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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 on the Monday before the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

On the Cover: A mean looking Lingenfelter C6 conversion.

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From the Editor

We have a new Sales rep from Friendly Chevrolet but I didn't catch his name. I asked for his card and he didn't have one! First car salesman I've met that didn't have a pocket full of them... Oh well, I'll get it next month. The number in the blurb to the right probably still works even though Gary isn't there anymore.

CCT has a lot of stuff on its plate for the next year or two. Maybe too much for the number of active members. The push from the club leadership for volunteers is already at a fever pitch. Everyone should remember that some people are organizers/volunteers, some are not. Forcing those that are not comfortable with it into those roles just to fill slots is a recipe for discord. I believe our club is on the brink right now. Most new members we get come to one or two events, never to be seen again. Old members are running close to burnout. The same people keep doing all the work and, by now, anyone inclined to step up has done so many times over. And now we need scores of people to fill the roles outlined in our convention/50th year plans... We need to be careful that we don't press so hard that people become afraid to show up at meetings because they are constantly made to feel guilty for not "signing up." If they do they may be lost forever.

Joe Wagner

Our Friendly Rep!

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is **Gary Kubiak**. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give Gary a call at **214-920-1950**.

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

In addition to his regular work schedule, Gary is always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting. Also, you can e-mail Gary at: intdir@friendlychevy.com

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President's Prerogative June 2007 GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Well as I sit here on Sunday evening, tomorrow is Memorial Day, the start of summer. I feel that this is going to be a GREAT summer with CCT events for everyone to enjoy. We all need to give Patti Bertwell a "Thank You" the next time you see her; she has done a great job of planning events for us to "Drive and Eat."

We have submitted the third of the three required issues of the newsletter for the NCCC newsletter competition. Your input with articles, both car related and about your families and other interests is appreciated and needed by Joe.

I think the most important thing you can be doing for YOUR Corvette Club is to contact Dennis Bertwell and let him know which committee or committees you want to help with for the activities we will be participating in 2008: the NCCC convention next year in Tulsa, the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of CCT, and our CCT trip to the Corvette Museum. There will be lots of opportunities to pitch in and help with activities for this once in a lifetime celebration of our 50th anniversary. Something as simple as your presence at our monthly meetings in itself is a contribution. Feel free to speak up and share any ideas, opinions, suggestions, and feedback you may have.

Mitch Factor

President, CCT

...and remember to

Save the Wave!

I attended the SW Region Governors meeting in Waco May 19th. (Understand we missed a very good CCT drive & eat, but duty calls.) The meeting was not very eventful. Most of the discussion for the 2008 convention was colors and styles of shirts that will be sold. A committee was formed of volunteers to determine the styles of shirts that were selling best at the 2007 convention and base our selection on that. Seems most women who buy the most shirts like various colors and a different design than the men's shirts.

The turnout for the Cen-Tex event was very good with over 60 people entered. There was some extra interest at the event since President Bush was at his ranch. The secret service agents were at the airport where the racing was going on and some of the agents got rides in the Corvettes. Don't know if President Bush made it out for his ride but that would have been quite an event if he did. The only NCCC event scheduled in June is the National Convention in Nashville June 16-23.

REMEMBER IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR AT THE 2008 CONVENTION THE SW REGION IS HOSTING IN TULSA. DENNIS BERTWELL HAS A SIGN UP SHEET JUST WAITING FOR YOUR NAME.

Joanne

2007 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT - SIGN UP

Month	Host
January	TBA
February	Dennis & Patti Bertwell
March	Paul & Mary Wolter
April	Barry & Annette Marsh
May	Ken & Jeanette Bradley
June	TBA
July	TBA
August	Joe & Gail Carrion
September	James & Joann Powdrill
October	Bob & Paula Mischell
November	Doug & Christina LeGrand
December	See you at the CCT Christmas Party!

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

Quarter	Maintainer
January—March	Barry Marsh
April - June	Joe & Paulette Wagner
July - September	TBA
October -December	Doug & Christina LeGrand

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**MAY 18, 2007, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

Mitch Factor brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, May 18, 2007. Carol gave the treasurer's report showing some new graphs and charts she had initiated to show various expenses and cost comparisons.

The secretary read the minutes from the May board meeting and they were approved as read. The April membership minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Joann gave the NCCC report and said she had been requested by the NCCC convention coordinator to furnish more detail for the party we are arranging, but after discussing and not knowing what the breakdown for last year's party, we can only request \$1,000 for decorations and door prizes and \$600 for DJ. Paul Deen suggested she talk to Debbie Lindsey about cost of the door prizes in the past. Mitch said that Dennis Bertwell was the committee head in charge of the CCT 50th Anniversary part of the party at NCCC convention next year.

Mary welcomed the guests and previous members—Lynn and Phil Schilt; our traveling retired members—Paul and Karen Deen; and Brian Gelles (who has been absent during the hockey and basketball seasons).

Patti discussed the upcoming events as printed in the newsletter and encouraged everyone to attend the "Horses and Horsepower" drive and eat tomorrow and then attending the car show at Texas Motor Speedway. Also, June 2nd we are going on a "Duck Tour" meet and eat. Reservations need to be made by Monday, May 28, to assure seating on the duck boat. Information sheet was passed out with all the information. Also, June 16 is the Christian Car Show, which everyone was encouraged to enter their cars this year.

The DVD was shown of the Angel Fire Trip for 2005. The new trip for this year was discussed and those wanting to sign up should get in touch with Ken Bradley. Six couples have signed up so far.

Mary made a recommendation to cater this year's Christmas party. The motion was made, seconded and passed to cater the 2007 Christmas party.

Paul Wolter discussed the Roundup Autocross for October 6 & 7. The host hotel has been changed to Stonebridge Hotel, which includes a lot of amenities for the guests and a better rate for the rooms. The North Texas Vettes will be hosting this event with us again this year.

