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August 12  
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Carrollton**

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## Black Hills Corvette Classic

by **Mike & Pam Dale**

Thirteen cars from LSCC—three C-6s, nine C-5s, and one C-4—made the trip to Spearfish, South Dakota. We were gone seven days, drove 2,880+ miles through some of the most beautiful countryside imaginable, all the while enjoying the company of our fellow Vettes. It was a blast. Johnny and Edie Downs had planned our trip to perfection and the path we would follow for the week. Many of us didn't know everyone on our caravan when we started, but after a few of the planned (and not so planned) stops, we all knew we were with family.

### Tuesday July 11

We met across the Texas border at the I-35 Oklahoma Welcome Center and headed for St. Joseph, Missouri, over 500 miles away. Our first night was at the Holiday Inn in the Riverfront Historic District where Johnny and Edie had managed to reserve space for us at a Cajun restaurant called Boudreaux's. The food was awesome and the stories were fantastic and, possibly, true. Adult beverages might have been consumed beforehand at the hotel, and directions to the restaurant might not have been remembered, but Johnny and Edie did their best to provide us with a scenic six-block walking tour of historic downtown St. Joseph (the restaurant was two blocks away).

### Wednesday July 12

Following a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, we continued our journey at 9 a.m.—down the road to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, an easy drive of about 300 miles. Once in Sioux Falls—starting with a rendezvous and check-in at Chevrolet of Sioux Falls—was the true beginning of the Black Hills Corvette Classic celebration. We gathered at the dealership, had a few beverages and bought souvenirs. Then it was Hot Summer Nights in beautiful downtown Sioux Falls. Hundreds of Vettes and Harley's lined over six blocks. There was shopping, eating, music, Vettes, adult beverages, dancing, shopping and gawking.

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## Mid-Year Membership Report

by **Terry Garrett**

As of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 LSCC has 485 memberships. That is 86 single and 392 double memberships. This brings the member count to 879 members.

In February the Lone Star 150 membership contest was started to help bring our membership count back up to around 1000 members. The contest has had some success but there have been more new members join without a reference than there has with a member reference.

So as a reminder; Whoever brings in the most NEW members by the December 2006 club meeting with their name at the top of the membership application on the "Referred by" line WINS! They have to be new members, not renewing members and officers (or their family's) are not eligible.

The winner of the contest will receive 18 months of LSCC membership added to their current membership term, that's a \$75.00 value. Second place will get 12 months membership added and third place will receive 6 months paid membership dues.

As of right now the contest leader would be the Dallas Car Show. There have been five applications with that on the "referred by" line. Someone should have put their name on them! The real leader is too close to call; it's a tie between Karen Fowler, Paula Hambrick, Curt Troster, Allen Kaus and Dollie Cole. Second place is also tied, a 22 way tie!

I would like to take a minute and thank everyone that helped at this years Classic! The membership desk signed up 19 new members which I think is a record. A special thanks to my wife Judy for spending all day Friday working when I had to be out of town and also to Mary Kay who worked all weekend and continues to help.

Thank You!

Have a great, safe summer!  
Terry / 2006 Membership

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is the 20th of each month.*

## President's Message

by **Greg Hester**

"I take it Back"

I talked last month about the weather not being hot, "It's just Corvette Fever." I take it all back!!! It is HOT!!! 107 degrees is Hot, not matter what you drive. Don't expect to see me at any events until about October, unless it's indoors and has good A/C.

Here are a few things you can still do this August in your Corvette. Go see the movie "Cars" in a nice cool theater, check the malls for Corvette Clothes or go to Young Chevrolet and sit in the Corvettes on the showroom floor. These may not qualify as Corvette events, but at least you won't get a Heat Stroke!!

For those of you that have to go outside, you have some options. Our next meeting will be at The Fox and Hound Restaurant. The NCM is having their Anniversary Celebration Aug. 31-Sep 3 and another cool out of state event is the Sandhills Open Road Challenge on Aug 10-12, in Arnold, Nebraska. To try and beat the heat our next Khana Cross at Cedar Valley College will be held at 7pm on the breezy Saturday, Aug. 19. Check your newsletter and the club website for many of other "Cool" things to do this month. Don't forget to tell Linda Walker when you participate at an event, so she can post your club participation points and log your miles.

