Now, our 6 sparkling Corvettes in the morning sun, A beautiful sight! We stopped in Shreveport for lunch, drawing some admiring lookers around the cars. Back on the Interstate headed to our final destination, Natchitoches. Due to some type of spill having occurred on the interstate, it was closed until further notice. We were diverted to Louisiana 1, there was a distinct reason for naming this road, Highway 1. I feel it actually was the first 2 lane road built in Louisiana where cars going in opposite directions, could pass without crashing, if they were real careful! Not much has been done to it since it was built. However, we did get to see some beautiful backwoods scenery with moss-covered trees, bayou's and one very old gas station.

Upon arriving at our New Orleans style downtown hotel we were greeted with a friendly staff who helped us get settled into our rooms. The hotel had recently gone thru a refurbishing and everything worked perfectly. Cars 7, 8, & 9 had now arrived and we all were ready to go to dinner. After a fun filled evening of dining at the famous Mariners Sea Food, the 9 corvettes were parked behind a gated parking lot adjacent to the hotel. At 12:02 AM, a Corvette alarm went off, first reaction was to call downstairs and ask " what color"? It turned out to be a Chevy parked on the street by the hotel.



Saturday was a special day as so much activity was happening. People pouring into town to witness the festivities, rides on trolley cars day and night with a college student at the wheel narrating the points of interest [there were many] much conversation about the movie "Steel Magnolia's" which was filmed here.

Sunday morning everyone met in the lobby, enjoyed breakfast and started planning their day. Some cars wanted to visit some of the old mansions, some wanted to head home, others wanted to stop by Marshall Pottery, and another wanted to go to the casino. . So with farewell hugs and good-byes we departed in a variety of directions with everyone getting home safely.

Thanks to Joe and Gail for an excellent trip. This year is rapidly coming to an end and I want to thank all of you for helping me, guiding providing and me support in the role as Activity Director. Billie and I will be going on trips this coming year, but prefer someone else as the Activity Director. I feel this position should be passed around to achieve maximum participation and variety for the CCT members. Remember our Membership Meeting on January 21st. This is where it all starts for the coming year!.....Regards.....Ben Loflin

And another report on Nat

Although Carolyn and I started out with the gang on Sunday morning, we had a change of heart and decided to go back and drive through the plantation area. We took LA 1, LA 119 and a couple of other routes down, and around, the Cane Lake. It was a nice patch of asphalt for driving and sightseeing. We saw many of the antebellum plantations. A few were open to the public but most were still private residences. However, none of them were "Tara" as near as I could see. They were all very interesting and the drive was scenic, but back here in Texas they would just be called ranches. They don't hold a candle to South Fork!

We then decided to head back to Plano via Nagadoches. We took LA 6 across to Big Bend, then up Texas 23 to Nagadoches (the other twin brother to Natchitoches). T 23 is a road we should keep in mind for future drives. It is a winding, well maintained, scenic, and posted at 70mph! I did my best to stay at or slightly above the speed limit, but at times I even thought it was a little too over-the-top. We continued up T23 to Alto, Texas where it intersects with US 69. Had a late lunch at the Dairy Queen (can always count on the DQ!) then up 69 to I20 at Tyler, and on home. Got back about 6pm.

It was an unusually pleasant day, weather wise. Sun was high, sky was bright blue and temps in the 70's. I'd like to make that drive in the early Fall sometime.

Joe and Gail. You guys did a great job at putting this whole thing together. We really appreciate it. A big Thanks and round of applause from Jim and Carolyn!!





At the top of this newsletter is an award presented to CCT for its participation and support of the Speedway charities. Below are several photos of the toy drive and award.





2005 CCT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Month	Drive/Eat	Socials/Charity	Other Events
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

sign up sheet. the best slots are still available

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

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

Pick your spot

2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

2005:

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

July 17-22 NCRS National Convention, Park City, Utah

Oct 20 – 22 Texas NCRS 2005 Regional Meet, '53 – '89 Corvette Judging and Show in Waco, Tx

NCCC Southwest Region Events www.ncrs.com

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

October 23, 24 CCO (14 events) Oklahoma City

November 12, 13 National Governor's Meeting St. Louis

2005 Texas Motor Speedway Racing – Ft. Worth 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

Sept 24- 26 O'Reilly NHRA Fall Nationals

Oct 31 Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge XXVII Entry \$30 972-878-2641, Gates open @ 8 AM

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.

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| 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 6 th thru Oct 2nd at 5 -9 PM, \$10 Auto Entry Fee, Sonic Drive In, I-20 & Greater Southwest Hiway, Grand Prairie 972-723-1506 |
| 1 st 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 st 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 st Saturday | Extreme Corvettes Cruise Night 5 – 9 PM @ Ezs Brick Oven, NW corner 190 & Coit, Plano |
| 2 nd Saturday | Cruisers Club of Cedar Hill Car Show @ Whataburger, FM 1382 & 67 in Cedar Hill, Bobby Knight at 972-291-3837 |
| 2 nd 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 nd Saturday | Late Great Chevy's of Dallas 13 th Annual Cruise Night 2003 in Old Downtown Carrollton on Broadway, 6 – 9 PM, Open to All Models \$5 entry fee, April 12 ^h – October 11 th , www.oldcarrollton.com |
| 3 rd 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 |

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.