

# *THE TALEPIPE*

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**LONE STAR CLASSIC - Texas Motor Speedway**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Chesnut; President, Texas Chapter, NCRS

Our Texas Chapter has been awarded a Regional meet in Fort Worth for the fall of 2004. The Texas Chapter continues to conduct outstanding Events, with a high number of entries, which accounts for the continued recognition and selection to host Regional Events. Congratulations to all of the Chapter members who attend and work hard to make our Events overwhelming successes.

As the Chapter moves forward our goals are to hold a Chapter wide Event (hopefully a Regional) each fall and three annual (recurring on same dates each year) Chapter meets (one in each of the three areas). This year the Texas Chapter Regional Event is in Waco and 2003-2004 Regional Events are in Fort Worth. One Chapter meet will be held in DFW area during July and a recurring Houston Area Chapter Event is planned to be held in conjunction with Corvette Expo. The Texas Chapter continues to be on the lookout for good indoor, cost effective locations to hold the annual fall Regional Event. Please send your location suggestions to me for consideration.

Members are encouraged to write articles, send photos, copies of any and all articles published about members of themselves etc. to Debbi Wrobliske – our new Talepipe Editor.

Would like to take this opportunity to invite all of our Texas Chapter members to attend the upcoming Chapter Meet on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Chris Piscitelloa & Joe Demesy's Museum in Cleburne, TX. We're looking for a good Chapter turnout. If you have not registered yet, the registration form is included in this issue of the Talepipe and also on the Chapter website.

The Texas Chapter is continuing looking for new ideas and ways to improve. Thanks to Tim Gilmore – Membership Director, developing and printing our Texas Chapter membership cards. I still have the 1988 version. Am interested in receiving improvement ideas and suggestions from Chapter members, please e-mail, write or call with **your** suggestions.

You all have a great Corvette summer and hope to see you at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Chapter meet and for the National Convention in Monterrey.

Am pleased to announce Ron Mulholland as the new San Antonio/Austin Area Coordinator. The Chapter is looking forward to Ron's leadership in scheduling and conducting Area Events.

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## **REGION VII DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**By Gilbert Scrivner**

### **Miscellaneous Tidbits (Exhaust Gas)**

I was in Bowling Green, Kentucky May 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> and visited the Corvette Museum as well as toured the Corvette Assembly Plant. Yes, they have now resumed their plant tours since the 9/11/01 events. They have two scheduled per day, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 1:00 p.m. that are open to the public. The plant tour is really a neat experience and if you have never been on the tour I would encourage you to do so. It is well worth your time. Got to see a couple of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cars but they will not be in production until later this year.

Speaking of the Corvette 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Roy Sinor, National Judging Chairman, is finalizing the details for a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary award to be presented to all NCRS members that display their 1953 Corvette during the calendar year 2003.

Carlton Colclough, NCRS Public Relations, is developing specific guidelines for matching funds charity contributions (national matches chapter donation) for the Board of Directors to consider. Additionally Carlton is forming guidelines for a proposed NCRS educational scholarship for those entering college. These programs are both in the developmental stage and have not been voted on.

Many of you have expressed an interest in receiving or the option to receive The Restorer and Driveline by First Class postage.

The Board of Directors reviewed this and decided to continue mailing these publications in the current manner. The cost increase is significant and if we offered an option to increase membership dues to offset the postage cost significant accounting and tracking complications would result regarding multiple year memberships.

In the past several months I have communicated to many of you via e-mail concerning various NCRS national issues. I use as my source for the e-mail addresses your local chapter database. Many of you were on the e-mail list but did not receive the communication because you had not notified you chapter of your change in e-mail address. I would really like to encourage you to keep your chapter informed of your current e-mail address so you can stay current with NCRS news. To those who do not have an e-mail address then we will continue to use your chapter publications as the communication source.

### 2002 National Convention:

June 30, 2002, is the close of Pre-registration for the NCRS National Convention in Monterey, California. All registrations after June 30 must be done on site with an additional \$30.00 late fee. I would really like to encourage you to attend this event. It is in a beautiful setting and the weather promises to be wonderful. It will be a welcomed change to escape the August summer heat that many of us in Region VII are accustomed to. There are numerous family activities planned in addition to all the beautiful Corvettes that will be on display and judged. The annual general membership meeting will be held on Saturday evening where many chapter and individual awards will be presented. A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday evening and all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Summary of NCRS Board of Directors Meeting April 13, 2002:

The meeting was called to order by President, Vinnie Peters at 7:00 a.m.

Minutes of the last board meeting were approved as written.

Vinnie Peters was elected President by the Board of Directors. Vinnie Peters announced the appointment of Cece Nelson as Secretary.

Gary and Eric Mortimer reported that we now have 14,233 members.

Dick Bennett resigned as Team leader and has been replaced by Dave Ferguson.

Lewis Russell resigned as C4-C5 Coordinator. Vito Cimilluca has accepted this position.

The Bowtie score sheets have been updated.

The award database has been modified to include interior trim and horsepower. NCRS Authentication Library series' first publication will be on 1963-1967 Trim tags.