Paulette conducted the raffle and the first three winners took the last three tickets for the Corvette being raffled off at NCCC convention this year: Paul Wolter, Keith Amendson and Patti Bertwell. The following people won gifts as follows: Brian Gelles—candle; Lynn Schilt, Annette Marsh, Brian Gelles, and Paul Deen-- won cards by Paula Mischel; Gene Whitaker—wine; Billie Loflin--poster.

Everyone was invited to proceed to the Wing House on Northwest Highway hosted by Jeanette and Ken Bradley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

Activities Report

Make plans now to join other CCT members show their Corvettes at the upcoming Christian Classic Cruisers Car Show on Saturday, June 16th at Birdville High School in North Richland Hills. We will have an area reserved for CCT so that we can all sit together and enjoy the show as we watch spectators come by and admire our beautiful cars! It costs \$10 to enter your car. The show begins at 5:00 and lasts until 9:00. If you plan on registering your car you will need to be there at 4:30. On this particular Saturday which is their "Father's Day Show," the first 150 cars will receive a dash plaque and a goodies bag from "Hemmings Motor News."

Since it will be too early to go to dinner before the show you can either bring food and drinks for yourself or a snack to share. Remember to bring your bag chairs. (And insect repellent might not be a bad idea, either!) If you are not able to enter your car, make plans to come to the show and see all of the great cars they will have on display.

Please be sure and always check the Activities Calendar in the newsletter in case there have been changes. Sometimes the dates or times that were on previous calendars may have been changed.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and participation.

Patti Bertwell

The first Jet Stream Blue Corvette, a new color for 2008. A lot like Nassau Blue with more metallic in it. It seems it is a "love it or hate it" color...



Upcoming CCT Activities

June

Saturday, June 2 "Duck tour" on Lake Grapevine (sunset cruise on Lake Grapevine leaving from the Gaylord Texan) Meet for dinner at Big Buck Steakhouse at Bass Pro Outdoor World at 5:30.

Saturday, June 16 – North Richland Hills Car Show (Birdville High School) 5:00-9:00

CCT members invited to enter their Corvettes. See details in this newsletter.

July

Friday, Jun 29 - Friday, July 6 Angel Fire Trip

Wednesday, July 4 Ft. Worth Parade

August

Saturday, August 11 Trip to Oklahoma Indian Casino

September

Saturday, September 8 Brazos River Corvette Club Show in Granbury

October

Autocross weekend Oct. 6-7

November

Event - TBA

December

CCT Christmas party Saturday, December 15, 2007 Texas Motor Speedway

Christmas Light Tour Date TBA

Upcoming Event flyers:



Grapevine “DUCK TOUR” Meet & Eat!

When: Saturday, June 2, 2007 - 5:30 PM)

Where: Big Buck Steak House – Outdoor World (2501 Bass Pro Drive,
Grapevine, Texas 76051)

Come join fellow CCT members for this relaxing dinner and unique driving cruise around Grapevine and Grapevine Lake. This is a “Meet and Eat” event so driving your Corvette is optional.

We will meet inside the main entrance of the Big Buck Steak House and after a nice dinner, we will proceed across the street to Grapevine Mills Mall where we will board a renovated WWII amphibious military vehicle that will take our group on a tour around town and then onto Lake Grapevine. **The cost is \$16.00 per person for this excursion that will last just over one hour.**

Due to the heavy weekend schedule for this event, and the requirement for reservations, only those that respond by email to RSVP to PBertwell@sbcglobal.net by **Monday, May 28, 2007**, will be included in the reservations. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Patti Bertwell – CCT Activities Chair

Upcoming Event flyers:

CCT TRIP TO
ANGEL FIRE, NEW MEXICO
Friday, June 29 to July 5, 2007

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled week in the mountains!!

Leaving Friday, June 29, 7:00 AM, driving all day and arriving Angel Fire approximately 7:00 PM.

Activities Planned: (Refer to **Corvette Club of Texas** when calling to make reservations)

- **Saturday, June 30** – Breakfast with the Bradley's & wash cars, then Taos Arts and Crafts Fair, shopping, art galleries, museums, Taos Pueblo
- **Sunday, July 1** - Pancake breakfast in Angel Fire
Whitewater Rafting--**\$50/person - Phone #800-359-2627-- date July 1st**
- **Monday, July 2** - Tour Alpaca Ranch and winery
July 2nd 4:00 PM -Horseback riding and cowboy cookout in the mountains— **\$100/person Phone # 505-377-6416**
- **Tuesday, July 3** - Scenic trip on Cumbres & Toltec Railroad from Antonito to Chama, Colorado--**\$76/person – phone #888-286-2737**
Rio Grande Gorge after train ride
- **Wednesday, July 4th** parades in Red River and Eagle Nest with Fireworks at night over Eagle Nest Lake.
Lunch - Fireman's Barbeque in Eagle Nest
Dinner – Texas Red's Steakhouse
Tour Vietnam Memorial between lunch and dinner or free time to shop

Hotel – Elkhorn Lodge-- \$89 – Double occupancy – phone #505-377-2811 – arrive Angel Fire – June 29

Some people are leaving on the 5th and going back thru Santa Fe and Albuquerque and seeing some of the sights in these two scenic towns.

For those wishing to stay another day we could go to Cimarron and tour the St James Hotel, Philmont Scout Ranch and ride to the top of the ski lift in Angel Fire.

Also, a drawing will be held for two free rooms at our house in Angel Fire for anyone desiring to take advantage of this. The drawing will take place at the June club meeting. The only drawback is you have to share the bath with the other couple. Make your hotel reservation, but if you win the drawing, the hotel can be cancelled without a problem.

Please let us know if you plan to attend this trip, email to Ken or Jeanette Bradley k.bradley@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-0775

NCM News and Information***New Corvette/GM Parts Auction – 14 New Items Up for Bid***

There are 14 new manufactured Corvette and GM parts from Guide Corporation available and up for bid on eBay Motors – and the proceeds benefit the NCM!

