

# *THE VETTE SETTE*

Newsletter of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club  
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May Edition, 2011

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**President's Message for May** --- Hopefully we have more sunny days ahead of us as we get closer to our Festival -- Memorial weekend. Prior to Festival, we will have another playday at the Sheriff's track May 14 and test and tune days at Thunder Valley on May 13 and May 20. Looking forward to a record turn-out and a successful event.

We would like to do a progressive dinner party as one of our meet-n-eat events in July, possible July 23 or July 30. We will just doing 3-4 stations; (1) appetizers, (2) salads, (3) main course, and (4) desserts. We can combine stations 2 and 3. The Brown and Barrett family will do desserts at our house, but we will need someone to host the appetizers and someone to host the main course. Each station should include 2-3 families furnishing the food. In the past this was always a fun event and one everyone looked forward to. I will put this on our May agenda so that we can get it calendared.

May is a busy month with activities for all. Check the newsletter calendar and our website for upcoming events you won't want to miss.

Glenda



***HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO***

**QUOTE:** *The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. -----Benjamin Mays*

**Governor's Message for May**----- The Southwest Region Scholarship deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship is available to club members and their dependents. The scholarship can be used for college or an occupational school. Let me know if you have any questions concerning the scholarship. You can find the application on this link ([http://www.nccswregion.org/2010/SWR\\_NCCC\\_Scholarship\\_Info-App.pdf](http://www.nccswregion.org/2010/SWR_NCCC_Scholarship_Info-App.pdf)).

The next race weekend in the Southwest Region is our own Southern States Corvette Festival on Memorial Day weekend. We are having 7 autocrosses at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's track on Saturday, and 3 drag events at Thunder Valley on Sunday. You should have received a flyer via email. You can bring your registration to the next club meeting (May 18<sup>th</sup>) or mail it to the address on the form. Please note this event is **Pre-registration only**.

We will have a playday autocross at the Sheriff's track on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

At the NCCC national meeting this past weekend, it was decided each club we have 10 sanctions that can be used, beginning with 2012. That will mean even more races in Oklahoma City next year!

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

See you soon,  
Brett Ruston



**May Birthdays**

Gary Miller	5/3
Sam Burgess	5/11
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Brett Ruston	5/21
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### 2011 Southwest Region Schedule

May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sheriff's Track	Playday
May 28 <sup>st</sup>	Host Hotel	Southwest Region Governor's Meeting
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sheriff's Track, Thunder Valley (Festival)	9 autocrosses, 3 drag events
June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tinley Park, IL	NCCC National Convention
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sheriff's Track	Playday
July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sheriff's Track	14 autocrosses
September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Louis	NCCC National Meeting
September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Motor Speedway (CTV / BRCC)	10 autocrosses
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ft. Worth, TX	Southwest Region Governor's Meeting
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD (LCC / THT)	14 autocrosses
October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sheriff's Track	7 autocrosses
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cresson, TX (TOCC)	7 autocrosses
October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBD (TV / TCCC)	14 autocrosses
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Southwest Region Governor's Meeting
November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Louis	NCCC National Meeting

## Spring Corvette Shows

May 20th -21st - Central Oklahoma Corvette Club's Corvette Round-up 2011 will be held at Hafer Park in Edmond, Oklahoma. Car show will be Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm with free registration. There are activities planned for Friday also. For more information, go to [www.centralokcorvetteclub.org](http://www.centralokcorvetteclub.org).

June 4th - Cherokee Strip Corvette Club will be hosting their 10th Anniversary 2011 Summer Kick Off Corvette Show at Lake Ponca in Ponca City. Class Awards for C1-C6, including Best in Show. Pre-registration fee is \$30.00 or after May 22nd is \$35.00. Day of show registration is 8:30 to 11:30 am. For more information, go to [www.Cherokeestripcorvetteclub.com](http://www.Cherokeestripcorvetteclub.com),

June 11th - the NonClub Club of Oklahoma will be hosting their 4th Annual All Corvette Show at Marc Heitz Chevrolet in Norman. Class awards for C1-C6, including Best of Show. Pre-registration is \$25.00 and after May 28 is \$30.00. Day of show registration is 9:00 to 11:00 am. For more information, please call 405-314-8418 or 405-620-1297.