"Get your Kicks in 2006!" Greg



Photo Courtesy of Pam Dale

## From the Vice Presidents's Corner

by **Cary Conwell**

Hope everyone is having a great summer; we sure are with all the great Corvette related events going on. We had a very good July meeting at Cruisers in Frisco on the 8<sup>th</sup> as it was well attended and the accommodations and food were excellent.

In the July meeting we briefly discussed Classic XVII with Charlie Magill giving us a final report of a job well done. Charlie was also quick to recognize all the volunteers who make the Classic events so great, and he appealed to one and all for their continued support on behalf of Tom Snodgrass, who will be our 2007 Classic XVIII officer, as he was unable to attend this meeting.

July was a very busy month for the club with some pretty big out of town events, most noticeably the trip to South Dakota and the trip to Colorado. I think at the upcoming August 12<sup>th</sup> LSCC monthly meeting we should be hearing some interesting stories and exploits from these trips for sure.

We hopefully will have a Christmas Party sign-up sheet at the August meeting. The Christmas Party is planned for December 9<sup>th</sup>, and it will take place at the Plano VFW Post which Tim Dowding is an active member. The cost will be \$25 a person, which will include use of the Post, ample parking, food, security, d-jay, karaoke for the more daring of the group, with a cash bar available to all attendees. We anticipate the party beginning at 6:30pm to whenever. Additionally, there are several hotels/motels within 2-3 minutes of the Post which members could avail themselves if they would prefer to not drive back home after the Party. We will have additional information regarding the Christmas Party and accommodations very soon.

The August 12th meeting will be held again at the Fox and Hounds, which is located in Carrollton off the Midway exit of the Bush Toll road. The regular attendees have been here several times in the past and the accommodations are great and the food is the classic summer affair, hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings for \$10 per. The meeting will begin at 11am for the meet and greet, food at 11:30am and the general meeting will begin at 12:30pm. Hope to see you all there!

Cary Conwell

## Welcome to New Members

by Terry Garrett

George & Barbara Adkins of Garland, TX.  
2006 Red Convertible.

Christopher & Cecilia Cobb of Rockwall, TX.

Gerald & Linda Dinsmore of Corinth, TX.  
05 Red Coupe, 71 Orange Coupe, 68 Yellow  
Coupe & 66 White Convertible

Butch & Josie Duggan of Addison, TX.  
2006 Mag Red Coupe

John Forsythe of Grapevine, TX.  
2006 Black Convertible

Guyton Gagliardi of Bedford, TX.  
2006 Yellow Coupe

Wayne & Glenda Michaels of Carrollton, TX.  
06 Black Coupe & 95 Red Coupe

James & Sylke Patton of North Richland Hills,  
TX.  
1984 Black Coupe

Bart & Carrie Stevenson of Keller, TX.  
1998 Silver Coupe

John & Susan Pritchard of Dallas, TX.  
2006 Black Z06

David & Linda Lou Cook of Southlake  
2003 Yellow/Red/Blue C5-R

Ruth Buzzi (Yes, the Italian Sex Goddess from  
TV fame: "Laugh-In")



Photo Courtesy of Pam Dale

## July Business Meeting Minutes

by Terry Garrett for Sandy Conwell

Greg Hester, President, called the business meeting of the Lone Star Corvette Club to order. There were approximately 120 members in attendance. He then introduced the 2006 Club officers.

Terry Garrett asked for a motion to approve the June minutes as published in the July newsletter; the motion was approved.

Mr. Hester welcomed new members/guests. Terry Garrett asked for a motion to approve new members who joined in June as published in the July newsletter; the motion was approved. Tim Dowding presented the June financial statement. Beginning balance was \$85,940.63 with deposits of \$6,236.51 and expenses of \$34,832.37, leaving a balance of \$57,344.77 as of June 30, 2006. Tim asked for a motion to approve the financial statement as presented; the motion was approved.

Charlie Magill presented the final report for Classic XVII.

Greg announced that after the social meeting this afternoon, there would be a caravan to the Choctaw Casino in Durant, OK if anyone would like to join them. Greg Hester then adjourned the business meeting.

## Corny Dogs & Funnel Cakes

by John Dobson

Enjoy a day at the 2003 State Fair of Texas by putting your car in the LSCC Car Display. Sample all the great food and drink the Fair has to offer, or bring your own food and drink in a cooler. Our display is outside in the Car Corral from 9:00am-7:00pm on Sunday, October 15. Space is limited. The State Fair requires us to stay until 7:00pm so please do not plan to leave early. Sign-up by contacting me at 972-304-0539 or e-mail me at [john.dobson@verizon.net](mailto:john.dobson@verizon.net).

