

# VETTE SETTE

Newsletter of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A Big Year for Corvette and the USA 1969**

Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins were aboard Apollo 11 and en-route to man's first Moon landing on July 18, 1969 build date of this Corvette convertible.

With nearly 40,000 cars produced, this was an outstanding year for Corvette. 1969 was the first year for the 350 cubic inch displacement engine in Corvette. This Cortez Silver vehicle was equipped with the L-46 option. It got an upgraded 350 engine with 350 horsepower and 380 foot pounds of torque. This vehicle was equipped with the Muncie M-21 four-speed transmission that was often referred to as the rock crusher.

With a matching engine number, the only thing keeping this Corvette from being in factory condition appears to be the later model Corvette cassette player with amp.

The vehicle is used for pleasure cruises, car shows and has been to a driver training session or two.

If you have a classic Corvette show it off. Bring it to an event or tell me about the vehicle. You could be in a Corvette Club newsletter.

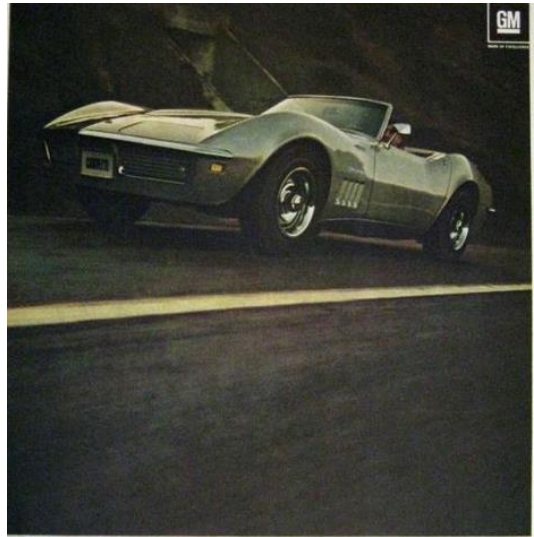
Enjoy your Corvette today,

Steve






Buzz Aldrin exiting his 1969 Corvette on July 9, 1969



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wind-in-the-face feel of a convertible whether you pick the one above or the Sting Ray Coupe (with its unique removable roof panels and rear window). It figures Corvette

is the only genuine sports car built in America. One like this is enough to discourage anybody else from even trying.



**Putting you first keeps us first**

## April Meet-n-Eat

The Real Café, 2851 W Edmond Rd, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Email or text Benna at [bennasharp@aol.com](mailto:bennasharp@aol.com) or 405-570-9591 if you plan to attend.

## Corvette Track Day at Hallett Motor Speedway Friday, May 12th

I spoke with the owner of Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. She is **probably** willing to conduct a Corvette track day on Friday, May 12th. This is the Friday before our National Council of Corvette Clubs sanctioned two-day event on Mother's Day weekend, May 13th and 14th. The determining factor is the number of participants. There must be at least 10 drivers willing to pay \$300. In addition, the drivers must hold either a high-speed-touring license from the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit or an NCCC high-speed license. If there are more participants, the price will go down. Fifteen drivers lowers the price to \$250.

In addition to the track day, she is willing to conduct a one-day driver's school for those that do not hold a high-speed license. The school will cost an additional \$50. There must be at least 3 students to conduct the school with a maximum of 5. Upon satisfactory completion of the school, the student will receive a high-speed license from the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. This is an accepted course to obtain a high-speed license from NCCC.

The event will be conducted under the rules of the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Long pants, closed toe shoes and long sleeves are required attire. Run groups will consist of a maximum of 5 vehicles.

The determining factor is the number of committed drivers. If you want to attend the track day or the school with the track day, please notify Connie at [connie@hallettracing.net](mailto:connie@hallettracing.net).

This is very similar to what we have done in the past and a good time has been had by all. See you there...

Enjoy your Corvette today,

Steve

### Corvette Trivia

The 1953 Corvette was offered in any color you wanted . . . as long as it was Polo White with Red interior.

1962 was the last of the solid real axle Corvettes and the last year for the power top on the convertible.

The rear view mirror in the 1974 Corvette was increased to a width of 10 inches.

For the first time since 1954, in 1982 you could not order a Corvette with a manual transmission.

The 1996 LT4 exhaust system differs from the LT1 system in that it incorporates a balance tube designed to reduce vibration and noise levels.

A six-speed paddle shift automatic transmission was introduced as an option in 2006.