Gene Holtz

## "GAME-ON TOP 20ish"

### "GAME-ON TOP 20"

1	Jeannie Ruston	540	11	Glenda Brown	235
2	Ron Ruston	515	12	Marvin Matzinger	230
3	Bonnie Goodson	430	13TIE	Shawn Matzinger	200
4	Lewis Crowder	400	13TIE	April Ryan	200
5	Ron McCubbin	345	15	Charles Sharp	185
6	Joe Szijarto	330	16	LeAnn Szijarto	175
7TIE	Johnny Gann	295	17	Jan Szijarto	170
7TIE	Brett Ruston	295	18	Carol Smith	155
7TIE	Russell Smith	295	19TIE	Jesse Ryan	150
10	Pat Pierre	240	19TIE	Bob Schneider	150

Standings are as of April 20<sup>th</sup> 2011.  
We're now starting to get some activity.  
Joe Szijarto

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL FOR OCCC MEMBERS

Our benefits program for NCCC members has been expanding. Have you had the time to take a look at our **Discounts for Members** tab? Here are just a few of the discounts available for NCCC members.

**Sears Commercial Club Rewards Program** – Save money on home appliances, Craftsman Tools, lawnmowers and more.

**Allied Movers Benefit Program** – Save on moving services and hassle free Home Financing.

**Shared Book** – Offers NCCC members a personalized Corvette Book with your own Corvette Picture and dedication. Offer is thru Car & Driver Magazine along with Free Shipping.

More benefits are being considered at this time. An NCCC Roadside Assistance Program with Net Safe (AAA members have this program available to them), which would have towing and lockout with other features available such as automotive discounts and travel discounts. Potential packages from \$15 to \$45.00 a year are also being studied.

Southwest Regions Traveling Help Network is going National. NCCC members will be able to travel across the US and have access to an NCCC member wherever they go, should they need help. This is currently being worked on and details will follow.

As an NCCC member you also can apply for a Visa Platinum Rewards Card thru UMB with your own corvette picture featured on your card. Details are online.

Jeannie

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## **Officially Official: 2012 Corvette to Reach New Heights in Performance**



*DETROIT – Chevrolet announced today that it will once again elevate Corvette’s performance capabilities with a series of improvements for the 2012 model year that improve on-track performance and on-road comfort. They include enhancements to the high-performance Z06 and ZR1 models as well as interior upgrades across the Corvette lineup.*

*Sports car fans will get their first look at the 2012 models – including the racing-inspired appearance of the Chevrolet Centennial Edition – at a special event this weekend at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. Production begins in July.*

*“We constantly strive to make the Corvette a better car on the road and the track,” says Tadge Juechter, Corvette vehicle line director and chief engineer. “For 2012, the Corvette lineup achieves its highest performance level ever, while at the same time being easier to drive and enjoy thanks to several changes and new features inside the car.”*

### ***New Michelin Cup ZP tires elevate Z06/ZR1 performance***

*Corvette’s greater performance for 2012 begins with the new, optional Michelin® Pilot® Sport Cup Zero Pressure tires, which are available on the two highest-performing models, the lightweight, 505-hp (377 kW) Z06 and the maximum-performance, 638-hp (476 kW) supercharged ZR1. They are competition-oriented tires, optimized for warm, dry conditions to increase cornering and handling capability.*

*When combined with the Corvette’s exclusive Performance Traction Management (PTM) technology – which manages torque delivery for maximum performance – the tires are expected to help set new benchmarks for Corvette performance. Engineers estimate an 8-percent gain in maximum lateral acceleration, to more than 1.1g, and improved braking distance. Testing at Virginia International Raceway has demonstrated improvement of approximately three seconds per lap.*

*The Cup ZP tires were developed by the same Michelin engineers who develop tires for Corvette Racing in the American Le Mans Series and are essentially street-legal versions of a racing tire. They are included in the optional Z07 performance package on the Corvette Z06 and a new PDE performance package on the ZR1. The 285/30-19 (front) and 335/25-20 (rear) tires are matched with all-new aluminum Cup-style wheels in satin black or machined finishes. They are about five pounds lighter (2.2 kg) and stronger than the 20-spoke wheel offered in 2011.*

