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Next Meeting  
December 13<sup>th</sup>

Start Time is  
11:30am

Sneaky Pete's

2 Eagle Point Rd  
Lewisville, TX 75077







By the time you read this, I will have been retired from gainful employment for two months and officially well on the way to driving my wife crazy!

Seriously, I am enjoying my "golden years" because I have more time for a couple of things I really enjoy: eating and visiting with Corvette friends. Linda and I take part in several dinner groups where the talk always drifts to Club events we take part in and these are the ones we enjoy the most. What stays with me the most is the diversity of our activities: from drag racing to Autocross, from high-performance track days to car shows, from one-day trips to ten-day trips, from small dinner cruises to 70-car caravans. And of course, the events where we give back to our community are everyone's favorite. There are so many ways to enjoy our Corvettes!

But, all those activities take a lot of organizing and planning. That's where I think we really shine. We always have a group of talented and dedicated people who are willing to step up and say "I'll take care of that." We are fortunate to have officers, coordinators, and volunteers who don't mind working hard and giving of their time. I'm very thankful for all of them.

A new year is always exciting to me, but now even more. Linda and I intend to take a lot more trips and volunteer for more Club activities. I've learned how important it is to be there, take part, and lend a hand to make sure LSCC remains a strong, dynamic organization. I think it will be a great 2015!

**On the cover:** LSCC member **Don Law** has taken a series of masterful photos along **Route 66**, and I always thought this one looked like a Christmas card. With Don's permission, I added his



Monterrey red coupe from another of his photos, along with a few xmas decorations. **gh**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GEAR

Rick Herrick, LSCC Vice-President

This has been a wonderful, fast-paced year for me. It started with my learning that the duties of the VP include finding a meeting location every month and then carrying a lot of equipment to it. But, that's only a small part. The greatest joy is meeting and getting to know far more members than I otherwise would have. The year-end is a good time to reflect as Club activities have slowed down. I am grateful to belong to the LSCC. We say "Good Friends, Great Cars" and that is so true. The one common denominator is our Corvettes. It is so enjoyable that we have come together to enjoy fellowship around our great cars.

Thanks to all who participated in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade! It was a huge success! I have received many positive comments from drivers and veterans alike. Many new friendships have been made. One of our drivers was invited to have Austrian soup with the veteran and his wife. We have our first sign-up for the 2015 parade as a daughter of a veteran emailed the parade director requesting an invitation. The request was passed along, so we're in again. I have committed to 70 Vettes for veterans for next year, so mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

As we approach the New Year, my hope is that you enjoy the Club Christmas Party as well as the holiday season with family and friends. Make an early resolution to participate in at least one or two more activities next year. Also, may I suggest making new friends by sitting with someone you don't know at our Club meeting.

Please vote for your Club officers. A membership consists of a primary member and a companion member. Both are entitled to vote, but each needs a unique user name and password. If you have a user name but don't have a password, go to the member button at the upper right corner on the home page and click on "Member Login." You will be prompted to set a password. Voting will be electronic and will conclude prior to the December meeting when new officers will be announced.

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## 2014 Officers

### President

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## VOTE

**Members can vote online until midnight, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**You may also vote in person at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## NCM News

Some of our members took advantage of one of the Christmas ideas from last month, so thanks are in order. Plus, one more great idea came to mind. Then, one last visit to the sinkhole. And finally, another new service from NCM Insurance.

### Christmas ideas revisited

First, a big thank you to:

**Rick and Rita Hazen  
Charles Richardson**

They took advantage of the LSCC discount and became members of the National Corvette Museum at the November Club meeting.

The new gift idea is an exact reproduction of your Corvette's window sticker. These stickers have not been available for several months due to production issues. They can be purchased now from the NCM library and archives for 1981 to present Corvettes:

Museum member price.....\$75  
Non-member price .....\$90

These prices include not only the window sticker but also the Build Sheet. Order by December 10<sup>th</sup> to guarantee delivery by Christmas. Go to the Corvette Museum website, [www.CorvetteMuseum.com](http://www.CorvetteMuseum.com), and, under "NCM exclusives," click on "Build Sheets."

### Sinkhole – The End

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, was the last day to view the sinkhole. On Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Skydome was closed and construction began to repair the hole and skydome.

While the sinkhole is gone, it is not forgotten. Here are some amazing statistics from the time the sinkhole ap-

peared through September, **excluding** the 20<sup>th</sup> Caravan Anniversary dates of August 26<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>th</sup>.

These numbers are versus 2013:

Attendance increase ..... 65% (+56,234 people)  
Admission income rose..... 81%  
Store sales were up..... 66%

Total number of visitors for 2014 is projected to be 230,000. The previous high was 200,900 in the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 1999. While some of the 2014 increases can be attributed to the C7 and the huge number of museum deliveries, there is no doubt that the sinkhole is the major reason for the astounding numbers.

The construction and repairs in the Skydome are estimated to take approximately six months to complete.

### NCM Umbrella Policy

At the request of several customers, NCM insurance has secured a great source for personal umbrella policies.

A personal umbrella policy (PUP) is a type of insurance that provides liability coverage over and above your automobile or homeowner's policy. So, if your liability coverage isn't enough to cover the damages of an accident you cause or an incident on your property, a personal umbrella policy kicks in right where your other liability underlying limits have been reached. An umbrella policy can protect you when your automobile or homeowner's insurance isn't enough.

