

THE VETTE SETTE

Newsletter of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club

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August Edition, 2011

President's Message for August --- I hope everyone is surviving the summer heat. What a killer it has been this year! Looking at our calendar, August will give us a little down time and September we will have Corvette Club of Texas and Cowtown at the Arlington GM Plant and the TMS event September 17-18. I hope we will a large group going this year; it is always a fun event and a great track. As we go into the fall, October looks to be our busiest month yet with 4 week-ends of racing, club meeting, and more.

It is time again to starting thinking about elections. We will be putting together a nomination committee for next year's slate of candidates for office. Nominations for Governor is at the September club meeting and the rest of the executive board is nominated the following month. If you have a desire to run for an office or know someone who would make a good candidate be sure and contact the committee members who I hope to have in place by our August meeting and who will be listed in next month's newsletter.

Glenda

QUOTE: *In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on. -----Robert Frost*

OKLAHOMA FACTS AND TRIVIA	Oil made Oklahoma a rich state, but natural-gas production has now surpassed it. Oil refining, meat packing, food processing, and machinery manufacturing (especially construction and oil equipment) are important industries. Minerals produced in Oklahoma include helium, gypsum, zinc, cement, coal, copper, and silver.
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Governor's Message for August: The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) National Convention next year is going to be in Topeka, KS June 23rd – 30th. Here is a link to 2012 Convention home page where you can find the tentative schedule. Other info will be posted as it becomes available. (<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2012.html>). I would like to see a big group attend from our club, since it is less than a 5 hour drive from Oklahoma City. There will be a party and/or dinner every night. One night they are planning a parade, dinner on the capitol grounds, and an outdoor concert. The low-speed and high-speed autocrosses will be at Heartland Park. The drags will also be at Heartland Park and they are going to have Matching Times Drags, Record Drags, and Bracket Drags.

The next race weekend in the Southwest Region will be September 3rd and 4th with 11 autocrosses at the GM plant in Arlington, TX. There will be 10 autocrosses at Texas Motor Speedway on September 17th and 18th. You should have received the flyers for these weekends via email. We always have a big group going down to Texas Motor Speedway.

If you have any questions, call me (285-1119) or send me an email (bruston@cox.net).

See you soon,
Brett Ruston

2011 Southwest Region Schedule		
September 3 rd , 4 th	Arlington, TX	11 autocrosses
September 9 th , 10 th	St. Louis	NCCC National Meeting
September 17 th , 18 th	Texas Motor Speedway (CTV / BRCC)	10 autocrosses
September 17 th	Ft. Worth, TX	Southwest Region Governor's Meeting
October 1 st , 2 nd	TBD (LCC / THT)	14 autocrosses
October 15 th , 16 th	Sheriff's Track	7 autocrosses
October 22 nd	Cresson, TX (TOCC)	7 autocrosses
October 29 th , 30 th	TBD (TV / TCCC)	14 autocrosses
October 29 th	TBD	Southwest Region Governor's Meeting
November 11 th , 12 th	St. Louis	NCCC National Meeting

"GAME-ON TOP 20"

1	Jeannie Ruston	920	11	Jesse Ryan	470
2	Ron Ruston	910	12	Charles Sharp	450
3	Bonnie Goodson	705	13	Lewis Crowder	425
4	Joe Szijarto	690	14	Alan Brown	420
5	Ron McCubbin	610	15	Bob Schneider	395
6	Brett Ruston	585	16TIE	Chris Gann	360
7	Johnny Gann	555	16TIE	Craig Szijarto	360
8TIE	Glenda Brown	520	16TIE	Jan Szijarto	360
8TIE	Russell Smith	520	19	Pat Pierre	355
10	April Ryan	505	20	Steve Moore	345

Standings are as of **July 20, 2011**.
Joe Szijarto - aka Buttercup



August Birthdays

Greg Brown	8/3
Bena Sharp	8/8
Raquel Burgess	8/11
Tom Goodson	8/14
Scott Matthesen	8/16
Chris Cantrell	8/17
Bonnie Goodson	8/21
Russell Matthesen	8/25
Phil Long	8/28
Steve Moore	8/28

FCOA Birthdays

Kyle Buchart 8/23
(Grandson of Tom and Bonnie Goodson)

Leslie Matzinger 8/23
(Daughter of Shawn and Lisa Matzinger
Granddaughter of Marvin and Margaret Matzinger)

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A Quick Report on Events around OKC, the Region, and beyond.

On Memorial Day Weekend we hosted our annual Southern States Corvette Festival. With 7 Autocrosses on Saturday and 3 Drag Events on Sunday. The turnout was down this year I guess due to the heat, the gas prices, and maybe interest in the Southwest Region is declining. The autocross events went well with few interruptions and lots of smiles from the competitors. The Drags were good. We changed the run order up a bit with the men only single car classes running during the down time of the ladies drags. It seemed to work well. We only had two records set one by Bob Morrison (Cowtown) the other by our own Christine Gann. Thanks to all the folks who attended, helped work the events, or just came out to hang out.

Just a week later Jeannie and I headed out for Pittsburgh, Washington DC, and Philadelphia to visit old friends and Jeannie's family (There are a bunch of them for sure). When we finished all the visiting we headed for Tinley Park and the NCCC Convention. We were joined by Steve and Marilyn Moore for a week of site seeing and parties. None of us entered any competition events but we sure enjoyed a few.

We made laps on the Autobahn, cheered on our Southwest Region friends at the autocross events and of course the Valve Cover races. We toured Chicago including the Navy Pier, Natural History Museum, and Centennial Park. We spent a day at the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show. Also did I mention the Parties???

On Saturday Johnny and Chris Gann were there so that Chris could pick up his 15th in the National Points Chase Award. We also picked up the 4th in Nation Trophy for the Oklahoma City Corvette Club.

The Convention was great and now we are looking forward to 2012 in Topeka. It is not too early to start making your plans to attend!!!

On July 9th & 10th The Oklahoma City Corvette Club teamed up with the Tulsa Vette Sette, and North Texas Vettes to host a 14 autocross event at the Sheriff's track. This time it was VERY HOT. The attendance was pretty low with only about 36 racers (22 of those OKC Members). The lower than expected number of entries allowed us to finish early and get to the pool or air-conditioning early.

On July 30th & 31st Jeannie & I, Johnny and Chris Gann, and Marvin Mattzinger made the trip to Topeka for the 2012 Convention Tune-Up. We ran High Speed on the Heartland Park Road Course and Low Speed on a 23-acre asphalt pad. (Think of Mineral Wells without the gravel.) Both courses were great! The High Speed is over two miles with just enough elevation change to make in interesting. The low speed was second gear but lots of fun. It would be great if we could get a large group from OKC to attend the Convention in 2012, so please give it some thought.

Later, Ron

<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>OCTOBER</u>	
8/17	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9/3-4	Arlington, TX CCT/CTV 11 autocrosses	10/1-2	LCCC/THT 14 autocrosses
8/27	Location to be announced soon.	9/9-10	NCCC National Meeting	10/15-16	Sheriff's Track 7 autocrosses
		9/17-18	Texas Motor Speedway CTV / BRCC; SW Region Governor's meeting	10/19	Monthly Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
		9/21	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10/22	Cresson, Texas, TOCC, 7 autocrosses
				10/29-30	TV/TCCC 14 autocrosses SW Regional Governor's Meeting

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