*Performance Traction Management (offered on the Z06 for the first time in 2012) is an advanced system that optimizes traction for greater and more consistent on-track performance. The system also integrates traction control, active handling and selective ride control systems to enhance race track driving consistency and overall performance. When full throttle is applied upon exiting a corner, it automatically manages acceleration dynamics.*

*A full-width racing-style spoiler for improved aerodynamics is also included in both the '12 Z07 and PDE packages. The Z06 model will now offer Magnetic Selective Ride Control, the world's fastest-reacting suspension technology – an innovation Corvette pioneered several years ago. And as before, Brembo carbon ceramic brakes will be a part of the Z07 chassis package (they are standard on ZR1). Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires remain standard on the ZR1.*

*A carbon fiber hood will be an available option on 2012 Z06 models, while the standard manual transmission for ZR1 will include taller gearing in fifth and sixth gears, for a 2-mpg improvement in highway fuel economy.*

***Interior and feature changes*** *All 2012 Corvette models will include a new seat design and a new steering wheel. The seats feature larger bolsters on the seat back and cushion areas, which provide better driver support, especially in high-performance driving while remaining comfortable for daily street driving. Microfiber suede seat inserts are optional and improve tactile feel, as well as add additional support.*

*The new seats are complemented by the revised steering wheel, featuring model-specific badges, streamlined switch trim and wrapped spokes. Padded center console and armrests for all models are now included for 2012. An additional visual touch inside the car is contrasting color stitching – in red, blue and yellow – which is available with the custom leather-wrapped interior.*

*Also coming in 2012 is a new Bose uplevel audio system, which includes nine speakers (compared to seven in 2011) for improved audio quality that is more precisely tuned to the cabin's acoustics. New tweeters located in the instrument panel and improved Bose Nd next-generation bass performance is the main benefit that Corvette drivers will hear.*

*A new Technology Package (2LT trim level) brings together many of the Corvette's popular infotainment features and makes them available for more models. The package's equipment includes the navigation radio, head-up display, Bose premium audio system, Bluetooth wireless phone connectivity and a USB port.*

*Wrapping up the new features for 2012 is the availability for customers to select brake caliper colors, for more personalization of their Corvette. The calipers are offered in the red, yellow, silver or gray.*

## Maximizing Performance: New Packages and Upgrades for the 2012 Chevrolet Corvette

### Packages and Special Editions

#### [\(ZLC\) Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition](#)

Commemorates Chevrolet's 100th anniversary. Available on 3LT, 4LT, 3LZ and 3ZR. Includes (58U) Carbon Flash Metallic exterior color, special Chevrolet Centennial Black wheels (specific to model) with special center cap logos, Satin Black graphics, Magnetic Selective Ride Control, Red brake calipers, special badging, Ebony seating surfaces with suede accents and Red stitching, Custom Leather wrapped instrument panel and doors (except 3LT), seat embossment, steering wheel badge and special interior trim plate.

(PDE) ZR1 High Performance Package Includes (RUV) Black cup style lightweight 19" front and 20" rear wheels, (XFH) Michelin PS Cup tires and (MH3) 6-speed close-ratio manual transmission.

(Z07) Z06 Ultimate Performance Package Upgraded from its initial 2011 release and renamed the "Ultimate Performance Package", the Z07 package now includes Performance Traction Management (PTM) which was previously exclusive to the ZR1. In addition to Brembo carbon ceramic brakes, Z07 includes (XFH) Michelin PS Cup tires (optimized for warm, dry weather performance with reduced tread wear rating), (RUV) Black cup style lightweight aluminum wheels and (F55) Magnetic Selective Ride Control.

(F55) Magnetic Selective Ride Control for Z06

(F55) Magnetic Selective Ride Control is now available with Z06 and includes Performance Traction Management (PTM), (RUV) Black cup style lightweight aluminum wheels and (XFG) Michelin PS2 tires.

### Exterior Colors

My question about (41U) Black not being on the list was answered as the top selling color for every year since 2004 has been deleted for 2012. The only way you can get a black Corvette in 2012 is to order the (ZLC) Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition which only comes in (58U) Carbon Flash Metallic. The other new color of course is [\(GLF\) Carlisle Blue Metallic](#) which replaces (85U) Jetstream Blue.