Most parts are NOS and include grills, chrome pieces, headlamps, turn signal switches, lenses and more – new items are added weekly. In addition to Corvette parts, you will find parts for other vehicles such as the Pontiac Grand Prix, Olds Cutlass, Blazer, Suburban and others. View the parts and make a bid at:

<http://motors.search.ebay.com/W0QQsassZnationalcorvette>

Chevrolet Owners Treated to Exclusive Experience at Indy Motor Speedway

Race fans at Indianapolis Motor Speedway last weekend may have been surprised to see almost 10 times the normal field when 300 Chevrolets circle the legendary 2.5-mile oval.

Saturday's lap around the track by Chevrolet owners is part of a special Corvette celebration taking place last weekend in conjunction with the company's role as the Official Pace Car of the 2007 Indianapolis 500.



Chevrolet, pacing the Indianapolis 500 for the 18th time, hosted Corvette and Camaro owners from across Indiana for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the historic speedway. On Saturday, nearly 24 hours before the Indianapolis 500 gets underway, the Chevy owners drove their personal Corvette or Camaro around the track and gathered for a group photo at the speedway's famed yard of bricks. Following the parade lap and photo, guests spent the evening at the Chevy display where food, live entertainment and a full-display of Chevy race and production vehicles (including an exhibit of all nine Corvette Indianapolis 500 pace cars) was on hand.

<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com>

Pace Car Event Registration Opens

Registration is open for the Pace Car Event – September 27-29. Fast paced fun is planned so join us for the kick off festivities at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and a special tour which includes the timing and scoring suite in the Pagoda, the Victory Podium, Gasoline Alley garages, a ride around the 2.5 mile oval in their tour bus and a visit to the Hall of Fame Museum.

Leaving the Speedway, participants will travel to Griot's Garage for an afternoon that includes lunch, demos and seminars. Dinner is planned at the Walden Inn, Greencastle Indiana, with a guest speaker to cap off the evening festivities. Registered

participants will caravan to Bowling Green on Friday morning and have a weekend of fun including a memorable evening with NCM Hall of Fame Member and retired GM executive Jim Perkins. Dinner in the Museum's Skydome will follow along with an exciting auction in the Chevrolet Theater. Check out Indianapolis Speedway activities, accommodations and register on line at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/pace/info.shtml>

Ron Fellows Metal Chassis 1:24 Scale Diecasts in the Corvette Store

Ron Fellows Limited Edition Z06 diecasts in 1:24 scale are available in the Corvette Store!

Only 399 pieces will be made and won't be available for long. Diecast features a metal chassis, rubber tires, and a moveable hood, door and rear hatch. Shop online and order yours while they last at:



<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=1643>

Gavin and Beretta Win GT1 in Salt Lake City ALMS

Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta scored their fourth win in five starts this season, taking the GT1 class honors in the American Le Mans Series Utah Grand Prix at Miller Motorsports Park.



The "two Ollies" completed 61 laps of the 4.5-mile circuit in their No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R, finishing 26.550 seconds ahead of Jan Magnussen and Johnny O'Connell in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R. The two Corvettes finished eighth and ninth overall.

For the complete release visit: www.corvetteracing.com Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans in Le Mans, France, on June 16-17. The 75th running of the classic 24-hour endurance race on the 8.5-mile Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans will begin at 3 p.m. local time (9 a.m. EDT). Portions of the race will be televised live on SPEED.

Not So Corvette News By Paulette Wagner June 2007

Those of us who love Corvettes often have other dream cars that we own, have owned or want to own. Many of us like to get involved with activities featuring automobiles of various makes or enjoy reading about other car enthusiasts and their cars.

Eagles Canyon Raceway Update

The track held its first member pre-opening track day and it was a successful event. Starting on June 4th the asphalt topcoat will be laid and then the curbing. 'Road & Track' has even paid the facility a visit! The place should be complete by the end of July.

Autocrossing in Bedford

Equipe Rapide is sponsoring several monthly autocross events at Pennington Field at the southeast corner of Airport Freeway (183/121) and Central Drive in Bedford. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, June 17. The club has special assistance for novices.

<http://www.autocross.com/er/equiperapide/modules/autocrossevents/>

Corvette Action Center

An exciting website for Corvette enthusiasts is <http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/>

The site includes forums, tech information, Corvette history, shopping information and interesting news. One of the latest stories features a true Corvette collector. He bought his first Vette in 1971 and has owned 212 of them! He's even sold one of his cars three times. Read this story at <http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/forums/showthread.php?t=95028>

National Corvette Restorers Society

A non-profit hobby group, National Corvette Restorers Society, is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes made from the model years 1953 through 1991. It was founded in 1974 and has over 15,000 members.

Get all the info at <http://www.ncrs.org/>

Are you an Automobile Addict?

There's a great website for those of us truly addicted to automobiles, www.automobileaddict.com There's a blog and other news items so you can learn the latest from the auto world!

Street Art Gallery

A very talented artist has several detailed pencil sketches of a variety of cars. Go to <http://www.mystreetart.com/index.htm>

Owner Feedback Form Available

The Corvette Assembly Plant has instituted an Owners Feedback Form for you to talk about your Corvette. There is a team of five individuals who will be reading ALL of these important posts sent directly in to the Bowling Green Assembly Plant about your C6 or C5 (yes, they do want to hear from C5 owners!) and redirecting them to the proper individuals regarding your input. Any information you provide will be used to help General Motors improve their products.

They do not intend to answer each entry directly unless they need more information or clarification.

You must sign in with your model year and the last eight digits of your VIN number, you will have an opportunity to inform them of your concerns, or praise their efforts in the manufacture of your Corvette that they produced correctly! After you have done this, the next screen will ask you for your contact information so that they can get back in touch with you if your concern or praise warrants it.