As an example: If an automobile policy liability limit is \$250,000, a \$1 million PUP would pick up at \$250,000 and give additional coverage to \$1 million.

A typical \$1 million PUP over \$250,000 underlying limits is only \$197/year. Personal umbrella protection is available up to \$5 million. For more information, contact Adam or Bobbi Jo at [info@NCMInsurance.com](mailto:info@NCMInsurance.com) or 270/467-8853.

For NCM membership, bricks, or information, please contact Johnny Downs, 214/384-8565, 903/564-3069 or [ediewoww@aol.com](mailto:ediewoww@aol.com).



## New Lifetime Members

**Cary and Sandy Conwell  
Steve and Jo Jones  
Lou and Pam Oipare**

**Craig and Laura Satterfield  
Rusty and Terry Taylor**

## Membership Milestones

**15-Year Members  
Randy & Susanne Johanson**

## Welcome New Members

**Michael Flanagan Sr.  
Bert and Cameron Gloer  
Robert and Kimberly Hauck  
Donald Kinnison  
KC Miller  
Jeff and Marilyn Murray**

**Tim and Lynn Murray  
Bob and Cindy Rodocker  
George Rotan  
Mike and Colleen Rudnick  
Buddy Smith and Joyce Sullivan  
Douglas and Georgia Smith**

**Nickey and Mary Smith  
Nikki Starr and Mindy Denny  
Ron Tackett  
Curtis and Beverley Watts**

# Dream Job Available

How would you like the coordinator job of a lifetime?

You get two trips to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, one of them all expenses paid. You get to tell a bunch of your LSCC friends what to do and where to go. And, finally, you get to meet a couple hundred great Corvette enthusiasts. All this fun is yours to experience by becoming the coordinator for LSCC's Poker Run at the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend.

Each event at the Corvette Weekend is the responsibility of a different Corvette club. LSCC has done the Poker Run for 14 years. Over those years, a route book has been developed, and many members are veteran workers of the stops on the run.

Because of the Club's experience, the duties of the coordinator are fairly simple:

1. Conduct volunteer meeting first night of Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs.
2. Pre-run route and confirm stop locations
3. Hand out cards and signs to volunteers
4. Contact winners by phone
5. Attend Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend coordinators meeting in first quarter before the October event.

2015 is the last year for current coordinator, Steve Downs. The new coordinator will need to work with Steve at the 2015 poker run and attend the meeting in Eureka Springs with Steve early next year or in 2016. A two-year commitment would be preferred, but is not mandatory.

For the very best non-paying job around, contact Johnny Downs, 214/384-8565, [Ediewoww@aol.com](mailto:Ediewoww@aol.com) or Steve Downs, 972/603-6883, [steevied@gmail.com](mailto:steevied@gmail.com).



## LSCC Presents Check for Charity

LSCC Vice President Rick Herrick and 2015 Classic Officer John Raiden proudly presented our Lone Star Corvette Club check in the amount of \$12,000 to Scott Murray, President of the Texas Board of Directors of Speedway Children's Charities. They were featured on the stage at Texas Motor Speedway prior to the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race, October 31, 2014.

Speedway Children's Charities is one of our permanent charities supported by the annual Lone Star Corvette Classic held each May at Texas Motor Speedway.

Judy Garrett

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January is the month to make rotating charity presentations during our meeting. If you have a charity that you would like to nominate, the charity's or your presentation should last between 3-5 minutes. You should also send the Newsletter editor a Word document containing a 250-300 word description of the charity.

**Our December meeting is at Sneaky Pete's. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**Thank you CLASSIC CHEVROLET for being a fantastic sponsor!**

**Good Friends, Great Cars**

Get Your Jingle On at  
the LSCC Christmas  
Party December 6<sup>th</sup> at  
Southfork Ranch



# 2015 Officer Candidate Bios

## President

**Contested - 2 Candidates**

### ***Phil Pitalo***

I have been a Corvette enthusiast since 1964 when a friend first introduced me to a C2 Corvette that was visiting his home for the holidays. That's all it took, and I was hooked. I finally achieved my lifetime goal of owning a Corvette in 2003. Shortly after that I became a member of Lone Star Corvette Club (LSCC) in September 2003, and a Lifetime Member in August 2014. The LSCC membership led me to a Lifetime Membership with the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in 2004, the procurement of multiple NCM bricks and the ownership of three (3) Corvettes.

My service to LSCC over the past eleven years includes being the Classic Registrar for two years, the Classic Live/Silent Auction Coordinator for three years, the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) Coordinator for four years, the Allen Rotary Christmas Parade Coordinator for eight years, and the Membership Officer for two years. During the same period of time, I also held the Texas Chapter NCRS Dallas/Fort Worth Coordinator position for three years and Events Director for two years. The Events Director position is similar to the LSCC Classic Officer.

As the LSCC Membership Officer between 2013 and 2014, I have listened to member comments, concerns, and desires. I have responded to members with honest answers and have followed-up with the Board of Directors (BOD) when necessary to address concerns/desires and to implement new policies and practices. Examples: Name Badges for the LSCC Coordinators, Reinstatement of 5, 10, 15 & 20 year Anniversary Pins, Lifetime Membership, Membership Dashboard reporting for the BOD, enhanced Membership Renewal follow-up process for expired members and the Stamps.com mailing service to reduce the costs for external mailings. I have learned a lot over the past two years in what the heartbeat of LSCC, i.e., the membership, wants and desires in 2015.