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If you would like to help in any of the above areas or have ideas relating to that area, please contact the designated coordinator.

Your help and/or ideas are always welcome!

## Renewals

Jennie Ball  
 Donn Beck  
 Tweety & Diane Berg  
 Robert & Bonnie Cathey  
 Cindy Chaney  
 Gary & Norma Coleman  
 Sandy Fare  
 Don & Karyn Fowler  
 Ervin & Marilyn Hicks  
 Dennis & Kay Jones  
 Jason Kerr & Jack Kerr  
 Dennis & Janet LaBandt  
 Michael & Dianna Madar  
 Dale & Judy Manor  
 Dennis & Erlene Morehart  
 Christopher & Amy Morris  
 Rodney Nevils  
 Jerry Patton  
 Gary Potter  
 Robert & Ruby Powell  
 Perry & Dee Powell  
 Todd & Jamie Seach  
 David F. Shawler  
 Clint Sowle  
 Micki & David Triggs  
 Stanley & Jennifer Wilkicki  
 Tom & Susan Wright  
 Don S. Young

## New Members

Amanda Opipare  
 Dennis & Karleen Hoffmann  
 Rodney Hohenberger &  
 Deanna Ward  
 Harry Kaplun  
 Phillip & Constance Key  
 Donna & Rob Loureiro  
 Dick Mally  
 Brett Pelham  
 Bart & Carrie Stevenson  
 Phil & Connie Key

## August Birthdays

Bob Amick	21
David Badger	30
Mike Black	17
Henry Burks	24
Douglas Burnett	16
Roy Carman	1
Robert Cathey	16
Dennis Corder	9
Donald DeLonjay	25
Gerald Dinsmore	5
Brian Dodge	27
Gary Golden	12
Hans Hacker	21
Wayne Hagen	18
Dayton Hawkins	20
Murley Henson Jr.	1
Ken Hill	16
John Hodge	11
Randy Hogstad	11
Tony Hughes	11
John Hughling	24
Doug Light	16
Fred Mendler	8
Sam Miloro	31
Daniel Page	23
Robert Powell	3
David Prichard	7
Tom Prohaska	31

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## Drag Racing

by **Martha Kaus**

Don't forget, racing starts up again the 10<sup>th</sup> of September in Abilene. I know it's a long way to go. We've never raced here before. It's about a 3 hour drive from Dallas, even less from Ft. Worth, right off I-20. If you want to spend the night, The Whitten Inn (keep in mind-I've never seen this hotel) is right there. It's cheap (\$39+ a night) but so is Ruby's, and we like Ruby's. But, when you call the hotel, you have to ask for the "RACER'S RATE!". If they don't have any rooms, we saved a couple of extra. If you want to go & spend the night Saturday, you can join our caravan. Be prepared to CHANGE FLAT TIRES! (Hopefully not!) Anyway, gates open at 9am, \$25 to race, \$10 to watch.

History lesson now. Our last race was at Thunder Valley in Oklahoma. As usual, Allen got TWO flat tires on the way up there, and then, the car had hose issues at the track. Allen was pushed off the line at both time trials. But with the help of other racers, he (they) got it fixed for eliminations. Then to show his gratitude, he lost in the first round. Ok, back on track. Most of us went up there Saturday. Jimmy O'Neal and his pit crew, donned their chef hats, and cooked up hamburgers and fixins for everyone. Yum-Yum! (Glenda & Jimmy really keep us taken care of.) Then a bunch of the guys went off to the track for Saturday's program. Late to bed, early to rise! Off to the track. Off to the nearest auto parts house. Off to the track to race again. Raced all day. Then...., the party's over, time to go home. Chilling, just cruising home, two more exits, (Yep, that's right!), another FLAT TIRE! This time it was Larry Benson's trailer. Thank goodness it was only one tire. He ended up being able to hopalong sloooowly & pull it home for a later fix. Does it ever end?

Finally-RESULTS! We had seven racers, of which three were winners. The final results for our club members were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Kaus in a Camaro SS in Race of Champions
- Semi Gordon Karraker in a C-3 in the King Class
- Semi Clint Goolsbay in a C-3 in the Street Class

Everyone raced well and again, our club was respectably represented!