So take advantage of the opportunity and go to: <http://www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com/survey/index.htm> to tell the folks at the Plant what you think of the amazing work they do, building our Corvettes each and every day!

Jokes

A man was driving down a country road in the middle of dairy farm country when his car stalled inexplicably. He got out and raised the hood to see if he could find out what had happened. A brown and white cow slowly lumbered from the field she had been grazing in over to the car and stuck her head under the hood beside the man. After a moment the cow looked at the man and said, "Looks like a bad carburetor to me." Then she walked back into the field and began grazing again.

Amazed, the man walked back to the farmhouse he had just passed, where he met a farmer. "Hey, mister, is that your cow in the field?" he asked. The farmer replied, "The brown and white one? Yep, that's old Bessie." The man then said, "Well my car's broken down, and she just said, 'Looks like a bad carburetor to me.'" The farmer shook his head and said, "Don't mind old Bessie, son. She don't know a thing about cars."

The Senior Driver

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

I saw a sign at a gas station. It said "help wanted." There was another sign below it that said "self service." So I hired myself. Then I made myself the boss. I gave myself a raise. I paid myself. Then I quit.

2007 EVENT CALENDAR

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June

3	Cruise (every 1st Saturday)	North Texas Mustang Club Cruise 5:00 – 8:30 PM	Cracker Barrel, 35E @ Fox Avenue Exit, 889 South Stemmons Freeway, West Side Frontage Rd, Lewisville
3	Show (every 1st Saturday)	Hooter's Car Show	1711 Cross Roads Dr. Grapevine. Call Roger 214-908-2924 for info
3	Cruise (every 1st Saturday)	Extreme Corvettes Cruise Night 5 – 9 PM	Ezs Brick Oven, NW corner 190 & Coit, Plano see www.extremecorvettes.com for more info
2/16	Show (every 1st & 3rd Sunday)	Hot Rods & Hoggs Car Show	Cruiser's location at 2750 Preston Rd @ Hwy 121 across from the Stonebriar Center in Frisco
8-10	Show	Branson's 6th Annual Corvette Weekend	Branson MO www.carsplusclassics.com
9	Cruise	"Duck Tour" on Lake Grapevine (Dinner Boat)	See flyer
9/22	Show (every 2nd Sunday & 4th Friday)	Cruisers Club of Cedar Hill Car Show	Cruiser's location at 2750 Preston Rd @ Hwy 121 across from the Stonebriar Center in Frisco
10	Show (every 2nd Saturday)	The Camaro and Firebird Car Club registration 5-7 PM, awards 8:30PM	Chuck's Lewisville location, 2267 I-35, north of Vista Ridge Mall, \$10 entry fee
11	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
15	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Cruise/Show	North Richland Hills Car Show (Meet & Eat)	info TBA
16 - 23	Convention	NCCC Annual Convention and National Governor's Meeting	Nashville, TN
17	Show	3rd Coast Customs Car Show	Dallas Convention Center
18-30	Cruise	Mediterranean/Europe Cruise	Sponsored by National Corvette Museum
23-24	Swap Meet	15th ANNIVERSARY D/FW Swap Meet	LaGrave Field, Ft. Worth http://www.deanearhart.com/index.htm
24	Show	Watermelon Thump Car Show	Luling, TX http://www.watermelonthump.com/
25	Deadline	Last day to submit articles and pictures to next month's Newsletter	Send to joe@y2k7.com
27-29	Gathering	Corvette Action Center 4th Annual CruiseFest 2007	Colorado Springs, Colorado http://corvetteactioncenter.com/events/cf/
June 29/ July 6	Cruise	Angel Fire Trip	See flyer

July

June 29/ July 6	Cruise	Angel Fire Trip	See flyer
4	Parade	Fort Worth Parade	info TBA
7-8	Autocross	10 LS	LCC/MTCC - Belton, TX
21-22	Autocross	Summer Sizzler - 11 LS	The Corvette Club of OKC AND Sun Cities Corvette Club - OK City, OK

August

11	Cruise	Trip to Oklahoma Indian Casino	info TBA
11	Autocross	7 LS	TVS OK City, OK
30- Sep 2	Gathering	Anniversary Celebration/ Hall of Fame	National Corvette Museum

September

1-2	Autocross	14 Events	TV/THT (RFR) - Mineral Wells, TX
7-8	Meeting	National Governor's Meeting	St Louis, MO
8	Cruise/Show	Brazos River Corvette Club Show in Granbury	info TBA
22-23	Autocross	10 Events	Cowtown Vettes/BRRC - Location TBD
27-29	Gathering	Pace Car Reunion	National Corvette Museum

October

6-7	Autocross	CCT Annual Roundup Autocross	CCT - Sherman, TX
11-13	Gathering	Classic Corvette Extravaganza	National Corvette Museum
13 - 14	Autocross	TBD	BRRC - - Location TBD
20	Autocross	PC, Fun	LCC - Georgetown, TX
25-27	Gathering	Z06 Fest	National Corvette Museum
27-28	Swap Meet	D/FW Swap Meet	Details TBA http://www.deanearhart.com/index.htm

November

9-10	Meeting	National Governor's Meeting	St Louis, MO
TBA	Cruise	Event TBD	info TBA

December

15	Party	CCT Christmas Party (Date rescheduled)	Fort Worth, TX. (Texas Motor Speedway)
TBA	Cruise	Christmas Light Tour	info TBA

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June

21 - 27	Convention	NCCC Annual Convention and National Governor's Meeting	Tulsa, OK
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September

3-5	Caravan	National Corvette Museum 15th Anniversary Caravan	Plan Ahead! http://www.corvettecaravan.com/
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Tech Tips 101

Removing Fabric and Carpet Stains

By Jim Pyatt



Chemistry of Cleaning

In the science of car cleaning/detailing, dirt can be classified as organic soil, nonorganic soil, and petroleum soil. Not much else by way of dirt exists in the car world. If you can figure out the type of soil, you can select the proper cleaner. With the proper cleaner, 99% of all stains will come out.