Therefore if elected, I pledge to help LSCC continue its growth track record, meet charitable obligations (both internal and external), work on ways to implement new ideas and passions, and work on ways to increase membership participation, while having fun at all levels.

### ***Robert Shellberg***

Last year, about this time, Lou Opiare stood up at a Club meeting and nominated me for President. I am very proud of that, as I am proud of being nominated by Rick Herrick for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. I know both of those guys very well, and I know that earning their trust and support is not easy; they have high standards, and I am honored they believe in me.

I've learned a couple of things this past year: first of all, it's not easy being President of a large and diverse club, but it's a lot of fun. I've been privileged to work with so many supportive people in the past few years, as Classic Officer in 2012 and 2013, and as LSCC President in 2014. Former Corvette Assembly Plant Managers Dave Tatman and Wil Cooksey, GM Marketing Director Harlan Charles and Corvette Racing Manager Doug Fehan; Cadillac/Corvette race car driver Andy Pilgrim, and Texas Motor Speedway Manager Dave Pakebusch; all have become good friends to the Club, ready to support our Event whenever needed.

I've also gotten to know great people from other Corvette clubs, such as NCCO in Oklahoma, Sulphur Springs CC, Longhorn CC in Austin, and Looking Glass CC in Colorado; I've seen first-hand how much gets done when the whole 'Vette community works together. Thanks in large part to the Classic Club Challenge, LSCC now enjoys a strong reciprocal relationship with other clubs, supporting each other in fund-raising efforts.

I've been part of a concentrated effort to make new members feel welcome, and I've watched Autocross and HPDE Days take hold and grow. As a Club, we accomplished a lot this year, but there's more to do: two areas I want to work on are increasing the percentage of Club members who volunteer for events, and supporting our Merchandise Coordinator, Martha Kaus, in her efforts to expand our merchandise line. I would really like the chance to meet those goals. I feel very privileged to be nominated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term; I promise to live up to that trust.

Members can vote online until midnight, December 12<sup>th</sup>.  
You can also vote in person at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

An email blast is sent to all members, primary & secondary, regarding the voting process and a link to the voting page. Some couples use the same email address in both membership records, in which case the email blast will be sent to the same email address twice, once for each member. Otherwise, the email blast will be sent to separate email addresses.

As for logging into the LSCC website, each member must use their assigned Username & Password. If they have forgotten or misplaced their Username and/or Password, they can easily obtain it from the website. On the **Log In** page just below the **Username and Password** boxes there is a **Forgot My Username/Password** link. Simply **click the link** and **answer two questions**: 1) **Email Address**, 2) **First Name**. The website will then send the member their Username & Password.

## **Vice-President**

### **Contested - 2 Candidates**

#### **Rick Herrick**

I appreciate the opportunity to serve LSCC once again as your VP. I have certainly enjoyed the past year and getting to know so many members. Virginia and I have been members since 2007. Our first Corvette purchase was in 2005, since then we've owned seven and kept three. I've volunteered for a number of events including our Classic where I served this year as Volunteer Coordinator, Jets and Vettes on the Lex, and have served as coordinator for the Dallas Veterans Day parade for several years. I am excited about continuing in this capacity and will do everything possible to enhance the quality of LSCC even more.

#### **Tony Pittman**

My wife, Tega, got me interested in Corvettes twenty years ago when she encouraged me to test drive a 1995 coupe. I have been in love with Corvettes ever since, having moved on to own a 1996 Collector Edition, a 1997 C5 coupe, and then a C6 Z06. Then, in 2009, I learned just how much more there was to the Corvette experience, beyond the cars.

We became members of LSCC in 2009 after meeting some members of the club at the monthly Cars and Coffee event held in Plano. Since that time, I have thoroughly

enjoyed serving, and participating in, the Corvette community. Each year, volunteering at the Classic continues to be a major highlight for our family. Volunteering at the Classic is such a great opportunity to make new friends and contribute to both the event's success as well as to the enjoyment had by LSCC members and guests.

My service to the Corvette community also includes a two-year term as president of the local affiliate of the International Council of Corvette Clubs (ICCC). Corvette Hall-of-Famer Wil Cooksey serves as president of the ICCC, and his lovely wife Liz serves as the treasurer. During my 2012-2013 term I enjoyed working with Wil, Liz, and the other leaders of the ICCC. Wil and Liz continue to stand as luminaries of the Corvette community, and I will always value what I learned while working with them.

If elected, I pledge to help LSCC march boldly into the future, building on the tremendous track record of growth and success, while working on ways to infuse your new ideas and passions into the community. By almost any measure, LSCC is on top, and we are poised to soar to even greater heights. For more about me, including a short video on positioning for long-term success, point your favorite browser here: <http://getthenext.com/about>  
Tony Pittman [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony\\_Pittman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tony_Pittman)

#### **Membership – Glen Averhoff**

Although we have lived in Fort Worth since August, 2008, Kerrie and I have been members of LSCC since May of 2007, when we joined the club while living in Palestine, TX. We are lifetime members of both LSCC and the National Corvette Museum. We now have a 2006 Sunset Orange convertible and a 2008 Victory Red Z06. We like to take the Vettes on long club trips, to Corvette shows, or to any other occasion we can find. We have served as group leaders on various club trips for the past several years and enjoy the interaction with other Corvetteers. I have vol-

unteered in various capacities at our Lone Star Corvette Classic, the Mecum Auction, the Dallas Auto Show and began our club's group participation in travelling to the TCA All Car Show in Boerne since 2009. In addition, I have served as the LSCC Coordinator (along with Bob Young) for our club's volunteer efforts with the Good Guys Lone Star Nationals Rod and Custom Show twice each year since LSCC began doing this a few years ago. In 2012, I served as LSCC's Recreational Events Officer. I look forward to once again serving LSCC on the Executive Board and helping others to enjoy all that LSCC has to offer.