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## On the Road

by **Johnny Downs**

Stop! Don't turn the page! Read this! Our two most well attended events are coming up in September and October. Members go back year after year because they are huge fun!

If you have not been with us to an out of town show, you owe it to yourself to join in for a great time. Check out Wichita Falls and Eureka Springs information below and come with us. It is absolutely the best way to make and renew friendships with the greatest people in the world, Corvette enthusiasts.

Brazos River Corvette Club Show  
 Granbury, Texas  
 September 9

A group of Corvette owners, west of Fort Worth including some of our members, have formed a new club. This will be their first show on the square in Granbury. Just the shopping and restaurants will make this a must do event. Plus it is only 30 miles west of Fort Worth.

Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All cars will be judged. Awards are at 5:00 p.m., so you can be home before dark.

If you want to come Friday and/or stay over Saturday, there are two host hotels, Plantation Inn (817) 573-8846 and Holiday Inn Express (817) 573-4411. Both have trailer parking. Registration forms can be found at [www.brazosrivercc.com](http://www.brazosrivercc.com), or by contacting me.

If someone is willing to lead a caravan Saturday morning, let me know. I will pass on information to members signed up for this show.

North Texas Corvette Roundup  
 Wichita Falls, Texas  
 September 15 – 16

As I have stated, if you have not participated in a Corvette show this is a great place to start. It is our second largest trip in terms of participation, with 30 to 40 cars attending. It is a short drive and the great members of the Wichita County Corvette Association are super hosts.

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# High Praise to Sioux Falls Corvette Club

by Ann Betts

Within this newsletter you will read all about the successful Black Hills Corvette Classic and the fun LSCC members experienced. Some 900 plus vettes took part in the show which began with a caravan from Sioux Falls to Spearfish. The fun continued through the next three days with ample time given to see the sights of the area. But as the days passed Mike and I began to take a closer look at the folks behind the scenes, the members of the Sioux Falls Corvette Club.

This show is developed and driven entirely by club members – all 212 of them! That number is amazing because it takes their entire membership to run all the fun-packed activities. Here's an example: registration. Walking into the ballroom you are greeted by a member and shown to the correct registration table. Immediately putting on your name badge another SFCC member would say, "I see you are new (noted by the orange dot) to the show, let's go through your packet to see if you have any questions on the activities" all the while smiling and friendly. Then you are instructed to visit each activity table to get info or sign-up. Additional SFCC members are checking the crowd to see if they can help anyone. The process flowed so smoothly because so many SFCC members were there to help.

As you participated in each activity SFCC members were seen visiting with various groups. One evening after a very busy day, Mike and I spoke with one of the member couples. They make it a practice to stay at one of the motels so they can meet visiting folks. We told them how well the show seemed to be running and how impressed we were with the involvement of their members. Their response was "we know to have a show like this everyone has to pitch-in and help! We actually have more active members during the show than we do during the winter months!"

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## Black Hills

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### Thursday July 13

The drivers' meeting held at the dealership was at a painful 6:30 (yes, a.m.)—which means Downs the Pack Leader had us meeting in the hotel parking lot at 6:15. At 7 sharp, the "World's Longest and Largest Corvette Caravan" headed out of town, down I-90 to Spearfish in the Black Hills just west of Sturgis. Our first stop was Al's Oasis, at 150 miles, for breakfast. Most of us stopped and Al's got hundreds of folks fed and out of there in record time. From Al's the caravan was "free form" and we followed our leader through beautiful countryside and along a scenic side-trip to Badlands National Park with lunch at world-famous Wall Drug in, where else, Wall, SD. You can't miss Wall Drug—there's a billboard every mile or so directing where to go and what to buy. Once in Spearfish we picked up our registration packets and signed up for various events. Then outside for bar-b-que, free adult beverages and prizes. Sandy and John Galletta won a backstage pass to the Saturday night concert to meet The Guess Who. The Poker Run also started on Thursday with most of us having high hopes for winning something. It was also Craig Newcombs' birthday and Craig and Glenda celebrated with a drive through Spearfish Canyon and a surprise celebration at the hotel

### Friday July 14

The first day of competitive events, and Doc Chandler took third place in the Autocross. There was a fun Caribbean style show just for the ladies; a scavenger hunt made participants find items or answers to questions about the Black Hills. That afternoon, we assembled for the People's Choice Car Show. The Goffs were joined by their daughter and her husband who came down from Canada; they also renewed their wedding vows, decorating their car with roses, and Lila's wedding veil. "The whole week was one of the best trips I've ever been on," says Lou Opipare, "...I had some class time with my daughter....".