The basic selection of what cleaner to use is primarily a determination based upon the soil to be removed and the surface from which the soil must be removed. The three basic types of cleaners (acids, alkalis, and solvents) are designed to work primarily on certain soils and upon certain surfaces.

Choosing the right cleaner begins by analyzing, the soil and matching it to the cleaner best designed to remove it. Some of the common forms of soil are best removed by one of the basic cleaners: Function of a Cleaner's Components are In order to understand cleaning chemistry, it is necessary to know the functions or properties of the components of a cleaner. These are defined as follows:

- **Organic soil:** Anything that contains carbons. This includes all proteins, animal fats, body oils, mold, yeast, bugs, bacteria, animal and bug excrement (waste mater), and others. That ketchup and fries you spilled on the front seat are a classic organic soil.
- **Nonorganic soil:** Composed of minerals rather than living material, chemical compounds that contain no carbon, excluding the oxides of carbon, carbon disulfide, cyanides, and their associated acids and salts.
- **Petroleum soils:** Substances that do not contain water and will not mix with water. Petroleum soils do not have a pH factor. Petroleum soils include common chemicals like motor oil, grease, and road tar.

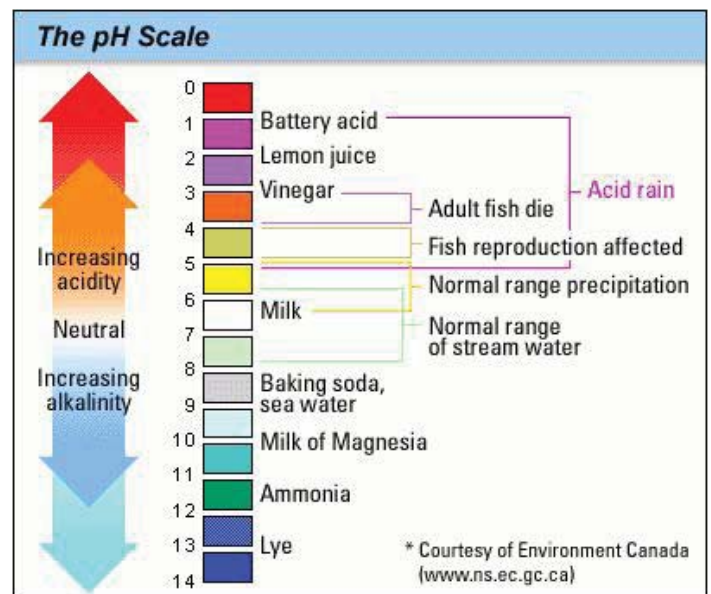
The most common types of chemicals include surfactants, solvents, and wetting agents. The word "surfactant" is a fancy term for any soap or detergent. Surfactant molecules are created with two compounds. One molecule is attracted to the soil itself, and the other is attracted to water. The chemical compound that's attracted to water is called a hydrophilic. Its job is to surround the soil, and rinse it away.

Every cleaner needs a solvent to dissolve soil. The most common solvent is one you might not even think of: water. Some solvents, such as mineral spirits, work great on petroleum soils, like tar and grease, and may be necessary on surfaces that might be damaged by water (like the headliner, the fabric covering the inside of the roof of a vehicle).

Other solvents that are common in car-care chemicals include d-limonene, which is the chemical name for citrus oil made from orange and lemon peels. Solvents containing d-limonene are a bit more expensive than other cleaners but are safe to use throughout the car. A surfactant that is a good detergent (detergents break a soil's bond to a surface) will not be a good penetrating agent. Penetrating and wetting allows water to surround soil so it can be removed. As you might have now surmised, the chemist can improve the performance of a good detergent surfactant by including a second surfactant that has good wetting and penetrating qualities.

Did you know that animal fat is used in the manufacturing of soaps? Boil some pig fat, add a handful of lye, and you can make a bar of soap. The same chemical process that makes soap can be used to remove fats and oils. Chemists use a base, typically an alkaline, mixed with fats and oils to create soap in a process called saponification. Once transformed, fats and oils can be washed away with water.

Understanding pH



The strength of a solution is determined by where on the pH scale the reading falls. As a general rule, on the acid side, the lower the number the stronger the acid and on the alkaline side, the higher the number the stronger the solution. The pH reading measures "strength" not quality.

Few realize how rapidly alkalinity is increased as the pH is raised or how quickly acidity increases as the pH is lowered. For example, we begin with a solution that is pH 7 neutral. When the alkalinity of the solution is increased to 8, the strength is now 10 times stronger than that of pH 7. Increase the pH to 9, the solution is 100 times stronger than it was at 7 (10 X10=100). For each whole step up or down the pH scale, the strength increases or decreases by 10 times. This rapid buildup continues until pH 14, which is 10 million times as strong as pH 7. It is the same for the acid side of the scale. There is a far greater difference in the concentration of strength than the values (0-14) indicate.

Now that you know the basics, here are some tips to remember

when selecting a cleaner. When in doubt, test a new chemical on a hidden part of the surface you want to clean to verify compatibility.

- Organic soil is cleaned with alkaline cleaners.
- Nonorganic soil is removed with acids.
- Petroleum soil must be removed with a petroleum-based cleaner.

Many detail shops use a general-purpose cleaner for all detailing. I often hear people say they use a product like Purple Power or Simple Green, both strong engine degreasers, to clean everything from wheels to carpets. In my opinion, this is both dangerous and harmful to the car in the wrong hands. After all, none of us would bathe with laundry detergent, so why would we treat delicate car surfaces with harsh chemicals?

You are about to learn all my little secrets, there really is no secrets. With our active lifestyles and the amount of time people spend in their cars, the average car interior is an easy victim to a multitude of enemies in the form stains and odors. Stain and odor removal is a science unto itself. A stain is like a locked door. Find the correct cleaner for the stain and you can unlock the door. the stain will come out. Upholstery fabrics and carpets vary widely, as do the types of stains. However, in my experience, there is a correct method and a suitable cleaner for most car interior problems.