**GOVERNOR'S REPORT** ----- The Oklahoma City Corvette Club/ Corvette Club of OKC has a combined Membership of 92.

**Nationally:** 2017 National Convention will be held in Bowling Green, KY. August 21-25<sup>th</sup>. Registration is currently open and you can sign up thru the NCCC website.

For clubs that want to start 1/8 mile drag events, they will have factored indexes of .64. (1/4 mile time x .64) Sea level correction will still be adjusted.

The new C7 Grand Sport will continue to compete in class N with the supercharged Z06's. Time will tell if there will be a separate class for drag events but as of right now, they're together.

#### **News from the regional level:**

The SW region has a new club: Contraband Corvette Performance Drivers with a majority of its members from the Lake Charles area.

The SW region competition calendar is on the regions website. Check the dates and make yourself available.

The first autocross of the season will be in Waco April 1-2 at the Baylor Stadium parking lot.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is Texas Motor Speedway and the event flyer is now available on the SW region website. The event will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The early registration deadline and the BEST price is April 15<sup>th</sup> (Tax Day).

Hallet on May 13&14<sup>th</sup> will now have a Friday play day the 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the track. They must have at least 10 entries for it to be available. Must have long pants and long sleeves and closed toe shoes. The track will be providing a driving school for an additional \$50 dollars. (Must have 3 students with a maximum of 5). Completion of the school will allow you to compete that weekend. To attend the Friday play day you must contact the track- [connie@hallettracing.net](mailto:connie@hallettracing.net). If she gets 10 entries the cost will be \$300, 15 at \$250, and 20 entries at \$200 (20 is the max).

May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial weekend will be our event, 7 Low speeds at the Edmond Fire Dept. training center and 3 Drag events at Thunder Valley. This is in our backyard so PLEASE attend and show everyone why we're #1 in the region.

See ya, Paul

### **Spring/Summer 2017 Car Shows**

April 1, 2017 (Saturday) – Enid Corvette Expo. Chisholm Trail Expo Center, 111 W. Purdue Avenue, Enid, OK. Hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Early Entry is Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information: Email – [Corvettesofenid.com](mailto:Corvettesofenid.com)

May 19-21, 2017 (Friday-Sunday) Lone Star Corvette Club. Texas Motor Speedway in Ft. Worth, TX. Friday is autocross, Saturday is car show, Sunday is oval track and road course. For more information: Email: [www.loanstarcorvetteclub.com](http://www.loanstarcorvetteclub.com)

June 3, 2017 (Saturday) – Central Oklahoma Corvette Club Roundup. Hafer Park in Edmond, OK. For more information: Email: [www.centraloklahomacorvetteclub.org](http://www.centraloklahomacorvetteclub.org)

June 10, 2017 (Saturday) – NCCO Corvette Show. Grand Casino, 777 Grand Casino Blvd., Shawnee, OK. Hours are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information call 405-882-6908.

June 24, 2017 (Saturday) – Edmond LibertyFest Open Car Show. Hafer Park in Edmond, OK. Hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information: Email – [LibertyFest.org](http://LibertyFest.org)



**Sam Noble Museum of Natural History** was the setting for our March Meet-n-Eat. Lots of interesting things going on at the museum. The Exhibits were great and very educational.

**Hall of Ancient Life:** Life in Oklahoma has existed for quite a long time, over 4 billion years, to be exact. The Segfried Family Hall of Ancient Life is a detailed gallery of life including plant, rock and dinosaurs.



**Hall of Natural Wonders:** Oklahoma boasts the fourth-highest biodiversity of any of the 50 United States. Some of the unique habitats that make this diversity possible are featured in the Noble Drilling Corporation Hall of Natural Wonders.



**Hall of the People of Oklahoma:** The McCasland Foundation Hall of the People of Oklahoma traces the 30,000-year of the Native people of the state. The entry walls are covered in handprints made by representatives from 26 of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized tribes.



We ended our day with dinner at Sooner Legends Restaurant. We had a good time with great friends. Great job Benna for setting up such a fun event.