#### **Financial Officer – Karen Pitalo**

I am fortunate to be a Lifetime member of the Lone Star Corvette Club as of 2014, and a Lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum since 2003. As a benefit of traveling thousands of miles across the country in our Corvette on planned LSCC Club events, NCM gatherings, or attending local LSCC Club meetings and participating in many car shows, Phil and I are now acquainted with many new friends who have the same enthusiasm for enjoying life as we do.

Other Corvette interests include being a member of the local Texas National Corvette Restorer's Society and the

Texoma Area Corvette Club, where we enjoy travel and the opportunity to serve other charities.

My prior work experience includes many years of directing the development and implementation of pricing schedules and guidelines for processing insurance claims. I have been happily enjoying retirement for the past two years. My prior service to LSCC includes two years as Classic Registration Chairperson, Recording Secretary 2010 - 2011, Classic Silent Auction Coordinator 2012 - 2014, Treasurer 2012 - 2013, and Financial Officer in 2014. I am interested in continuing my service to LSCC and look forward to serving next year as your Financial Officer.



## Recreational Events

### Contested - 2 Candidates

#### **Craig Satterfield**

From my experience of serving on the Board, I am ready to come back to my first love – recreation! My previous stint as recreational officer was so much fun, I wanted to bring it all back. I hope to bring back day trips, weekend trips, car collection tours, garage tours, wine tours and more. I am ready to serve our over 1,200 members with events that provide variety and convenience. When I served in the past, I started by sending a survey that I used to discover what most members wanted to do. My focus will be on serving our members to bring back the FUN! I hope to work closely with the Vice President to help make our monthly meetings social meetings. I will work with the coordinators to help support their efforts to organize special events, and those events that are now part of the LSCC culture. If you want more fun, vote for Craig.

#### **Curt Troster**

There is only one officer position that I would do and have done in the past and would do in the future. That is this position. What better position than to be the person in charge of having fun and organizing fun events. On my last go around I brought about such popular events as the annual garage tour and Drive In movie night, which

I would like to bring back since we have more drive ins available now. Since joining the club in 2001 I have held other positions such as cruise night coordinator and have helped lead 2 National Corvette Caravans and numerous other group trips. I have also been the coordinator of our participation for the last 10 years in The Big Texas Toy Run, an event that will always have a special place in my heart. I believe that one of the best parts of being in this club is our opportunity to help all the needy causes that are out there. I have seen how the people in this club have supported both me and my family and others in their time of need. In my opinion the motto should be great friends, great cars.

I have a job that doesn't allow me to spend much time during the work day on club activities, so I will have to rely on my coordinators to help me with running activities. This is normally not a problem since LSCC has some of the best people and coordinators out there. I have heard some people say they would like to see more 1 and 2 day weekend trips. I would love that too. Remember this is your club. If you see something that you would like to do, let us know. If you can't coordinate it maybe there is someone else out there that can. We are here to enjoy each other, the Corvette, and maybe to do a little good along the way. Thank you for your support

#### **Technical Officer – Bryan Baines**

What a year this has been for the Technical Officer! We have seen a lot of changes to our website, and to our communications. I have learned so much in the process, and I keep learning every day. With your support, I would like to keep upgrading our site and communications to the best they possibly can be. As always, I am open to suggestions and concerns.

I truly feel that our little club is the best club out there, and it all comes from our members. While we are going through our yearly process to elect club officers, let's all think about ways we can become more involved. Let's all create the events and activities that we will be talking about for a lifetime. With 1,200+ members, each with unique ideas, I am excited for what we will accomplish in the upcoming year.

#### **Recording Secretary – Mark Benton**

My name is Mark Benton and I am running for the position of Recording Secretary of the Club.

I was born in Beaverfalls, PA and raised in western Pennsylvania and southeast Ohio. I am a veteran of the US Marine Corps. I own an Insurance Brokerage with my wife of 22 years, Shellie. We sell insurance to contractors in Cali-

fornia and Texas. We live in Far North Dallas with a Great Dane and two Boston Terriers.

My Corvette is a 2011 Z06 Carbon Edition. It is number 52 of 250 in Supersonic Blue. My wife and I are truly enjoying Lone Star Corvette Club. We've been to many events and made many friends.

#### **Newsletter Editor – Gaila Hodges**

I have been Newsletter editor for 2014, and my husband, GH, served as editor in 2012 and 2013. I appreciate your confidence and respectfully accept your nomination.

However, recent family eldercare issues are developing that may preclude us from finishing 2015. We will remain available to assist our successor in making a smooth transition.

## Classic Officer 2016 - *John Raiden*

Rebecca and I have been members of Lone Star Corvette Club since April of 2009 after purchasing my 1<sup>st</sup> Corvette, a '04 Black Coupe. I am now on my 3<sup>rd</sup> Corvette, an '08 White Conv. that replaced a '05 White Convertible. I guess I am stuck in a rut on the color, but it is nice in the Texas heat.

