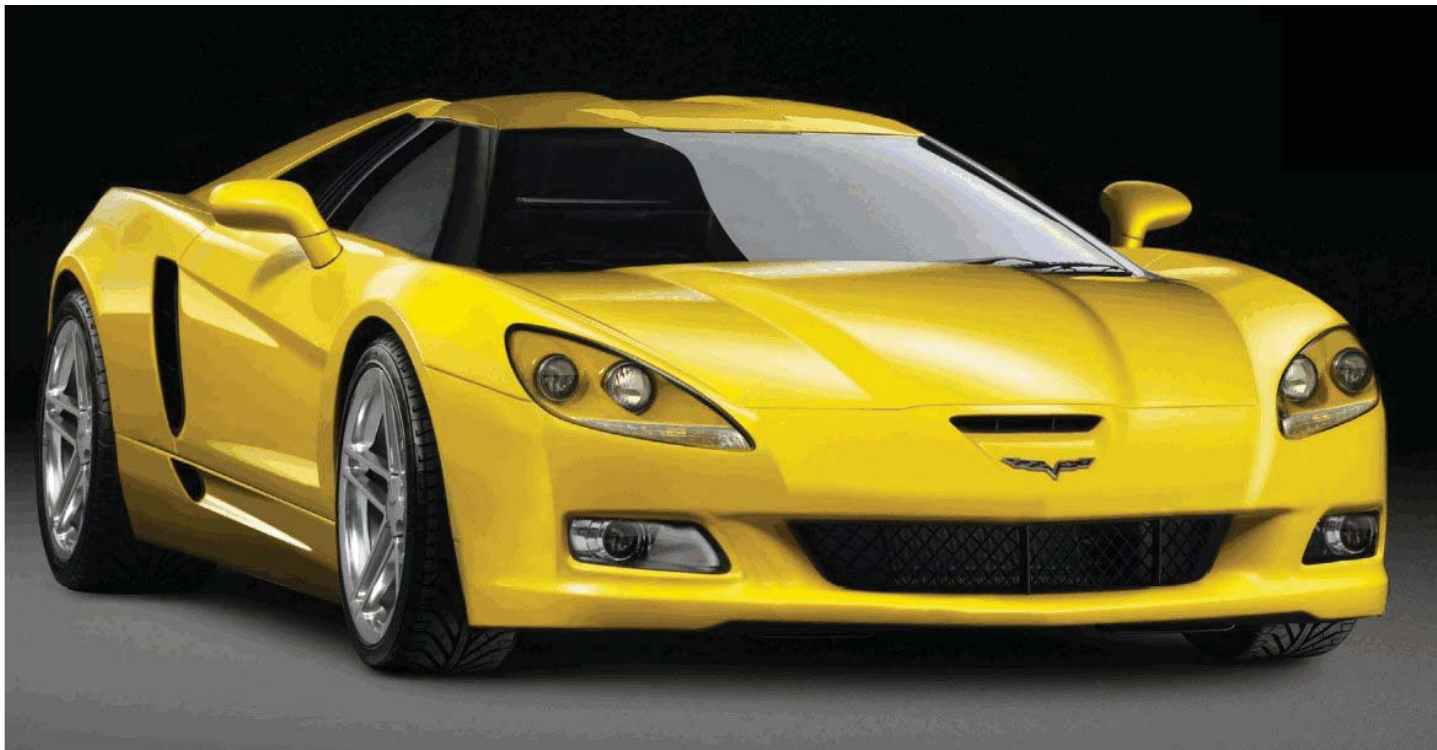


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**Meeting Information**

**Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)**

**Monthly Membership Meeting**

Held every third Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet, 2754 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. All members, visitors and Corvette owners are Welcome.

Following each CCT monthly 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 7:00 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

**From the Editor**

Traditionally the February issue is the thinnest one of the year, since we normally don't have a January club event. This year many of our members went to Costa Rica but are not going to be back in time to tell us about the trip. I'm looking forward to next month's coverage.

We were all surprised to see a good turnout at the January meeting since many of the most active members were basking in the sun on the aforementioned trip. We had over 20 members most of which joined us at the Dunston Steak House for a pleasant after meeting event, even though the service was slow because the restaurant was mobbed.

Vice President Roy Warnecke took over the virtual gavel from Mitch (who has the real gavel) and lead a nice, very short meeting that got us to dinner in a timely manner.

Joe Wagner

**Our Friendly Rep!**

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is unassigned. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give Friendly a call.

Also don't forget to contact Friendly when you are upgrading the family car for a new one!