A spot is a visible defect in the appearance of a fabric, Dried chewing gum on a floor mat is a spot. You can see it. But the gum is not a stain. Black coffee spots on beige upholstery qualify as a stain. A stain is the residue of a liquid absorbent which has soaked into the fabric. You can see a coffee stain; it is not a spot. Knowing the differences between spots and stains can help you select the appropriate cleaning method for a job.

The more similar the stain remover is to the stain, the greater the likelihood of your success. If you have to remove tar from the carpet, you will have better luck removing the stain with a petroleum-based product rather than with water. Similarly, detergent and water will clean better than petroleum solvents when coffee stains need to be removed.

Categories of Stains

- Organic/Natural Stains: Colored food such as candy, some medicines, cough syrup, Coffee, urine, mustard, curry, wine, vomit, and tea
- Petroleum-based: are substances that do not contain water, shoe scuff marks, oil, tar, polish, lipstick and other makeup, fountain pen ink and crayons.

If you are dealing with fresh spills, clean by daubing, not by rubbing firmly, with white absorbent materials. Cotton terry towels best because of its high absorbency. Avoid using color towels they will bleed from the rag to the surface you are cleaning, and to see the progress you are making during the removal process.

Remove solid, built-up materials with a tablespoon, spatula, or brush. Pretest all spot-removal agents in an inconspicuous area. Use small amounts of cleaning agent and blot frequently. Always blot; do not rub or brush. Identify the fiber to be

cleaned; this will give you some indication of its colorfastness and resistance to spotting chemicals. Work from the outer edge of a spot toward the center to prevent stain rings. I have found using this method pushes the stain inward rather than pushing out leaving that ugly ring. Treat stained area with required spotting solution based on the type of stain, until the stain is removed. The final step is always to rinse the area gently with distilled water. Then absorb all remaining moisture with towels. Be patient: some stains respond slowly depending on the fabric, the dye, the age of the stain, and other factors. Also, remember that not all stains can be removed. The above advice will help enormously for most stains.

When cleaning a stain, try a neutral detergent and water first. If this does not remove the stain, then go for a cleaner with a little more oomph! Common cleaning agents for interior fabric stains include the following:

- Neutral detergent (Ivory Liquid) and water (1 part detergent to 20 parts water)
- Distilled white vinegar and water (1:1)
- Dry-cleaning fluid (Carbona, Renuzit, Perk, Casite)

What To Do About Stains

First and foremost, for any stain type, **act quickly**. For stain removal using hot water extractor is the best option on fabrics or carpeting. The following is a basic cleaning solution for a few common stains that appear in the vehicle. I can get most stains out using this cleaning methods.

Diagnosis: Carpet and Upholstery Stains

Solution A neutral detergent has a pH of 7 (on a scale of 0 to 14). As I discussed earlier, a detergent with a pH of less than 7 is acidic, whereas a pH higher than 7 is alkaline. Neutral detergents will not bleach fabric or remove fabric protection. Others may do just that. Avoid them!

Step 1. Use a spatula or putty knife to remove as much of the solid material as possible. The vacuum can also be a lifesaver by removing large particles of any substance that would stain if you rubbed it or moved it around. The idea is to remove as much of the contamination as possible before you begin blotting..

Step 2. Spray the stain heavily with Casite Gold cleaner , and allow it a minute or so to work. Don't scrub the stain. Use a terry towel and blot it up. Again, you don't want to spread the mess. If needed spray the stain again, and use your scrub brush with warm water and lightly agitate the stain, never scrub you will spread the stain.

Step 3. Rinse with fresh water and a terry-cloth towel, if possible use hot water extractor and extract what remains. If stain persists, it may have oil in it. Try Casite Purple, or minerals spirits. Dampen towel and blot the area. The mineral spirit dries very fast, so you may have to do the same process again.



The OKC Summer Sizzler

**Hosted by
The Corvette Club of OKC
AND
Sun Cities Corvette Club
July 21 & 22, 2007**

This is the weekend you have been waiting for!!! Eleven Autocrosses at the OKC Sheriff Training Center. This will be a no frills event no Awards no T-Shirts just lots of fun racing.

Lodging: We have blocked 30 rooms for this event at the **Quality Inn at 7800 C. A. Henderson Blvd., Oklahoma City, Ok.** The same Hotel as in the past. The Rate will be \$50.00 for up to four people in a room. To make reservations **call 405-632-6666** and be sure to mention the Corvette Group. Reservations must be made by July 14.

Registration: This event will be **Pre-Registration only.** Registration forms should be sent to **Brett Ruston 800 Old Bugle Rd. Edmond Ok. 73003.** Registrations must be **post marked by Midnight July 13th.**

Tech: Friday, July 20th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Quality Inn and Saturday – Sunday from 7:30am to 8:00am at the Track. We ask that you try to have your car teched at the hotel on Friday, as this will make things run smoother the rest of the weekend.

Hospitality: We have reserved a hospitality room for both Friday and Saturday nights, with the usual Snacks, Soft Drinks, and Adult Beverages!!!

Note: Lunch will be provided Saturday!!

Note: No alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Sheriff Training Center before, during, or after, the event!!!!

THIS EVENT IS PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!!!