Thanks to our good friend John Noah, I immediately became involved with the Classic in 2009 assisting him with the vendors. After assisting again in 2010, I assumed the position of Vendor Coordinator in 2011 and continued in that position thru 2014. I am into the preliminary work as Classic Officer for 2015 having assumed the position in May of this year. I have already experienced a great amount of support from those involved in the past, which is appreciated. Next step is the Classic Budget then deeper into the final planning for 2015.

Here's a little about my background. I am a Native Texan, but spent 5<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school in Northern Virginia, returning "home" in 1963 to attend North Texas State Univ. In 1968 during a period while out of school Uncle Sam found me and offered an alternative, but not better, plan that involved a tour in Vietnam and the National Security Agency. After those adventures I returned and graduated from North Texas with a BBA in Management and spent

the next 34 years in the commercial finance business heavily involved in financing construction equipment. I retired from Caterpillar in March of 2008 and haven't looked back. In addition to my Lone Star involvement, I am also the Treasurer of Overton South Neighborhood Association. Rebecca and I have been married over 45 years, we have 1 daughter, Heather and 2 adopted grandchildren, Ellie 8 ½ and Holland 3.

Most of my working life was spent with Caterpillar Financial Services in various capacities from Credit Management, Operations and Sales, all in the South & Southwest, but primarily Texas/Oklahoma. I was heavily involved in planning and organizing many functions and meetings involving our dealers and customers, so I am familiar with the work involved in putting on an event, i.e. hotels, meeting space, golf outings, etc.

The difference with our Classic is the amount of strong support from our wonderful club members who volunteer their time and efforts supporting all aspects of the Classic.

I appreciate the support and confidence of the membership for the nomination for Classic Officer for 2016 and look forward to continue working with our members to maintain our long history of excellence with the Classic.

**Treasurer - Sharon Troster** Hi, My name is Sharon Troster and I am running for Treasurer. I have been a LSCC member for twelve years. For those who don't me I am Curtis Troster's better half. We have enjoyed hours of fun, new activities, new adventures and believe me there has been a lot. Without LSCC we would have never been able to experience these things. I have met lots of new people and seen some old faces that we knew before we had any vettes. But what I enjoy most about this club is how every one comes together for the charities that we support. So it would be an honor to be considered for the position. And as my hobby I will continue to try to drive fast and not get caught.

## 2014-2015 Recreational Events Schedule

Date	Event	Online Signup	Location	Trip Coordinator
December 6	Texas Strong Dallas Toy Run	Yes	Corvette World	Curt Troster
December 6	LSCC Christmas Party	Yes	Southfork Ranch	Rick Herrick
December 7	Allen Christmas Parade	Yes	Allen TX	Phil Pitalo
2015 Events				
January 24	LSCC Stockyards Run	Yes	Fort Worth	Bob Paton
February 13-15	Dallas Autorama		Dallas Market Hall	
March 20-22	Goodguys 5 <sup>th</sup> Spring Lone Star Nationals		Texas Motor Speedway	
March 25-29	Dallas New Car Show		Dallas Convention Center	
April 17-19	TCA All Car Show		Boerne TX	
April 16-19	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Weekend		Hot Springs AR	



**By Phil Pitalo, Membership Officer**

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# Recreational Events

Bob Paton, Recreational Events Officer

**L**SCC Christmas Party, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: This year's LSCC Christmas party will again be held at Southfork Ranch. Before dinner, you can tour the house that was featured in the TV show "Dallas." You can find more information and register on the Club's website. This year the cost per person has been reduced to just \$35 which includes a sit-down dinner, some fantastic door prizes, a DJ, and Karaoke (look for Curt T., aka Elvis, Willie, et al, to provide some lively entertainment).



**T**exas Strong Dallas Toy Run, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: Prior to the LSCC Christmas party you can take part in this event, benefitting Toys for Tots. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October - December each year and distribute them as Christmas gifts to needy children in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The Toy Run will start from Corvette World Dallas and end at the Gas Monkey Bar and Grill. Curt Troster will be leading a LSCC Caravan to Corvette World for the Toy Run. Meet at 8:00 am at the Lowe's on the northeast corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Old Denton Road (near the Wal-Mart). Lowe's address is 1253 East Trinity Mills Road, Carrollton, Texas 75006. East Trinity Mills Road is the PGBT access road. The LSCC group will leave Lowes at 8:15 am sharp, and will arrive at Corvette World by 8:25. Go to the LSCC website and sign up. **Important - DON'T forget to bring an unwrapped toy.**

**A**llen Rotary Christmas Parade, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: The parade theme this year is *Christmas through the Decades - Help us Celebrate Our Great Community as Allen Turns 60!* This is the eighth year for LSCC to take part in this charity event. LSCC won Best Motorized Entry in 2012, so we know we can have some terrific decorated Corvettes. Register on the LSCC website and contact Phil Pitalo to let him know the theme of your decoration. Following the parade, join everyone for dinner at one of the restaurants in the Village Shopping area in Allen or Fairview.



## Coming up in 2015:

**L**SCC Annual Stockyards Run, January 24<sup>th</sup>: will signal the start of our 2015 events. We will meet at 9:00 am at Texas Motor Speedway and caravan to the Fort Worth

Stockyards for the longhorn cattle drive, a group picture at the water tank, and lunch at **Cattleman's Steakhouse**. Members can tour the stockyards and, afterwards, visit Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth or go to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo at Will Rogers Memorial Center. This is a really fun event - 41 members attended in 2013, and 61 members in 2014. It would be great if we could have 100 members and 50 or more Corvettes in 2015. Sign-up is now open on the LSCC website.