In addition to their regular work schedule, Friendly representatives are always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting.

On the cover: Corvette C7? Well one of the many guesses at least. And one that may be pretty close because it is not a wide departure from the current C6.

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**President's Prerogative February 2012**



Carol and I just returned from a wonderful CCT trip to Costa Rica. The first order of business on Saturday night was Bob Stephens announcing his marriage to Mari. This was followed by a typical Costa Rican dinner and celebration at his house. The party also was attended by Mari's family and friends. A fun filled and interesting itinerary was planned by Bob for us and we were busy seeing the beauty and charm of Costa Rica for the entire week while finding time to relax too. However, I won't give away the details of the trip yet. I'm sure pictures and an article will be out soon for all to enjoy.

Thank you to Roy Warnecke for presiding at the January meeting in my absence. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Mitchell Factor

President, CCT

...and remember to

**Save the Wave!**

<b>2012 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE &amp; EAT SIGN UP</b>			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January 20	Roy & Susan Warnecke	July 20	
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Darlee &amp; Bob Kee</b>	August 17	Tom & Letty Grabos
March 16	Joe & Gail Carrion	September 21	
April 20	Sharon & Christian Norris	October 19	
May 18	Ken & Jeanette Bradley	November 16	
June 15		December	CCT Christmas Party

<b>2012 CLUB ACTIVITY SIGN UP</b>			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January	Bob Stephens	July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	

<b>TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP</b>	
Quarter	Maintainer
January 20 —April 19	Gail Carrion
April 20 - July 19	Margaret Brennan
July 20 - October 18	
October 19 –January 17, 2012	

**CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.  
JANUARY 20, 2012 MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

The meeting was brought to order by the Vice President, Roy Warnecke, at 7:30 PM, January 20, 2012. The December minutes, taken by Charles Whitaker, were approved as printed in the newsletter. The president, Mitch Factor, and several other officers and members were in Costa Rica on vacation so the election of new CCT board members will be delayed until next month.

The treasurer, membership chairman and NCCC governor were also on vacation.

Guests were welcomed: Christian Norris, grandson of Steve and Sharon Norris, and Brenda Brennan, daughter of Clint and Margaret Brennan.

The secretary read a thank you card from Margaret Brennan for the CCT's donation to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of her husband, Clint.

Roy passed around the sign-up sheets for this year's activities, trophy case cleaning and after-meeting dinners. If you decide you can host an event or any other activities, please let Mitch know of your plans and date of activity.

Tom Grabos thanked all the guys that came over to help him put on a soft top on his Corvette and work on getting his car back in running condition. He also thanked all the get well wishes he and his wife received from club members during their health problems.

Gene Whitaker conducted the raffle and thanked everyone for bringing so many gifts with such a small attendance. Charles Whitaker took pictures of the raffle winners and their gifts. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Everyone was invited to caravan to Dunston's Steak House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary



Margaret and Brenda Brennan

**January 2012 Meeting & Raffle**

By Charles Whitaker

The regular meeting of the Corvette Club of Texas was held on January 20, 2012 at Friendly Chevrolet with our vice president Roy Warnecke conducting the business. The pictures below show the people that attended the meeting. Many of our regular members were on a trip to Costa Rica and were absent from the meeting including our president so we appreciate Roy taking over for Mitch..



January Meeting Attendance

The Raffle Lady, Gene Whitaker, collected \$30 from selling tickets for the raffle. Each person who brought a gift for the raffle and each visitor got a free ticket. The 12 raffle prize-winners are pictured below with their prizes. I want to personally thank all of the people who brought prizes because it makes the meeting a lot of fun. As usual, a visitor won a prize, in fact he won four prizes. His name is Christian and he is the grandson of Sharon Norris.





Raffle Prizes

Our after meeting dinner was hosted by Roy & Susan Warnecke at Dunston's Steakhouse and most of the people that attended the club meeting were at the dinner.



**1956 Corvette Maintenance Project** by Paul Wolter

Since my retirement in March 2010 I've found myself doing so many things that I am busier now than when I worked at a paying job that provided benefits. Other retirees had warned me about being busier when retired and they were right! Although now I sleep later, do what I can each day, and there is always tomorrow finish the task if I don't get it done.



In mid 2011 removing the 4-speed transmission in our 1956 Corvette finally got to the top of my "to do" list. The transmission has been very hard to shift gears in the summer time when the temperatures are hot. This was the result of a previous owner's installation of incorrect clutch components & geometry causing the firewall to crack at the master cylinder and separate from the cowl plus possible transmission component wear. I added synthetic oil several years ago, and that seemed to help until last summer when the difficult shifting started re-occurring. The firewall needed repaired, and the all the clutch & linkage components needed rebuilding, replacing and realignment.

