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The Cincinnati Corvette Club Newsletter



Founded in 1957 by Corvette Enthusiasts



2012

CINCINNATI CORVETTE CLUB

Our club was formed in 1957 by a few dedicated early Corvette owners and was one of the very first Corvette Clubs to be established. We were also one of the first to become a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) which is sponsored indirectly by the Chevrolet Motor Division of GM.

We are incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Ohio and have insurance coverage provided by the NCCC. We are sponsored by the Joseph Chevrolet Dealership who helps us financially and with major events.

Membership has always been the most important element in keeping our club active and prosperous. We hope that prospective members will come out to several of our events and/or meetings. Prospective members/guests are always welcome. A membership application can be obtained from any officer and membership is official at the payment of dues. There are several categories of dues for single, couple or family memberships. Prospective members are required to be the primary driver and/or owner of a Corvette and they must provide proof of adequate personal automobile insurance.

The club holds competitive events such as rallyes and auto-crosses on a regular basis. Competitive events are open to all members and year end trophies and competitive points are awarded by finish position. Cars for auto-crossing are classified according to the rules of our constitution by-laws in regard to horsepower, engine size, modifications, etc., so that equal participation is possible. Information on competitive events is provided to all members in advance of the event date.

Competition is encouraged in the annual Championship Points System, whereby each member is able to accumulate event points in relation to his or her participation and finish points at each event. Those not wishing to compete may work events and will receive points for each event worked. Members also earn points by attending membership meetings or organizing rallyes. Top finishers receive a trophy at the end of the year.

Membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December, which doubles as an awards banquet, and is usually held on a Saturday night.

The social aspect is not forgotten and we have several events per year, including such events as bowling parties, picnics, dinner get-togethers and caravans to other Corvette functions in the area. The December awards banquet is the culmination of our competitive year, and is a well-attended social event. The NCCC holds an annual Corvette Convention each year which is usually well-attended by club members.

Our monthly newsletter, Stingrays, is circulated to all members and contains key information on all of our events. It also includes articles of general Corvette/automotive interest and news of related events in the area.

Officers are elected for a one-year term at the November meeting. Duties of officers are defined in our constitution.

Being a member of a Corvette club is a lot of fun. You meet a lot of people who share your enthusiasm for Corvettes. There are plenty of events to attend and things to do. We hope you will join the Cincinnati Corvette Club.

2012 Cincinnati Corvette Club Officers

President – Jim Barbian

Vice President – Jim Barbian/Ron Brown

Recording Secretary – Linda Lake

Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Jenkins

Treasurer – Chuck Jenkins

NCCC Governor – Ron Brown

Social Chairperson – Nancy Fickas

Editor – Pat Brown

Webmaster – Brian Jenkins

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Reminders:

The next regular meeting of the Cincinnati Corvette Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012** at **Richard's Pizza**, 495 Nilles Road, Fairfield 45014. The meeting is scheduled to start at **7:00 PM** (new time), or come at 6:30 PM for food.

If you receive this by snail-mail, you can get the newsletter days earlier via email. Send your email address to me.

Information for the newsletter can be e-mailed to:

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Pat Brown, Editor

Check out the **"NEW"** Cincinnati Corvette Club website at:

www.cincinnati-corvettes.org

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS –

Cincinnati Corvette Club
PO Box 18274
Fairfield, OH 45018

CCC Calendar of Events

2012	Club Meeting	Club Competition	Club Social Events	WOR/NCCC Events	SCCA/CSCC	Other Related Activities
January	10 th – Richards Pizza					
February	14 th – cancelled!			2/25 - Set up WOR 2012 calendar		
March	13 th – Richard's Pizza					3-4 Swap Meet @ Montgomery Chev.
April	10 th – Richard's Pizza			4/22 ?? CT- LS-KILKARE		4/1 - Glass Society Swap Meet – Bud's, St. Marys,OH
May	8 th – Richard's Pizza			5/20 ?? CT- LS-KILKARE		
June	12 th – Richard's Pizza			6/17 ?? CT- LS-KILKARE 6/23-6/30 NCCC Convention, Topeka, KS		6/2-3 NCCC HS @ Putnam Park
July	10 th – Richard's Pizza			7/22?? CT- LS-KILKARE		
August	14 th – Richard's Pizza			8/12?? CT- LS-KILKARE		
September	11 th - Richard's Pizza		9/15 – Soup & Salad at Bob&Cheryl's	9/23?? CT- LS-KILKARE 9/1-9/3 LS events – Defiance, OH		
October	9 th – Richard's Pizza		10/??- Color Tour, Restoration Station, noon	10/14?? CT- LS-KILKARE		
November	13 th – Richard's Pizza					
December	No meeting		12/?? – 6pm – Xmas Holiday Dinner			

