

VETTE SETTE

Newsletter of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club

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57 Years of Tradition and Corvette Enjoyment

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Spring Mountain Corvette Owners School Review



I was fortunate to become the owner of a new Z06 Corvette a couple of months ago. Yes, it's as good as the magazines say. I also had the opportunity to attend the Ron Fellows Corvette owner's school at Spring Mountain Motor Resort in Pahrump, Nevada. With General Motors chipping in for the lions-share of the expense, for new C7 owners, my tuition was a thousand dollars. I was also eligible for a track promotion and got to stay two nights at the resort. When you make your reservation, they find out what kind of Corvette you purchased and reserve a similar vehicle.

Flights to Las Vegas are relatively inexpensive and Pahrump is an easy drive. About three turns after leaving the car rental center puts you on the road to Spring Mountain. Fifty-five smooth miles later, you reach the outskirts of Pahrump with Spring Mountain one of the first things you see. This is a first class facility in every measure. There are three road course tracks averaging 2 miles in length with plans to build a fourth. Security will check your reservation, get you a wristband and let you in the gate.

This is a well-maintained multi-million dollar facility with several two-story structures. Most of the buildings are condos with a large two-car garage on the first floor and a very well appointed room upstairs. The hallway in front of the rooms is wide with several tables and chairs for comfortable visits with your neighbors. My room also had a balcony with a view of the mountains. The clubhouse is just as nice with breakfast and lunch included.

Day one consists of familiarization and car control exercises. It starts out with a slalom course. The object being a big curvy S putting the rear very close to a cone. After one run, they block off the windshield and give you another shot. The classroom instruction to keep your head moving and look out the side windows really comes to mind. As with all the driving activities, an instructor is giving directions through a radio in the car.

They also conduct braking, ABS, traction control and steering with your feet drills. The C7 ABS is much more sophisticated than the previous generation's making it easier to turn and steer around obstacles at full lock.

The next day is mainly track time. They conduct lead follow exercises with the instructors in new Camaro. There were three or four cars behind the instructor with the follow cars changing position every few laps. They also trade instructors each session so you get a different point of view. Specific instruction given to build your skill and confidence. The faster you can go the faster the instructor goes. I could almost catch them through the esses.

Between track sessions, they review the driving modes, launch control and other car info. Both days are full with very limited down time. Safety is paramount in all activities. In addition to the lead instructor, other instructors are reviewing the overall track activities.

All the attendees enjoyed the experience, improved their driving skills and built their appreciation for a very well-engineered automobile.

Enjoy your Corvette today, Steve



February Meet-n-Eat

Paul's Place Steakhouse

Shawnee Ok

5:00 p.m., February 11th

Paulsplacesteakhouse.com

Meet at On Cue at I-240 & Sooner Road about 3:50 and we will have time to do a little cruise around Shawnee Bring your Valentine!

I must have RSVP at bennasharp@aol.com or 405-570-9591, for this one; they will have

♥Valentine s Day Crowd. We have a reservation for 25.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT ----- The Oklahoma City Corvette Club / Corvette Club of OKC has a combined Membership of 86. When the temperature goes up so will this number

From the national level: 2017 National convention will be held in Bowling Green, KY August 21-25. Registration is currently open and you can sign up thru the NCCC website.

News from the regional level: The 2016 Southwest region awards banquet hosted by Cowtown Corvette Club is on March 11 at the Fort Worth Stockyards. This is a pre-registration only event and must be postmarked by March 1. To the Top 10 Men and Ladies finalists, your entry is FREE paid for by the Region; but you still have to register.

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

Our High speed event will be at Hallet on May 13&14. Sorry no playday on Friday this time. With that said; before, those that wanted to attend and didn't have a high speed license could do so by attending Hallet's driving school on Friday and get their high speed license after completion. So, if you don't have a license and want to attend, please get with me as soon as possible so I can get you a license. You must have competed in at least 10 low speed autocrosses within 3 weekend events in the last 18 months to qualify. I have received 2 expired high-speed licenses from members already, so check your gloveboxes and see if yours will expire before May and let me know so I can get you current.

Currently we have no new updates about the Sheriff's track. We have the same dates scheduled with the Sheriff's and the Edmond Fire Department Training Facility so if we anything changes I'll let everyone know and we'll compete at the Sheriff's track.

See ya soon,
Paul

It's February and summer events are quickly approaching!

Here is a quick overview:

Mark your calendar and come celebrate and get to know members from across the Southwest Region. So, as they say on the flyer "Put on your boots and jeans and join us in the Fort Worth Stockyards". The Awards Banquet will be held at the Fort Worth Cowboy Hall of Fame, March 11, 2017. Cowtown Vettes is hosting this year's banquet, come support and celebrate Southwest Region members and competitors from across the region for a great evening of fellowship. Not to mention OCCC competitors and supporters have helped our club once again be recognized as #1 in Southwest Region. Here is the link for more detailed information:

<http://www.nccswregion.org/schedule.html>

Convention 2017, Bowling Green in '17 registration is now open. Here is the link for information: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/2017Convention/Convention2017.html>. This will be our 58th year of conventions. It's a great time to get to know others across the nation. Convention offers tours, cruises, golf, parties and competition, something for everyone. Click the link, take a look and make plans for August 21-25.