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

Summer Sizzler

Sanction # SW 2007-(15-21) Type of Event: **Low Speed AutoX #1,2,3,4,5,6,&7**

Date: July, 21&22, 2007 Club: Sun Cities Corvette Club

Registration: Opens 7:30 AM Closes 8:00 AM Region: Southwest

Autocross Drivers Meeting Time: 8:00 AM Autocross \$15 ea

First Car Out Time: 8:30 AM Location Description:

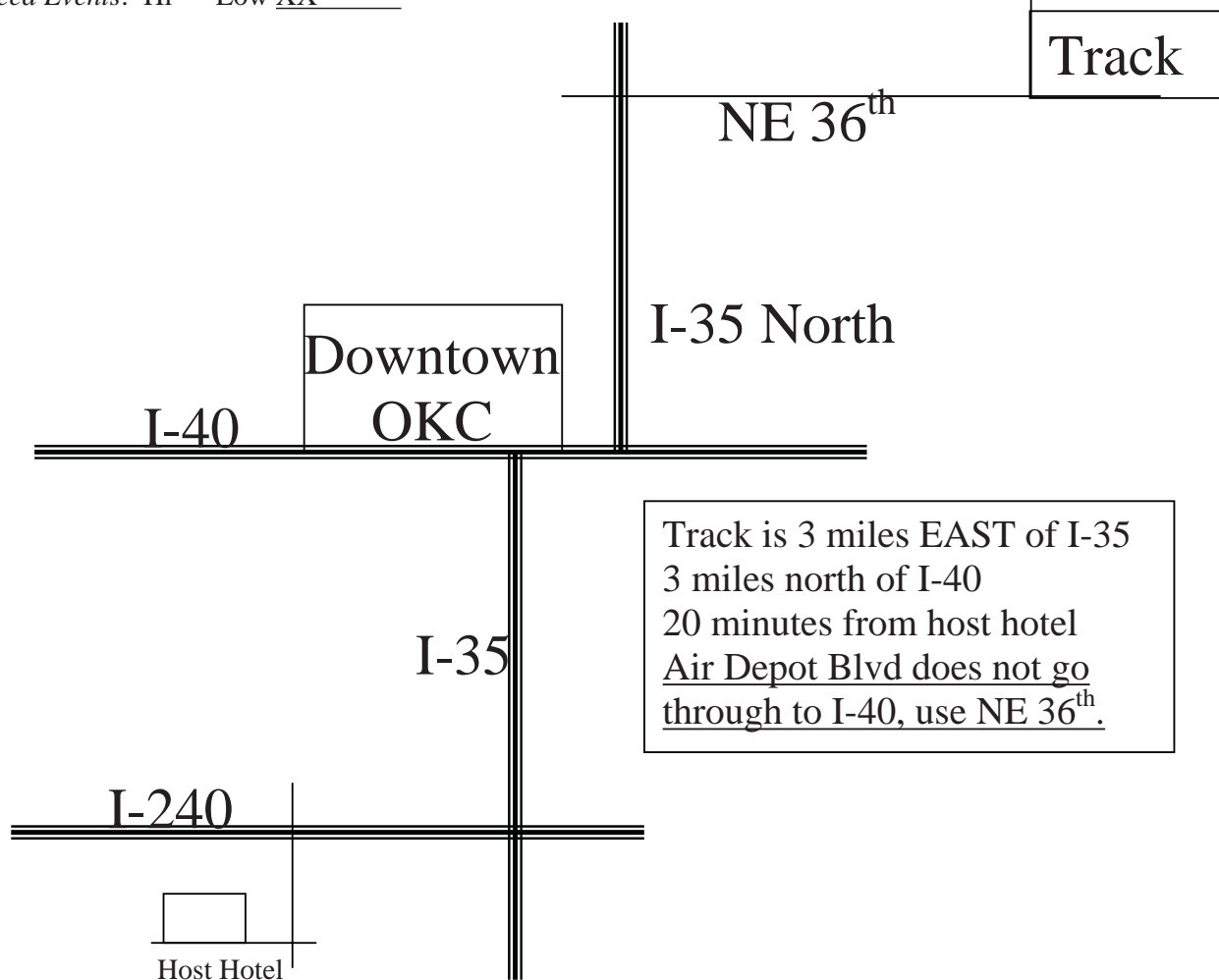
Oklahoma County Sheriff Training Center

NE 36th and Air Depot

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Exhaust: Open Closed XX

Speed Events: Hi Low XX



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Note: In a high-speed event, all roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection for Speed Event. It is highly recommended that all competing cars be equipped with rollbars at high-speed events. Fire extinguisher (min. 5BC) required in all groups and classes at high-speed events.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

Summer Sizzler

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Date: July 21&22, 2007 Club: Corvette Club of OKC