**D**allas Autorama starts off February on the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by the **Dallas New Car Show**, March 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We always need volunteers for both events, so watch for online sign-up to be available soon.

**T**he Goodguys 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Lone Star Nationals, held at Texas Motor Speedway the weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, is a fundraiser for LSCC, and volunteers are needed for this event also. Volunteers get free admission for all three days of the show where you can see lots of custom cars and trucks, vendors of all kinds, plus get a free T-shirt! You can also enter your Corvette in the Sunday All American Display for free and be eligible to win an award. Look for online sign-up to be available soon.

Always check out the LSCC Event Calendar for more information on these and other events and to register. There are always new trips, shows, and volunteer opportunities for you to take part in. If you have found a show that you like and would be willing to take a group of LSCC members with you the next time you go, let us know and we will add the information to the Event Calendar.

## In-Town Events

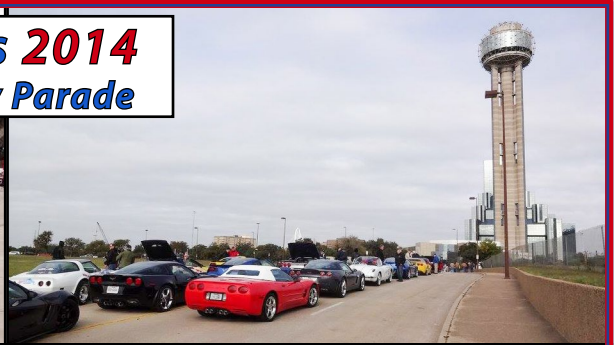
Markham Jones, Coordinator

December is upon us once again and there are more than a few Christmas parades and Toys for Tots drives coming up in DFW Metroplex area! There are still a few get-togethers, local shows, and other gatherings near you to attend. Details about some of these upcoming events and other local shows are available at the Shows/Cruise Nights Listings link and in the member sign-up on the Event Calendar pages on the LSCC [website](#).

Remember to check out the "Members' Only Forum" page for any shows that others may already be attending, or post your plans there for others to see and attend as well. If you have any questions or comments, please email me, Markham Jones, at [LsccCruiseNights@yahoo.com](mailto:LsccCruiseNights@yahoo.com).



# Vets and Vettes 2014 Dallas Veterans Day Parade



Thanks to:  
Markham Jones and Bob Paton for the photos.





# Corvette/Chevy Expo

Robert Shellberg

Lots of great looking 'Vettes and Chevys; that's what the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corvette/Chevy Expo** is all about. This past September LSCC certainly did our part to make that happen. The Club took part in the Expo by providing a Club Display, cars for the Texas Chapter NCRS display, and several individual entries. To trace the changes in body styles through the generations, the LSCC display of unique Corvettes featured unique C1's – C5's, with two Premier Edition C7's in the middle. In addition, members **Ron Akin**, **John Brefczynski**, and **LaToya Mallette** set up their own displays, and they were spectacular!

The second Expo in Dallas was hosted by [Vette Vues Magazine](#). This year's Expo featured Danny Reed's [1969 Astro-Vette](#), a Corvette that was one of three originally owned by Apollo astronauts. The LSCC display was located next to the North Texas Corvette Club area, so there was lots of socializing and friendly rivalry going on. We had a great time and look forward to next year.

## LSCC Winners in the LSCC Display

Bob Young	'58 White	Outstanding Car Award
Rob Morgan	'63 White	Outstanding Car Award
John Main	'65 Red	Class Award C2
Hugh Preacher	'72 Blue	Class Award C3
Robert Shellberg	'82 White	Class Winner Original Car
Rick Herrick	'96 Blue	Class Award C4
Ron Akin	'14 Green	Class Award C7, and President's Award
Ron Akin	'14 Blue	Class Winner C7, and President's Award

*Ron Akin's two C7's are Premier Editions, a convertible and a coupe, both with matching luggage – a really nice display!*

## LSCC Winners in the NCRS Display

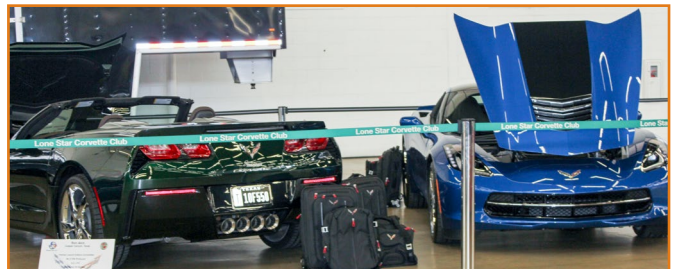
Ron Akin	'67 Green	Class Winner C2
Jim & Cherrie Tubbs	Wil Cooksey	Class Award C6
Phil & Karen Pitalo	Grand Sport	Class Winner C6

## LSCC Winners in Other Individual Entries

Ron Akin	Blue Cpe & Conv	Class Award C2
John Brefczynski	'98 Pace Car	Class Award C5



**LaToya Mallette** made LSCC especially proud as her '09 Silver Coupe that earned: **President's Award** (cars scoring 97 or higher), **People's Choice**, and **Best Corvette**.