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## “GAME-ON TOP 25ish”

1	Glenda Brown	110	12TIE	Steve Moore	60
2	Joe Szijarto	105	12TIE	Pat Pierre	60
3TIE	Debbie Collins	90	12TIE	Russell Smith	60
3TIE	Benna Sharp	90	16TIE	Richard Huff	50
5TIE	Alan Brown	85	16TIE	Brett Ruston	50
5TIE	Steve Pistole	85	18	Ed Onley	45
5TIE	Charles Sharp	85	19	Paul Stewart	40
8	Jan Szijarto	80	20TIE	Gene Holtz	35
9	Ron McCubbin	75	20TIE	Mark Reichardt	35
10	Lewis Crowder	70	20TIE	Stuart Lucas	35
11	Marvin Matzinger	65	23TIE	Lu McCubbin	30
12TIE	Marilyn Moore	60	23TIE	Donna Onley	30
			23TIE	Bob Schneider	30
			23TIE	Carol Smith	30

### **Beginning of the YEAR Membership Point Standings as of March 16, 2017.**

We're still bunched-up with the point standings - but that should change soon with the competition about to get underway - start making your plans before the action gets too involved.

Please check the web-site Calendar & News-Letter for future club activities.

Joe Szijarto - aka Buttercup




## 2017 Southwest Region Competition Schedule

DATE	LOCATION / MAP	EVENT
04/1-2	TBD	14 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◇
4/22-23	TBD	1st Choice Events - TBD ◇
4/29-30	<a href="#">Ft Worth, TX</a>	<i>Texas Motor Speedway - 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend - 7 Low-Speed Events; 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i> ; Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning
4/29	<a href="#">Ft Worth, TX</a>	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ <a href="#">Hampton Inn</a>
5/5-6	St Louis, MO	<b>NATIONAL MEETINGS</b>
5/12-14	<a href="#">Hallett, OK</a>	<i>Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Oklahoma Thunder</i> Driving School / Track Day (non-sanctioned) Friday the 8 <sup>th</sup> - 7 High-Speed Events; 7? High-Speed Events ◇
5/27-28	<a href="#">OKC, OK</a> <a href="#">Noble, OK</a>	<i>Sheriff's Facility - 48th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; Thunder Valley in Noble - 3 Drag Events</i> - MT, Record & ET
6/3	<a href="#">Mansfield, TX</a>	<i>Fat Daddy's Bar &amp; Grill; Spring Scramble</i> , Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallies
6/24-25	<a href="#">OKC, OK</a>	<i>Sheriff's Facility; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i>
8/12-13	<a href="#">Cresson, TX</a>	<i>Motorsports Ranch - 1.3 Mile Lower Track; 14 Low-Speed Autocrosses</i> ◇
8/21-25	Bowling Green, KY	<b>NATIONAL CONVENTION 2017 &amp; NATIONAL MEETINGS</b>
	TBD	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD
9/2-3	<a href="#">Mineral Wells</a>	<i>Mineral Wells Heliport</i> 10 Low-Speed Autocross
9/8-9	St Louis, MO	<b>NATIONAL MEETINGS</b>
9/16-17	<a href="#">Kyle, TX</a>	<i>Central Texas Speedway; 10 Low-Speed Autocross</i>
9/23-24	<a href="#">Mineral Wells</a>	<i>Mineral Wells Heliport - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; 7 Low-Speed Autocross</i>
	TBD	4th SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD_
9/30-10/1	<a href="#">OKC, OK</a>	<i>Sheriff's Facility - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i> ◇
10/7-8	TBD	Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇
10/21-22	<a href="#">OKC, OK</a> <a href="#">Noble, OK</a>	<i>Sheriff's Facility - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i> ◇ <i>Thunder Valley in Noble - 3 Drag Events</i> - MT, Record & ET
11/10-11	St Louis, MO	<b>NATIONAL MEETINGS</b>



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gene Holtz	4/6
Sharon Gann	4/13

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04/01 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m. 04/1-2 14 LS Autocrosses, Waco, TX, Baylor Stadium, CTCC/MCCC 04/08 Meet-n-Eat, The Real Café, Edmond, Oklahoma 04/19 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 04-22-23 Classic Chevrolet, Grapevine TX, Car Show, Funkhana and Rallye - TOCC 04/29-30 TMS - 12 LS Autocross Events; Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning SWR Governor's meeting 	05/06 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m. 05/05-06 NCCC Meeting, St. Louis, MO 05/13-14 Hallett 05/17 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 05/27-28 OCCC Festival 7 LS 3 Drags 	06/03 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m. 06/03 Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill, Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana and 2 Rallyes (CTV, BRCC/CCT) 06/21 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 06/24-25 OKC, 14 LS (TVS/SCCC) Fire Training Facility 

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