This was a good time to remove and rebuild the Muncie 4 speed transmission. Knowing that I want to take it occasionally to the Friday night car shows in southwest Arlington this summer and on occasional drives, I decided that it was time to remove the transmission, order a rebuild kit for the transmission, new clutch, resurface the flywheel, replace the original brake wheel cylinders, brake hoses, rebuild the brake master cylinder, re-bond the firewall, replace all the clutch linkage components and rebuild the clutch/brake pedal assembly.



It took me 2 ½ hours to put the Vette on jack stands, remove the drive shaft, remove the shifter linkage and pull the Muncie close-ratio 4 speed transmission...which I didn't think was too bad for a retiree. While I am waiting for the transmission rebuild kit to arrive I removed the bell housing (shown in the picture installed on the rear of the engine) and clutch assembly, checked the clutch disc, removed the flywheel and had it resurfaced, and replaced the throw out bearing.

I then cleaned and repainted the bell housing, transmission mounting bracket and drive shaft, then reinstalled everything back in the car and hopefully it will much easier to shift in the summer when it gets hot. The easy part of this job is taking everything apart. The time consuming part of this task was the cleaning,

reassembly and installation of all the drive train components and installing them back into the car. Thus, it took only 2 ½ hours to remove the drive train components, it ended up taking 40 hours to get it all back together with the installation of new clutch & linkage components, brake hoses, wheel cylinders, master cylinder rebuild, fixing & re-enforcing the firewall and its now finally drivable once again. I took it to the Friday night car show at I-20 & Little Road several weeks ago, and it drove out perfectly!



**Governors Report** by Paul Wolter

We've certainly had a moderate winter so far, and I am looking forward to even warmer weather. I guess being in Costa Rica for the last 10 days of January with 16 other of our CCT members, where the day time temperatures were always 90 degrees and it dropped only to 70 degrees during the night helped spoil all of us.

This year I would challenge you to take some time each month and visit the National Website [www.corvettesnccc.org/](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/) - "Latest News for NCCC members" tab - helps you to keep you up-to-date with current news and opportunities for our club NCCC members. Governors voted last year to put together a "NON-Sanctioned-Non Racing SWR Club Event Schedule" on our SWR Website: <http://www.ncccsregion.org/>, take advantage of that opportunity to invite other NCCC members from across the region.

There are three new Governors for 2012: Neal Bellamy - Brazos River Corvette Club, Tracy Gaudu - Longhorn Corvette Club and Jesse Ryan- Oklahoma City Corvette Club. Craig Kamradt, Regional Competition Director, [craig\\_kamradt@grandecom.net](mailto:craig_kamradt@grandecom.net) and Jon Bradford, Regional Membership Director, [txoutlaw55@hotmail.com](mailto:txoutlaw55@hotmail.com) will both be returning for the second year of their first terms. This year, Marlene Patillo will be our SWR Secretary and I (Paul Wolter) will be the SWR Treasurer. Doug McMahan will be returning as SWR Webmaster [macsvettes@att.net](mailto:macsvettes@att.net) and Mary Anne Kolb will be returning as the SWR Scholarship Director. [maryanne.kolb@grandecom.net](mailto:maryanne.kolb@grandecom.net)

National Scholarship opportunity for 2012 information is now available: [www.corvettesnccc.org/Scholarship](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Scholarship) Tab, then NCCC Scholarship Program Information. This is a monetary opportunity for all NCCC members and their children, grandchildren. A Southwest Region member has not received National scholarship monies since 2006. Applications must be RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE OF MAY 5, 2012.

We discovered that the CCT/BRCC April 14 & 15 first choice weekend we currently have will would not work out for us. April 14 & 15 is the big NASCAR Cup weekend at TMS and numerous CTV members will be at TMS working the race weekend, plus there are CCT members who will also be attending the NASCAR races at TMS. This will leave us with a significant shortage of workers for our April 14 & 15 SW Region events, plus I am sure that there will be fewer entrants as some of NCCC racers are also NASCAR fans and will be attending the TMS NASCAR races on April 14 & 15. Therefore we have rescheduled our NCCC First Choice Weekend event of 14 autocrosses (CCT 7 + CTV 7) from April 14 & 15 to April 28 & 29.