## Sulphur Springs Corvette Classic Deserves a Blue Ribbon!

By Kristina Davies

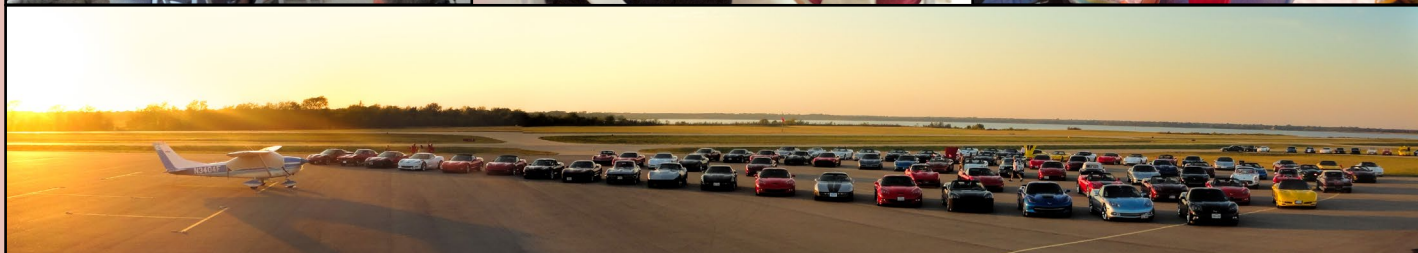
The Corvette car show, held in Sulphur Springs in late October, has been growing and developing its own identity over the past few years. I think this was the best year yet. **Bob Paton** coordinated this year's trip and led the Friday caravan from the Bass Pro Shop to the host hotel in Sulphur Springs. After an hour's drive on I-30, we checked into the hotel. Some



members started prepping their cars for the show while others supervised. Around six o'clock the dinner bell rang, and we were off to the local airport. Upon arriving, each member was treated to a complimentary photo of themselves, their Vette, and a not-so-small private jet. I wonder if a few Christmas card photos will show friends and family *we've hit it big* in Texas. A wonderful dinner was hosted by Sulphur Springs Corvette Club in Roger Elliott's personal *man cave* airplane hanger. Great live music, food, and lots of Vette fans enjoyed a wonderful evening.

Saturday morning welcomed us with a crisp, clear sunny day as the roar of the Chevy V8s no doubt woke anyone still sleeping, as we started to the nearby downtown area. There we met up with other LSCC members from the group led by **Curt Troster** that drove up that morning, bringing our count to 45 cars. At the show, each Corvette generation was grouped together making it a joy to view and compare original and modified Corvettes from each era. As a first, it was a judged show, so the streets were lined with Vettors busily shining their already impeccable Corvettes. (I heard car show entry 182, **GH Hodges**, got up and washed his car that morning in the dark to make the show!) As the judges made their rounds, owners wondered if they'd done enough since most take such car shows quite seriously. Many included cool displays by their cars. We all enjoyed the renovated town square with its picturesque historic courthouse and one-way glass outdoor restrooms (Now when is *that* a noteworthy topic?) There was an outstanding salute to those who've served our country in the military, cute shops, good eats, fall displays by local businesses, music playing, and perfect weather. Many LSCC members grouped together for lunch, cruising the show, and lounging in the shade while enjoying small town America. Door prizes were awarded throughout the day and the National Corvette Museum sent lots of merchandise for sale which was a hit. LSCC members staffed the NCM booth and really enjoyed interacting with the customers!

As the award ceremony started, LSCC was awarded the Club Participation award. Thanks to everyone who supported







this event. Individual happy LSCC winners were (hope we didn't miss anybody):

Sponsor Awards		GH & Gaila Hodges	2008 Victory Red Convertible
		Marc Wilcox	1967 Rally Red Convertible
C1	3rd Place	Charlie & Gloria Marks	1961 Fawn Beige Convertible
C2	2nd Place	John & Suzanna Main	1965 Rally Red Coupe
C3	1st Place	Robert & Linda Shellberg	1982 White Coupe
C4 Convertible	1st Place	Monty Stephens & Gaye Sturgill	1996 Torch Red Convertible
C5 Convertible	2nd Place	Phil & Kristina Davies	2004 Torch Red Convertible
C6 Convertible	1st Place	Pat Daddino	2007 Black Convertible
C6 Convertible	2nd Place	Jerry McWilliams	2006 Monterey Red Convertible
C7 Coupe	1st Place	Greg Baker	2014 Torch Red Coupe
	2nd Place	Chris & Gabe Sorrells	2014 Torch Red Coupe
C7 Convertible	2nd Place	Willis & Linda Jones	2014 Crystal Red Convertible
Special Interest Group	1st Place	Jerry & Teri McEachern	2009 Black Callaway Convertible
	3rd Place	Daniel & Janet Gallineau	2010 Crystal Red ZR1

Not-so-happy LSCC members were **Gary and Elaine Blend**. They left the show to visit relatives and were hit by a pickup, disabling their pristine Corvette. They are fine, but the car was towed to Plano and is in the shop... Sincere condolences and wishing **FUN VET** a speedy recovery.