Please send any updates or corrections to me at CincyVettes@yahoo.com

Links – www.westhiocorvettes.com www.corvette-troy.com www.cincyscca.com/solopage.php

Meeting Minutes of the Cincinnati Corvette Club

The January 10, 2012 meeting of the CCC was called to order by President, Jim Barbian at 7:20 pm. Members present were Jim Barbian, Ron Brown, Pat Brown, Chuck Jenkins, Nancy Fickas. We welcomed guests Howard W with his 94 dark red coupe, and Bob B with his 94 red convertible.

The November 8, 2011 minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Competition – Jim will contact Scarlet Oaks to see what kind of dates are available. Ron mentioned that we now have 10 sanctions that we can use, so if we sanctioned 2 days with 5 events each, that would cover it. Pat asked if we could hire some college kids to work turns & chase pylons, since it's getting difficult to run and work these events.

Chuck Jenkins, Treasurer reported that we are solvent. We now have a new PO Box 18274 at the Fairfield 45018 Post Office but for some reason it is blocked, so we don't know where our mail is going

Chuck reported on the website status – it is now changed to www.cincinnati-corvettes.org domain name. Check it out – Brian has done a great job updating it (in between his out-of-town trips!).

Governor Ron Brown reported on this weekend's upcoming regional meeting. See his report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Social - Anyone want to host a Daytona 500 party on Feb. 26? Nancy mentioned a new indoor go-kart facility at Tri-County near Dave & Busters, opens at 11am, and costs \$20 for 8 minutes (more than enough for us). Any ideas for events?

Old Business – We had 17 people attend the Christmas Dinner at Claddaugh's.

New Business – Since the February meeting is Valentines Day – we voted to cancel the meeting & meet back at Richards on March 12th.

Pat presented a motion that we donate \$200 to Shared Harvest Food Bank of Fairfield. Motion approved.

We **still** need more HELP at the meetings – **2nd Tuesday of the month (except Dec)**. What activities would you like to see?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lake/pat brown

Recording Secretary

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN FEBRUARY – SO GET OUT & CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY!!**





## *News From Your Editor*

### FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

#### **60th Anniversary Package Announced for 2013**

All 2013 Corvettes models, including the 427 Convertible, will be available with a 60th Anniversary Package, featuring an Arctic White exterior with a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede accents. Convertible models will have a blue top.

Additional content includes a ZR1-style rear spoiler, special badging, gray-painted brake calipers and the "60th" logo on the wheel center caps, steering wheel and seat headrests. An optional graphics package adds full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue, including a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top, extending the graphic theme over the roof.

For 2013, all Corvettes will feature special 60th Anniversary cross-flag badges on the front fascia and the interior "waterfall" panel on the convertible model, as well as 60th logo in the instrument panel gauge cluster and on the sill plate.

Orders for 2013 Corvettes will begin in March.

If you are a fan of the Carlisle Blue exterior color or Centennial Edition Package, take note that production of those will end this winter. The last chance to order Carlisle Blue Corvettes is February 9-13 while Centennial Edition Package orders will wrap up March 1-6. Tentatively, the last chance to order 2012 Corvettes will be March 15-19.

#### **ZpeedFest Registration Open**

Forget about washing and waxing your ride for this event - it's all about performance and competition! ZpeedFest is open to participants with all models of GM competition oriented products including Camaro, Cobalt, CTS and of course Corvette.

Kicking off on Thursday, May 31 is a day of seminars from tuners and competitors filled with 'how to' information and demonstrations. Then Friday and Saturday (June 1-2) are dedicated to track time at Beech Bend Raceway. Participants will enjoy drag racing and autocross with several classes and trophies.



## NCCC Governor's Report

January 2012



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Ron Brown, NCCC Governor

### REGION NEWS

**The meeting to schedule events was cancelled due to the weather, so the West Ohio calendar will be set at the governor's meeting in St. Louis on February 25.**

**Corvette Troy dates are listed tentatively as they have not been confirmed!**

### NCCC NEWS

Charity - The 2012 Raffle Corvette has been ordered. It will be a Cyber Gray 2012 Grand Sport 6 speed 3LT with the Heritage Package.

Public Relations Doug McMahan reported on the new ads on the tables at the museum, several ads we trade with other corvette publications, and a new flyer in the traveling NCCC display.