NCCC Raffle Program – All proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I have Raffle Car Tickets and Early Bird Tickets on hand and will have them at our club meeting Feb 18. Raffle tickets \$50.00 each plus Early Bird Tickets \$10 each, first drawing for early bird cash of \$250 will be held at National meeting Saturday, Feb 28. For more details: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/CharityRaffle.html>

For our new members, we do have a lot of opportunities to drive and enjoy your car. Whether it's a club cruise, meet-n-eat, local car show, region or national competition event, know that these events are hosted by volunteers who have the same interest as you... driving their Corvettes!

See you soon and Save the Wave! Oh yes....."Life IS Good"!

Jeannie



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Pierre	2/8
Larry Matthesen	2/12
Lu McCubbin	2/26
Christine Gann	2/26

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Corvette Trivia

The first five Corvettes to come off the assembly line did not have an outside rear view mirror.

The 1961 Corvette dropped the "round" nose emblem of previous years in favor of the word "Corvette" spelled out as individual letters.

1972 was the only year air conditioning was available with the LT1 engine and since only 240 were so equipped, this combination is a rare find today.




In 1981, Corvettes were produced with two different types of paint. Lacquer was applied at the St. Louis plant, and enamel was applied at the new Bowling Green plant.

July 2, 1992 marks the day when the one-millionth Corvette, a white convertible, rolled off the assembly line.

2004 marks the last of the extremely successful fifth generation Corvette and was celebrated with the special Commemorative Edition Corvettes in Lemans Blue with special badging, graphics and interior appointments.

2017 Southwest Region Competition Schedule

DATE	LOCATION / MAP	EVENT
2/25-26	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS
03/11-12	Ft. Worth, TX	SWR Awards Party & Banquet , hosted by <i>Cowtown Vettes</i> Banquet Registration Deadline: 3/1/17 (postmarked) Location: Cowboy Hall of Fame in the Ft Worth Stockyards Room & Cost: Holiday Inn Fossil Creek \$109+ tax BOOK ONLINE You can also book a room at the same rate for Friday night. They have a shuttle to the Stockyards if you prefer. Deadline 2/25/17 (block will be released) First SWR Governor's Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Holiday Inn in the Trinity III Room
04/1-2	TBD	14 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◇
4/22-23	TBD	1st Choice Events - TBD ◇
4/29-30	Ft Worth, TX	<i>Texas Motor Speedway - 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend - 7 Low-Speed Events; 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events; Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning</i>
4/29	Ft Worth, TX	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ Hampton Inn
5/5-6	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS
5/12-14	Hallett, OK	<i>Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Oklahoma Thunder</i> Driving School / Track Day (non-sanctioned) Friday the 8 th - 7 High-Speed Events; 7? High-Speed Events ◇
5/27-28	OKC, OK Noble, OK	<i>EFDTF - 48th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; Thunder Valley in Noble - 3 Drag Events</i> - MT, Record & ET
6/3	Mansfield, TX	<i>Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill; Spring Scramble</i> , Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallies
6/24-25	OKC, OK	<i>EFDTF; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i>
8/12-13	Cresson, TX	<i>Motorsports Ranch - 1.3 Mile Lower Track; 14 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◇</i>
8/21-25	Bowling Green, KY	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2017 & NATIONAL MEETINGS
	TBD	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD
9/2-3	Mineral Wells	<i>Mineral Wells Heliport 10 Low-Speed Autocross</i>
9/8-9	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS
9/16-17	Kyle, TX	<i>Central Texas Speedway; 10 Low-Speed Autocross</i>
9/23-24	Mineral Wells	<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	OKC, OK	<i>EFDTF - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events; 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇</i>
10/7-8	TBD	Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇
10/21-22	OKC, OK Noble, OK	<i>EFDTF - 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events</i> ◇ <i>Thunder Valley in Noble - 3 Drag Events</i> - MT, Record & ET
11/10-11	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<p>02/04 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>02/11 Meet-n-Eat Paul's Place Steakhouse, Shawnee, OK</p> <p>02/15 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>02/25-26 National Meeting – St. Louis, MO</p> 	<p>03/04 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>03/11-12 SWR Awards Banquet; SWR Governor's meeting</p> <p>03/15 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>04/01 Cars & Coffee 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>04/1-2 14 LS Autocrosses, TBD CTCC/MCCC</p> <p>04/19 Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>04-22-23 TBD – TOCC</p> <p>04/29-30 TMS - 12 LS Autocross Events; Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning SWR Governor's meeting</p> 

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