I want to remind everyone that the NCCC 53rd Annual Convention is being hosted by the West Region this year on June 23 – 30 at Topeka, Kansas. So, follow the yellow brick road to Topeka and enjoy the host of activities that have been planned for the NCCC members.

NCCC has changed insurance agencies from Brown & Brown to Legacy Group. The Insurance Company is still "Philadelphia Insurance" and the coverage continues to be the same. Information and FAQs about the insurance can be found on the NCCC website at: [www.corvettesnccc.org/Insurance.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Insurance.html)



Southwest Region 2012 Schedule			
Date	Clubs	Event	Location
2/24&25/2012		National Governors Meeting	St.Louis
3/24/2012		SW Region Awards Banquet	Waco, Texas
3/25/2012		SW Region Governor's Meeting	Waco, Texas
3/31 & 4/1/2012	SJCC & CMCT		Houston, Tx
4/6-8/2012	Sanctions from North Texas Vettes (10) and Texas Outlaws (3)	Hallet Weekend - Playday Friday, Saturday and Sunday 13 HS Autocrosses	Hallet, Oklahoma
4/21&22/2012		*Hot Springs Arkansas Weekend	
4/28&29/2012	CCT & BRCC		
5/4&5/2012		National Governors Meeting	St.Louis
5/12 &13/2012	SJCC & CMCT	Car Show and Drag Races (not record Drags)	
5/19&20/2012	CTCC & MCCC		Waco, Tx
5/26&27/2012	OCCC	Record Drags	OK City & Noble, Ok
6/2 & 3/2012	LCC	Car Show, Funkana, Ralleye, and HS Autocross	Austin, Tx and San Marcos, Tx
6/9&10/2012	TVS & Sun Cities Corvette Club	Low Speed Autocrosses	Ok City
6/23-30/2012		National Convention	Topeka, Kansas
8/4&5/2012	SCCC & CCOC	13 Low Speed Autocrosses	Ok City
9/7&8/2012		National Governors Meeting	St.Louis
9/15&16/2012	CTV & BRCC	Autocrosses	
9/28&29/2012	CTCC	Car Show	Waco
10/13&14/2012	TCCC	Autocrosses	Waco
10/20&21/2012	COAST	LS AutoX & Record Drags	OK City & Noble, Ok
10/27 & 28/2012	Tejas	Autocross	
11/9&10/2012		National Governors Meeting	St.Louis
11/16&17/2012	Texas Outlaws Corvette Club	Play day and Autocrosses	



**2012 EVENT CALENDAR**

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 organized events**. For **NCCC events**

**February**

17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
24-25	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis

**March**

12-17	NCM Tour	MIM Sebring Tour	
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
24	Banquet	SW Region Awards banquet	Waco, TX
25	Meeting	SW Region Governor's meeting	Waco, TX
31- April 1	Autocross	SJCC & CMCT	Houston, TX

**April**

20	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21 - 22	Autocross	CTCC & MCCC - Low Speed	TBA
26-28	Gathering	C5/C6 Bash	NCM
28-29	Autocross	CCT & BRCC - Low Speed	TBA

**May**

4 - 5	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis
17-19	Gathering	C4/ZR-1 Gathering	NCM
18	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
24-26	Barn Raising	Barn raising II - Vette Barn	NCM
26-27	Drag Race	OSCC	OK City and Noble, OK
30-June 2	Gathering	Z06 Fest	NCM
31-June 2	Gathering	Speed Fest	NCM

**June**

9-10	Autocross	TVS & Sun Cities CC - Low Speed	OK City, OK
15	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
15	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
23-30	Convention	NCCC National Convention	Topeka KS

**July**

20	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

**August**

4-5	Autocross	SCCC & CCOC - 13 Low Speed	OK City, OK
13-18	NCM Tour	MIM Woodward Tour	
17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
30-Sep. 1	Celebration	Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction	NCM

**September**

7-8	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis
15-16	Autocross	CTV & BRCC - Low Speed	TMS
21	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

**October**

4-6	Gathering	R8C Reunion	NCM
13-14	Autocross	TCCC - Low Speed	Waco, TX
19	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20-21	Drag Race/ Autocross	Coast & CCOC - Low Speed autocross and drags	OK City and Noble, OK

**November**

1-5	Gathering	Vets 'n Vettes	NCM
9-10	Meeting	National Governor's meeting	St. Louis
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

**December**

---	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	No Meeting in December
---	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	No Meeting at Friendly in December
TBA	Party	CCT Christmas Party	TMS Clubhouse - More info TBA



One more C7 a split window clone!