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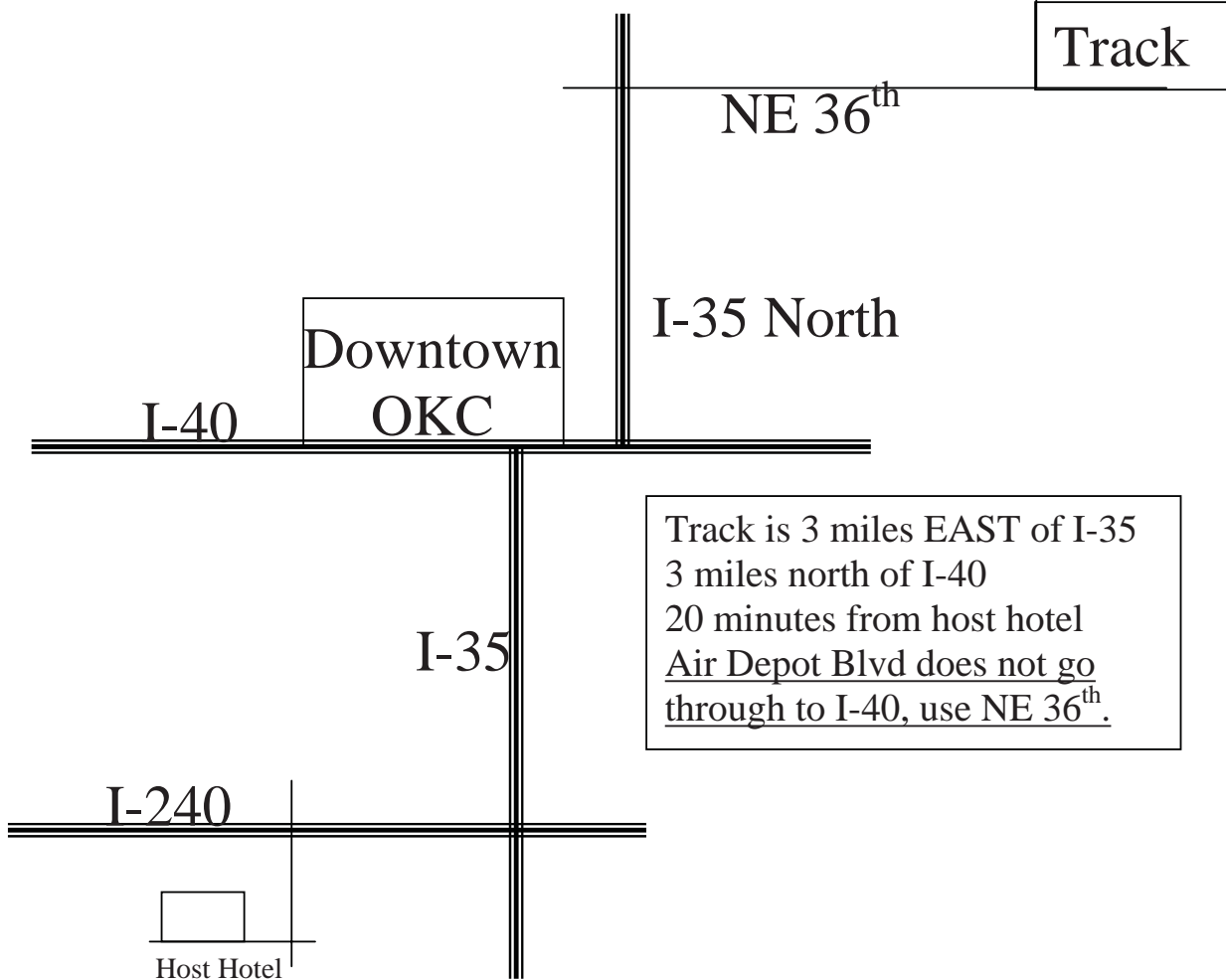
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OKC SUMMER SIZZLER 2007

Primary Registration: Preferred

Name _____ Class: _____ Car#: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Club _____ NCCC# _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Work _____

Secondary Registration: Preferred

Name _____ Class: _____ Car#: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Club _____ NCCC# _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Work _____

Notify in case of Emergency—Name _____ Number _____

THIS EVENT IS PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!!!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: *Oklahoma City Corvette Club*
 MAIL COMPLETE FORM AND CHECK TO:
Brett Ruston 800 Old Bugle Rd. Edmond,OK 73003 (405) 285-1119
 ENTRY MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: **MIDNIGHT July 13, 2007.**

Please give us your email address!!! We will confirm your registration and also we will email your results. Please print clearly:

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AUTOCROSS #1 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #2 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #3 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #4 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #5 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #6 Saturday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #7 Saturday	\$18			
SATURDAY PKG	\$80			
<u>EVENTS</u>				
AUTOCROSS #1 Sunday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #2 Sunday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #3 Sunday	\$18			
AUTOCROSS #4 Sunday	\$18			
SUNDAY PKG	\$55			
WEEKEND PKG	\$115			
<u>TOTAL</u>				

Note: Lunch will be provided Saturday, pick up your tickets at Registration!!!

Tejas Vettes
National Council of Corvette Club
First Choice Weekend
September 1, 2007

Fast Times at Mineral Wells

Tejas Vettes will be hosting 7 events on Sept 1, 2007 in conjunction with the 7 event Regional Fundraiser, on Sept 2, 2007. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun filled weekend with 14 events on a great track. We will have hospitality, registration and tech Friday at the track. Saturday night hospitality will be at the hotel.

REGISTRATION:

Friday, August 31 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Mineral Wells track

Saturday, September 1 from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. at the Mineral Wells track.

Pre-Registration will be accepted through August 20

Mail them to: **Cheryl Surdick 2608 Ridgeview Sachse, Texas 75048.**

Tech: Tech will be held at the same times as registration at the TRACK. You must be registered prior to receiving a tech sheet or being in the tech line.

Please try to make every effort to get teched at the TRACK on Friday night. Also leave your rigs at the track because parking at the hotel is limited.

Lodging: We have blocked 30 rooms for this event at the new **Best Western Clubhouse Inn and Suite** located at 4410 Hwy 180 East in Mineral Wells. The General Manager is Mr. Kiran Patel (if there are any questions) and the phone is 940-325-2270. As usual, notify them that you are with the Tejas Corvette group for the best rate, which is 1 or 2 Bed \$79.95.

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE HOTEL IS AUGUST 9.

Saturday: Judged Concours followed by 6 low speeds. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Autocross: We plan to use as much of the track as possible. Registration stops at 8:30am and the driver's meeting will commence...the first car out will be right after the parade lap.

THERE WILL BE NO TROPHIES FOR THESE EVENTS, THUS THE REDUCED ENTRY FEES.

There will be periodic stops for the timers and workers but lunch is on your own and we will try and get you out as early as possible.

SANCTION # SW-163-071-072-073-074-075-076-077

TYPE OF EVENT: Concourse & Autocross I, II, III, IV, V, VI

DATE: September 1, 2007

CLUB: Tejas Vettes, Inc

REGISTRATION - OPENS: 7:30 a.m.
- CLOSSES: 8:00 a.m.

REGION: Southwest
ENTRY FEE: \$18.00

DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Mineral Wells Airport

FIRST CAR Concours after driver's Meeting

Mineral Wells, Texas

OUT: First Car Out after parade lap

SPEED EVENT

EXHAUST: OPEN X **CLOSED:** _____

SPEED EVENT: HI _____ **LOW** X