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Sheldon Rudman	13
Dottie Slocumb	23
Elisa Holdridge	29
Kim West	18
Lora Campbell	3
Pamela Opipare	24
Donna Hornsby	23
Kathy Wilson	16
Ruth Bosma	15
Sharon Troster	20
Sandy Conwell	23
Gwen Narleski	9
Clarissa Norcross	29
Diane Berg	14
Pauline Burnett	19
Lisa Jackson	28
Barbara Langdon	12
David Meek	23
Nona Matthews	13
Diane Morris	7
Sandy Galletta	8
Dee Golden	30
Susan Dobbins	5
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Lori Malone Testa	15
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Linda Dinsmore	7



by **Johnny Downs**

The big news is that LSCC will have a display at the front entrance of the Museum for the month of September. Our club was recently drawn in a year-long contest, which began in January. Rules required the commitment to furnish a car including delivery and pickup, which Edie and I agreed to do. In addition to the car, the display will contain all sorts of LSCC stuff, photos, clothing, sign, etc.

The really neat part is that we will "install" our display on Thursday afternoon, August 31st. This means LSCC will be in the premier display location for the Labor Day celebration. This is the Museum's largest event of the year. Tours, seminars, all sorts of Corvette vendors are just part of the action.

Several LSCC members are planning to attend. We will be leaving early on the 30<sup>th</sup> and driving straight through. You are invited to join us, or travel at your time and place. We have rooms blocked at the Microtel Inn & Suites until August 20<sup>th</sup>. The rate is \$48.16/night! The phone number is 270/745-9922. Mention you want a room in the Lone Star Corvette Club block. I know the room rate sounds too good to be true, but they were on Stephanie's recommended list.

For more information on the Anniversary Celebration contact me or go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com).

August 31 – Sept. 3	Anniversary Celebration
September 28 – 30	Camaro/Firebird Reunion
September 28 – 30	R8C Experience Reunion
October 12 – 14	C3 Extravaganza

### Memberships:

If you are not a member of the National Corvette Museum, I've got some free stuff if you join now – a free decal and a free patch.

In addition to all the free stuff, because of our lifetime club membership, LSCC members receive a 25% discount on individual and family NCM memberships. Until recently there was no discount on lifetime memberships. However, at the present time we receive a \$50.00 discount. There is a new senior lifetime membership for anyone 65 or older. The normal cost is \$500.00. Our discount price is \$490.00.

So, join the museum at a discount, get a free decal and patch and help YOUR museum.

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The rest of the schedule is:

- Sept 10 – Sunday Abilene Drag strip -Abilene,Tx
- October 1 – Sunday Redline Raceway – Caddo Mills, TX
- October 15 - Sunday Texas Motorplex - Ennis, TX
- October 29 - Sunday Texas Raceway - Kennedale, TX

Abilene info: Track-5601 W. Stamford (I-20 East Access road)

From the East:

Take I-20, exit 282 - Shirley Rd/Dyess AFB 79603, Turn left (south) on Shirley Rd and go under highway. Turn right (west) on svc rd and track is on your left.  
Phone: (325) 673-7223

Hotel info:

Whitten Inn - Ask for Racer's Rate!  
Only 3 miles from the drag strip!  
Deluxe Continental Breakfast  
1625 TX Highway 351, I-20 Exit #288  
Abilene, Texas 79601  
(325) 673-5271 - (800) 588-5050  
Exit 288 and the hotel is on the right (north)

If you have questions or concerns, call Allen or myself at 972-467-0271 or 972-524-7333.