*P.S.: Have you counted your blessings lately? Well, knowing y'all is among mine! The last two weekends have been a slice of heaven -- from hangin' at the Peanut Festival to walking the nearly perfect small-town streets of Sulphur Springs. I am amazed yet again how much LSCC friends add to life. I've heard of LSCC members vacationing together, forming dinner groups, lending aid for all kinds of car issues, hosting parties too numerous to mention, enjoying similar hobbies, and basically building a carload of memories. It helps our Club succeed when you share your talents. And, you can enjoy making new friendships in the process.*

*As another year comes to a rapid close, thanks again and again to all those who serve on our Club's Board of Directors, who volunteer in so many roles, and to those who organize and lead our Club events. You are appreciated!! See y'all at the Christmas party!!*

*I am blessed to know you....Happy Thanksgiving, **Kristina Davies***





## 2014 Sulphur Springs Corvette Classic



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**6<sup>th</sup> at Southfork Ranch**

## TRUNKS & TAILGATES

*Halloween in Whitesboro*

**Mark & Shelley Benton**

Several of us went to Whitesboro, Texas on Halloween night for the Trunks & Tailgates with Treats. Boy, I'm here to tell you, you missed a good one if you weren't there. This was the best event. I think the whole town showed up and probably neighboring towns as well! There were so many kids in all kinds of costumes, with parents in tow. There were kids as young as newborns and as old as ninety-one!

The object was to park your car along the main drag, decorate its trunk, and then give candy to the kids as they walked by the back of the vehicles. We brought the Z06 and other Club members just brought their personal vehicles so they could have more space to decorate. It was just

fantastic!

There were so many children that we ran out of candy in about two hours. With one hour to go, the coordinator had to go get more candy for several of us. Next year we'll double up on the candy (we had probably 1,000 pieces). We dressed up but it wasn't required. It was so special talking to the children about their costumes and seeing their smiles. We are looking forward to this event next year and hope more Club members will join us.





# For the Record

Jean Hill, Recording Secretary

## MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Lone Star Corvette Club Sneaky Petes, Lewisville, TX November 15, 2014

Robert Shellberg, President, called the business meeting of the Lone Star Corvette Club to order at 12:23 pm. He thanked Rick Herrick for his work providing drivers for the Dallas Veterans Day parade. He acknowledged a thank you card received from Carmelita Clark for the flowers and members' support shown for Ed Clark's passing. He introduced the LSCC 2014 officers:

Rick Herrick, Vice-President  
Gaila Hodges, Newsletter Editor  
Mike Kreiger, Competitive Events Officer  
Bryan Baines, Technology Officer  
Karen Pitalo, Financial Officer  
Sharon Troster, Treasurer  
Phil Pitalo, Membership Officer  
Bob Paton, Recreational Events Officer  
Jean Hill, Recording Secretary  
Judy Garrett, Public Relations Manager  
Johnny Downs, NCM Ambassador  
Craig Satterfield, Classic Chevrolet Representative  
John Raiden, Classic 2015 Officer

Recording Secretary, Jean Hill, requested a motion to approve the October business meeting minutes as published in the November newsletter. A motion was made, seconded, with no discussion, and approved.

Karen Pitalo, Financial Officer, reported the following balances:

Savings .....\$22,604.29  
Operating Fund.....\$57,192.26

A motion to accept the financial report was made, seconded, with no discussion, and passed.

Phil Pitalo, Membership Officer, reported 636 active memberships, with a total of 1,207 active members. A motion was made to approve new members as published in the November newsletter, was seconded, with no discussion, and approved. Phil had 10-year anniversary pins for John and Suzanna Main, and 15-year pins for Don and Judy Cast. He also announced names of sixteen new Lifetime Memberships and presented their pins. He welcomed and introduced three new members/guests. Phil asked members to review their profile online for any updates or corrections before the 2015 Club directory is printed.

Ric Atkins from Classic Chevrolet announced deals on vehicles at Classic.

Robert led us in singing Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating birthdays in November.

Tom Snodgrass reviewed nominations for the LSCC Board of Director positions for 2015. The following nominations were made and seconded at the October business meeting: President – Robert Shellberg and Phil Pitalo; Vice-President – Tony Pittman and Richard Herrick; Treasurer – Sharon Troster; Competitive Events – Mike Kreiger; Recreational Events – Craig Satterfield and Curt Troster; Financial Officer – Karen Pitalo; Technical Officer – Bryan Baines; Membership – Glen Averhoff; Recording Secretary – Mark Benton; Newsletter Editor – Gaila Hodges; and 2016 Classic Officer – John Raiden. Nominations were opened, no further nominations were made, so Tom then closed the 2015 nominations. The names will be checked for eligibility and the nominees are requested to write a bio for the December newsletter. The voting will take place online until December 12<sup>th</sup> and by paper ballot on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the December meeting. Members were reminded that both members in a "couple" membership may vote.

With no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

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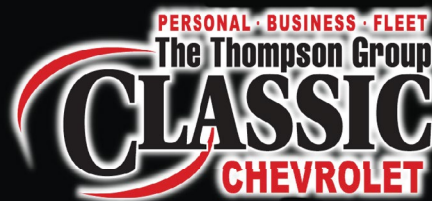
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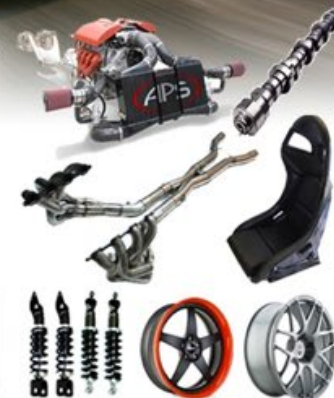
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December Events Calendar							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6	Texas Strong Dallas Run 2014 Annual LSCC Christmas Party
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	LSCC Monthly Meeting Sneaky Pete's
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	

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