The National Corvette Museum is still planning to build the new track facility. Environmental studies are done and they've sold a few more acres. Every year, the NCM elects a few prestigious people to their hall of fame. Patrick Dolan was very instrumental in the start up of the museum and is one of the nominees. Induction to the Hall of Fame will be on Labor Day weekend.

The IRS is auditing a lot of non-profit 501-C7s. They are looking at accountability and documentation. Hal added that a great deal of the information the investigator obtained came from our website. He researched us to see how our organization operates before he ever started meeting with us and asking questions.

The NCCC Family Helping Family program is a network available for traveling NCCC members who need help with their car, or just want to have a cup of coffee with a fellow member. There are 52 volunteers, but we still need some people from Carolina, East, Florida, Northeast, Northwest, Roadrunner, West and West Ohio Regions. Hal asked the Governors to please go back and promote it to their clubs. Gary Kelly and Joan Thomas have updated the information on the website. It is a great benefit to members of NCCC.

[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

## **NCCC Governor's Report – continued**

### **TOPEKA CONVENTION – JUNE 23-29. 2012**

Larry Beebe, Director, and Linda Siecgreest, Co-Director gave information on the 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS June 23-29. The hotel and track are in place. People who register for the whole week will be at the Capitol Plaza, the host hotel. There are other hotels in the area that will be used for overflow. High speed, low speed and drags will be at Heartland Park. There will be a track day on Saturday, the 23rd. They need everyone to bring pictures for two of the evening parties. Opening night is a salute to military veterans. They want pictures of you or any family members in uniform with the name, date and place it was taken. For senior prom night, they want pictures of you at your senior prom or wedding with the names and date. Linda talked about the four bus tours that are planned. One is around the city of Topeka including the air combat museum, the Governor's mansion, and lunch. One is to the Harley Davidson plant and to see a recovered steamboat from the 1800s. Another one is to Independence, MO to tour the Harry Truman museum with a narrator on the bus. This one will end with Kansas City BBQ. The fourth one is a drive to Manhattan, KS to see the Flint Hills, have lunch and go to the Blast of the Past museum. There will also be a place to stop for a bottle of wine that has the Wizard of Oz label for a souvenir, and there are lots of antique stores. Larry and Linda invite you to join them next year. It will be fun.

### **WOR Events**

April 1, Glass Society Swap Meet @ Bud's Chevrolet, St. Marys, OH

### **NCM Events**

MiM Sebring Tour      March 12 - 17

NCM Bash              April 26 - 28

C4/ZR-1 Gathering    May 17 - 19

Barn Raising II – Vette Barn    May 24 – 26

Z06 Fest                May 30 – June 2

ZspeedFest             May 31 – June 2

***Save the Wave!***

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WEB

### Corvette Daytona Prototypes Take the Track

Five new Corvette Daytona Prototypes will compete under the Team Chevy Racing banner in the 50th Anniversary of the Rolex 24-Hours at Daytona! SPEED Network will be providing 10 hours of live coverage beginning at 3:30pm on January 28, with live coverage for the full 24 hours at [speed.com](http://speed.com).



We are also in search of volunteers for Corvette Corrals at upcoming Grand-AM races. If you are interested in helping out at the events listed below, please email the NCM: Barber Motorsports Park, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Belle Isle, Mid-Ohio, Road America, Watkins Glen 6/29-7/1 and 8/10-11, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Lime Rock.

### Powder Puff Mechanics Course Offered

If you've been to a Museum event lately, perhaps you've attended one of our newest seminars - the Ladies' Garage Party. This event provides an overview of car care basics geared towards women. The seminar was such a hit that we've created an extended version which is open to the public.

On Saturday, February 11 we are offering a series of sessions that will give you the ins and outs of car care from fluid basics, to all you need to know about tires. The four hour workshop is only \$10 for students and \$12 for adults and includes lunch and Museum admission in addition to the array of educational seminars. Girl Scouts can also earn a patch for participating!



### Corvette Racing Announces 2012 Roster

Corvette Racing will seek its ninth American Le Mans Series championship and its eighth victory in the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2012. With a win in the GTE Pro class at Le Mans and runner-up finishes in the ALMS GT team and driver championships last year, America's premier production sports car team has focused on improving all aspects of its performance as it prepares its Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars for the 2012 campaign.

Corvette Racing's revised driver lineup delivers a powerful combination of youth and experience. Antonio Garcia joins Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen, and Tommy Milner as the four full-season drivers. Richard Westbrook will reprise his role as third driver in endurance events (Sebring, Le Mans, and Petit Le Mans), and Jordan Taylor will join Corvette Racing for the three long-distance races.