See 'ya at the track! MK

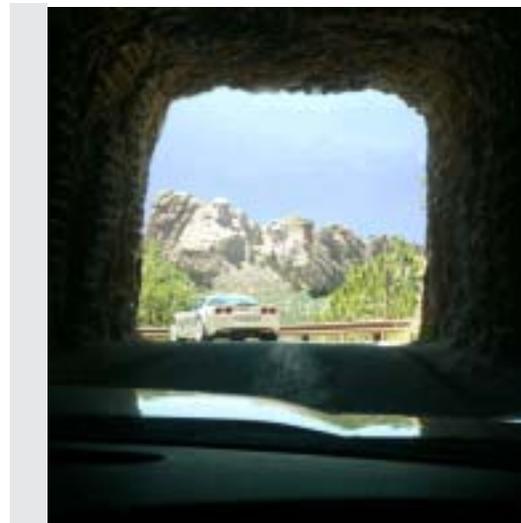


Photo Courtesy of Pam Dale

# LSCC at Garland Car Show

by *Phil Pitalo*

*On the Road*

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Five LSCC Members took to the road and entered their Corvettes in the "Garland Star Spangled Fourth Car Show" on Saturday 7/1/06. Three of the five Vettes won awards.

1978 Corvette Pace Car (Phil & Karen Pitalo) 1st place in the 1972 thru 1979 class

2006 Corvette Z06 Coupe (Gary Marilyn Bechtol) 1st place in the 1980's and newer class

2003 Corvette 50th AE Coupe (Phil & Karen Pitalo) Class award in the 1980's and newer class

As always Friday will be the hamburger cookout and welcome party. The car show, followed by the awards dinner, fills Saturday.

I have flyers available. Get your room reserved at the Comfort Inn, 940/767-5653. Rate is \$47.95/night for the Corvette Roundup. For registration forms go to [www.wccatx.com/rndupreg.pdf](http://www.wccatx.com/rndupreg.pdf).

We will caravan on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. The south caravan will leave from Texas Motor Speedway, south parking lot, just north of Hwy. 114, on the west side of I-35W. The north caravan will meet at the Texaco on the north side of US 82 in Lindsay, which is 5 miles west of Gainesville. Both caravans will leave at 1:00 p.m. They will converge at the Jolly truck stop, about 10 miles east of Wichita Falls and will have a police escort to the Wichita Falls event location.

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We will have two caravans, one on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> and the other on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup>.

For information, or to sign up for any event contact Johnny Downs, 214/340-6300, 903/564-3069 or [ediewoww@aol.com](mailto:ediewoww@aol.com).



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# Khana Cross Championship Series

by Nancy Hester

Black Hills

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## 4 down, 3 to go!!!

What a great breeze out at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, thank goodness, it cooled down for our 4th KhanaCross race in July. It was great and several "newbies" did fantastic for their first time! Thank you to Gary Swan, our faithful course designer, who always, all year long, sets the tracks for us which are different each time and some more challenging than others. For example, at our last race, only Cliff and Bob made all 6 runs without hitting a cone. That's allot of seconds added on for everyone else. I won't say who won the Cone Head Award Doc.

Our next fun filled, dessert filled event will be August 19, Sat night at 7pm - NOT 6, as earlier published. Please come at 6 however and join the set-up fun.

Bring your own drinks, chairs and a dessert or snack to share, along with a \$15.00 entry! I'll post the Race 4 results next month, and all the regulars need to make the next 3 and all the beginners too, so you'll be ready for next season's points contest! Mark your calendars early, for the Christmas Party, which is a fun time to Award the racers and volunteers. The last two races will be at 11am on Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

See you at the Races!!  
Nancy 972 329-9901

## NCM Notes

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### Bricks:

What a great way to help the museum and also create a small monument of your own for future generations to try to figure out. Put your name on it, describe your car on it, put your kids' names on it, commemorate a special date, use your imagination. The bricks are \$100.00 for NCM members, \$125.00 for non-members. Contact me for order forms.

We only have about 23 spots left around our club brick. Don't procrastinate. You'll end up with the Edsel club.

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For more information on anything concerning NCM contact Johnny Downs, 903/564-3069, 214/340-6300, [ediewoww@aol.com](mailto:ediewoww@aol.com), or Steve Jones, 972/317-2444.

Side trips were taken by some of us to see the "Four Big Heads" (thanks, Johnny G., we'll never call it Mount Rushmore again), Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, Devil's Tower Wyoming, and Crazy Horse Monument. Not enough can be said about the beauty of these places.

### Saturday July 15

More trips to the sights in and around the Black Hills. The smoke from the Wyoming wildfires was thick and almost hid the Devil's Tower at times. The fires were close enough to produce ash falling on the cars. Some of us walked part way around the base of the tower and were awed by its size. It was doubly scary to Sandy Galletta who was viciously attacked by a monstrous killer bee. Her screams were heard over a two-state area. Children started crying, women fainted and grown men paled. Sandy recovered quickly and stated calmly and quietly, "bee," and continued down the trail. The bee was last seen somewhere over the coast of California streaking out to sea, with stark terror in its eyes. That night we had a lovely banquet, then down to the outdoor theater in downtown Spearfish for a concert by Abbey Road (a fantastic Beatles band) and The Guess Who. They rocked!