### Wheels and Tires

Each of the Corvette models have their own special wheels for the (ZLC) Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition. Why the Grand Sport wheels don't have the red line is a question we'll be asking the Corvette Team in Bowling Green:

- (RUL) 5-spoke, Chevrolet Centennial Black with Red stripe aluminum, 18" front and 19" rear wheels (Coupe and Convertible with [ZLC] Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition)
- (RUM) Grand Sport Chevrolet Centennial Black aluminum, 18" front and 19" rear wheels (Grand Sport with [ZLC] Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition)
- (RUR) Chevrolet Centennial Black with Red stripe, cup style aluminum, 19" front and 20" rear wheels (Z06 and ZR1 with [ZLC] Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition)

Corvette Z06 and ZR1 are also getting cup style aluminum wheels in Black or Machined-Face:

- (RUV) Black cup style lightweight aluminum, 19" front and 20" rear wheels (included and only available on Z06 with [F55] Magnetic Selective Ride Control or [Z07] Z06 Ultimate Performance Package; also included and only available on ZR1 with [PDE] ZR1 High Performance Package)
- (Q5V) Machined-face, cup style aluminum, 19" front and 20" rear wheels, available on Z06 (with F55 or Z07) and ZR1

(XFH) Michelin PS Cup Tires will also make their debut on Z06's with the (Z07) Z06 Ultimate Performance Package or on ZR1's with the (PDE) ZR1 High Performance Package. The Michelins are optimized for warm, dry weather performance with reduced tread wear rating.

### **Other Options for 2012:**

- New 2LT Technology Package featuring Bluetooth for select phones, Head-Up Display, Bose, navigation and USB port
- (34T) Blue convertible top (interim introduction during 2011MY)
- (B92) Carbon fiber hood available for Z06
- Colored calipers available in (J6D) Dark Gray Metallic, (J6F) Red (standard on Z06), (J6C) Silver (standard on Grand Sport) and (J6E) Yellow
- (PIN) Customer selectable VIN (restrictions and approval required, available for SOLD orders only)

### **Changes from 2011:**

- Front and rear tires are now represented with 1 RPO code
- (MM6) is now the RPO code for the 6-speed manual transmission for Coupe, Convertible and Z06
- (MZ6) is now the RPO code for the 6-speed manual transmission for Grand Sport
- (ME2) is now the RPO code for the 6-speed manual transmission for ZR1
- (MYC) is now the RPO code for the 6-speed automatic transmission
- 3LT, 4LT and 2LZ now include (U3U) navigation audio system and USB port
- New steering wheel design
- Suede seat inserts included on 4LT, 3LZ, 3ZR
- Bose audio upgrade to 9 speakers with new subwoofers
- (J55) Brake calipers painted Black

### **Deletions from 2012:**

- Exterior colors
- (41U) Black
- (85U) Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat
- (US9) AM/FM stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD changer

So there you have it! The 2012 Corvette – America's Favorite Sports Car – looks to be better than ever.

Phil Long



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Andrea Bair  
Interim Executive Director  
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5/13	Test & Tune Thunder Valley	6/4	Cherokee Strip Corvette Club Corvette Show at Lake Ponca	7/9-10	OCCC Summer Sizzler, Sheriff's Track, 14 autocrosses
5/14	Playday Sheriff's Track	6/11	Corvette Show at Marc Heitz Cherrolet in Norman	7/20	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.
5/15	Meet-n-Eat Republic Gastropub, N. Classen Blvd. 1:00 p.m.	6/11	Meet-n-Eat (TBD)	7/30-31	Heartland Park Raceway, West Region
5/18	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5/15	Monthly Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.		
5/20	Test & Tune Thunder Valley	5-18-24	NCCC Convention		
5/20-21	COCC Corvette Round-up 2011-- Hafer Park, Edmond, Oklahoma	6/25	Playday Sheriff's Track		
5/28	Southwest Region Governor's meeting				
5/28-29	Sheriff's Track, Thunder Valley (Festival) 9 autocrosses, 3 drag events				

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