### What Do Vettes and Turtles Have In Common?

It is hard to imagine what a C6 Corvette and a turtle could possibly have in common, but there are certainly a couple of things that come to mind. First off, turtles and Corvettes do not handle cold weather, but more importantly once each of these land on their lid, they are essentially screwed. According to the [Yorktown \(New York\) Patch](#) a driver lost control of his Corvette during less than ideal driving conditions and ended up running off the road. When the automotive gymnastics routine concluded the blue C6 came to rest on its roof, but the driver suffered no injuries.

**NEWS** - continued

Fortunately the young man behind the wheel of the Vette was uninjured and even managed to save his guitar from the wreckage. George Keesler, Deputy Chief of the Mohegan Fire Department and the state police credit the lack of injuries to the driver wearing a seatbelt. Both authorities recommended that drivers should slow down in the rain because of the potential to hydroplane. Corvettes do have some of the finest suspension, handling and braking of domestic cars on the market, but let the plight of this Corvette serve as a reminder to take it easy in the rain or just leave the Corvette in the garage. Otherwise, you risk disaster and your car becoming the donor for a future LS swap for someone.

**First Production 427 Convertible Brings \$600K Winning Bid at B-J**

The [427 Convertible](#) is set to be the most powerful drop top Corvette ever built.

With the 427 CI 505 HP powerhouse from the Z06, carbon fiber components from the Z06 Carbon Edition, and some finishing touches from the ZR1, the new Corvette convertible model will certainly live up to the standards of the iconic 427 Corvettes from the past.

Interestingly enough, the Corvette that appeared at Barrett-Jackson was not the exact car that was sold, however. The charity auction was actually selling the rights to the first production 427 Convertible, meaning that the winning bidder gets to “spec out” their own car and be on the production line as the car is built.

**160 MPH in a C6 on Public Roads – What Could Go Wrong?**

They say that if you have nothing nice to say, say nothing. In this case, however, we do have to make a little exception and call people who do reckless things and then brag about it on YouTube... well, never mind what we'd *like* to call them, but it's just not a very smart idea to speed in your car on a public freeway just so you can post it on the world's largest, virtual video archive. In fact, our own [Kevin Shaw](#) reported in December of 2010 that an Oklahoma City local by the name of Cody R. was busted for videotaping himself doing 195 in a blown 'Vette around OKC freeways, just to be found on YouTube by local police and prosecuted.

Apparently, not everyone got the message. “Richard,” on January 4th, posted a video on YouTube of himself doing 160 MPH on a Houston freeway in a C6 Corvette; in light of Cody's ordeal just two years ago, this was not a very good decision. Then again, posting the video was the last in a string of bad decisions, like ignoring the multiple warning lights and messages on the dashboard, driving with one hand so he could hold the video camera with the other, getting plenty of clear shots of his own face, and of course, doing more than double the speed limit in the middle of the day in traffic.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES RENEWAL**

**CINCINNATI CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(...dues amount on next page...)

**ANNUAL DUES** (check appropriate blanks and submit a check payable to CCC)

**New Member** (full year membership for one person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member CCC Dues - \$22.00  
NCCC Dues - \$35.00 **Total - \$57.00**

**Joint New Membership** (Full Year Membership for Member and Spouse, Companion, or Dependant)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member (Couple) CCC Dues - \$33.00  
Plus NCCC Members (couple) - \$45.00 **Total - \$78.00**

**\* New Members must join NCCC the 1<sup>st</sup> year.**

**Take note!!!!!!!!!! There are 5 different choices for membership renewal.**

**RENEWAL DUES** (Due to the Treasurer by November 20<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member Dues **CCC only** - \$22.00 **Total - \$22.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member Dues (couple) **CCC only** - \$33.00 **Total - \$33.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active single Member CCC Dues - \$22.00  
+ NCCC Dues - \$25.00 **Total - \$47.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member (Couple) CCC Dues - \$33.00  
+ NCCC Dues for one Member - \$25.00 **Total - \$58.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member (Couple) CCC Dues - \$33.00  
+ NCCC Dues for couple - \$35.00 **Total - \$68.00**

*\* - Half year Membership (after June 30) deduct \$11.00*

*\*\* - Half year Joint Membership (after June 30) deduct \$16.50*

**NOTE - AFTER NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, YOU WILL OWE NEW MEMBER DUES - \$57 SINGLE, \$78 COUPLE).**

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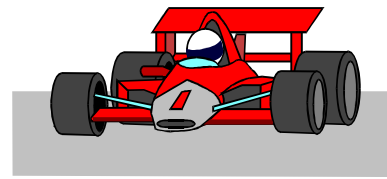


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