### Sunday July 16

Our trip home took a different path than the outward leg. We left Spearfish Sunday morning and drove south through Deadwood and into Wyoming. The mountains with tall pines and lazy aspens were almost dreamlike. Long meadows and small mountain lakes called to us to stay. But the reality of work waiting for us back home and that demon "responsibility" drove us onward. Again, Johnny and Edie had planned our trip to a "T".

The stops were just frequent enough to keep us alert and let us talk to our new-found family. We spent our last night together in Trinidad, Colorado, at a hotel with a view of the mountains. The next morning we found the only cool weather we had on the trip (107+ in Spearfish). It was 62 degrees. But we were headed through New Mexico and on into Texas and before long were back into the 100's.

As we got close to home, some of our family started leaving the caravan to follow their own route home. After all of the great time and camaraderie, it was sad to see them go, but the experience, the fun, the friends of our fellow LSCC Vettes will remain with all of us for the rest of our lives. If you've never gone on the Black Hills trip, you owe it to yourselves to go next year. It's an experience you will never forget. If you have gone, I know you're planning on going back. We are.

"So much of what we did and witnessed together were dreams coming true," says Ann Betts. "Every American should visit this part of the country and learn its history—it is part of us all...As for our old and new friends who were together for these seven days...we will never forget you and are looking forward to our next trip where we will laugh, laugh, and laugh again!"

## Open Letter to the Downs

by Your Gang

The two of you have always been strong, loyal, and outstanding members of the Lone Star Corvette Club. For years you have put together trips for the other members to enjoy while driving their "toy". After each trip folks have thanked you for organizing the event but now these words do not seem to be enough.

In planning "The Spearfish Experience" you did more than just organize the trip. Johnny and Edie, you made sure each of us had the time of our lives while we experienced some of the true American Wonders of the World. Meals together, cleaning our vettes together, laughing together, dancing together (or was that just Doc?), exchanging stories together if we took different side trips (sorry Lou and Amanda for at first not believing the story about the wild donkeys), gambling together (thanks for bringing me luck Edie), shopping together, eating some of the best taffy ever (thanks Nolan and Pat), rockin' to The Guess Who (at times showing our age), and of course driving together (2700 plus miles). This was the BEST EVER TRIP!!!

So here is to Edie and Johnny — WOWWWWWWW!!! You are both amazing and more than that just great LSCC leaders!

We love you,

Your Forever Gang (looking forward to Flagstaff in '07) Mike and Pam, Doc and Trish, Johnny G and Sandy, Larry and LilaGay, Nolan and Pat, Lou and Amanda, John and Winona, Craig and Glenda, Carl and a missing Delene, Mike and Ann

High Praise

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Now, this club also has its challenges. Questions like moving the show to get more attendees and continuing one activity or replacing it with something new, but everyone is involved. And do they have fun – it is written on their faces as they talk and make sure each guest is having a good time. Thanks Sioux Falls, we can all learn a lesson from you. Step out of your comfort zone and get involved! What a great day it would be seeing many more members working hand in hand and listening to each other concerning our challenging future!

P. S. Mike and I will again be working with Make-A-Wish at next year's Classic. We can begin taking volunteers (greeters, drivers, etc.) anytime. Working together we can make the 2007 event the best ever for the kids! Call us if you are interested – 940-246-1222.



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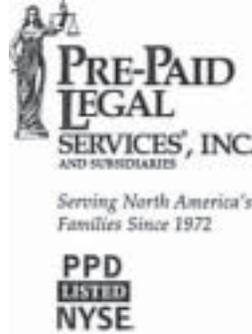
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- July 27-30:** Vettes on the Rockies, Frisco, Co.
- August 5:** Kars for Kids Show, Idalou, Tx.
- August 31:** NCM-LSCC Display, Bowling Green, Ky.
- September 9:** Brazos River Corvette Club Show, Granbury, Tx.
- September 10:** Drag Racing Series Race, Abilene, Tx.
- September 15-16:** North Texas Corvette Roundup, Wichita Falls, Tx.
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