The dates of the approved regional meets for 2004 are as follow:

Florida Chapter

Jan. 21-24 Kissimmee, FL

Carolinas Chapter

April 22-25 Charlotte NC

New Jersey Chapter

May 14-16 Cape May, NJ

Rocky Mtn./Southwest/New Mexico Chapters

June 3-5 Durango, CO

North Central/Wisconsin Chapter

June 24-26 Rochester, MN

Northwest Chapter

Sept. 2-5 Seaside, OR

Texas Chapter

Oct. 29-31 Ft. Worth, TX

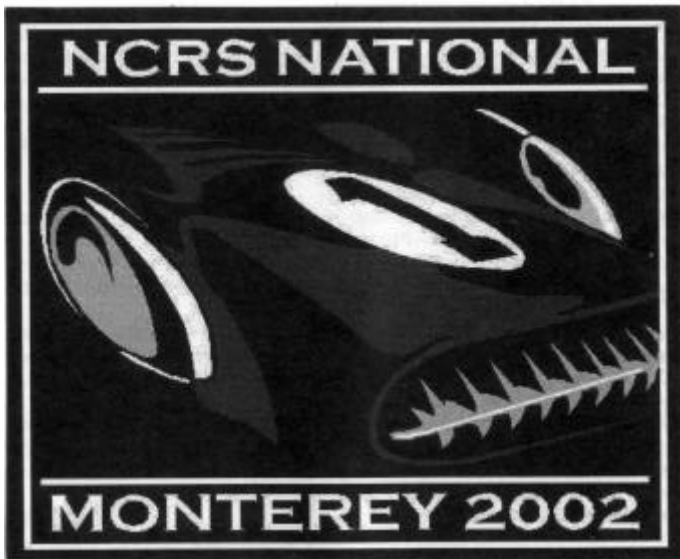
Don Troyer reported on the Monterey National. Vicki Fiet reported on the 2003 Hershey National. Scott Sinclair reported on the 2004 Ontario National.

Dennis Clark has resigned as director of Region VIII. Michael Pierce has been asked to fill his term.

Terry McManmon, responding to a question about featuring chapters and/or members in the Restorer, said if you will write it he will consider it. A suggestion was also made that chapters promote the nationals and other regionals in their newsletters.

Ken James resigned as Financial Officer. A search will be begun for a replacement for him.

Dale Fiet resigned as Region III director and Vice-President. Vito Cimilluca will be asked to replace him as Region III Director.



Editors Note: On 6/7/02, Vinnie Peters appointed Gilbert Scrivner as Vice-President of the NCRS. Gilbert will also assume the position of National Activities Chairman, as has been the practice in the past.

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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

**By Tim Gilmore**

As of mid May we have about 270 active members, there are about seventy members that have not forwarded their 2002 membership dues, this means that about 75 % of our members are in good standing for the remainder of the year. Many members have allowed their memberships to expire at the end of 2001. This will be the last Talepipe that you will receive and you will be dropped from the membership list if your mail label shows an expiration date of Dec 01. Please make checks payable to Texas NCRS and mail them to:

Tim Gilmore  
Texas NCRS Membership Director  
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Austin, Texas 78759

Please check the label of this issue to see just when your membership will expire.

We have 13 new Texas Chapter members to welcome: Walter Seeds of San Antonio, Debbi Wrobliske of Cypress, Ed Dotson of Keller, Davis Hall of Katy, Jimmie R. Holder of Lubbock, David Patterson of Dallas, Max Vordenbaum of Wichita Falls, Paul Wilbur of Houston, Bruce Smith of Austin, Rene L. Sandoval of Seguin, Bob Malone of Copell. Gerald M. Graham of Muenster, and a good friend and owner of a beautiful 1964 coupe, Sonny Maldonado of Austin. I would also like to thank Debbi Wrobliske for stepping up as the editor of the Talepipe. Thanks to all of our new members for supporting our chapter.

Our spring mail out is generating new membership. There were 440 invitations sent out to individuals that are NCRS members that live in Texas and have not joined our local Chapter.

We are trying to keep our database up to date for email addresses.

If you have acquired an email address or have had a recent change of address, please forward this to me at [timg@ccinsurance.com](mailto:timg@ccinsurance.com).

An up to date e-mail address will help us keep you current on chapter and area events. I hope to see many of you at the Waco Regional and the other upcoming events that are scheduled. Have a great summer.

### EDITOR'S CORNER

By Debbi Wrobliske

Many thanks to all who contributed for this issue of *THE TALEPIPE*. We encourage all Chapter members to contribute to their newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Waco regional on October 31, 2002 through November 2, 2002.

I will strive to uphold the standards that Rolf set for your newsletter.

I would like to thank Ken and Vicky Robb for the photo of the brick that will forever remind us of Rolf's contributions not only to the newsletter, but also to the hobby.





## EVENTS DIRECTOR MESSAGE

By John Lejsal

We are currently planning the 2002 Texas Regional to be held in Waco, Texas at the Waco Convention Center on October 31 to November 2. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Registration forms are in the May/June Driveline and also available from the chapter website, [www.ncrstexas.org](http://www.ncrstexas.org). The classes fill up quickly so do not delay in getting your registration if you plan to have a car judged.

I look forward to working with Chapter members on this and future events. I am always open to suggestions on how to improve Chapter events. You may contact me by e-mail: [Lejsal@aol.com](mailto:Lejsal@aol.com) or by phone at (work) 713-626-3313 (home) 281-485-4419.

## 2002 AUTO AND CORVETTE SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW OR EVENT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	DATES
Traders Village Swap Meet	Grand Prairie, TX – Traders Village	Jun 6 – 9
<b>NCRS Midwest Regional Meet</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>	<b>Jun 13 – 15</b>
Bloomington Gold Corvette Expo	St.Charles, IL – Pleasant Run Resort	Jun 13 – 16
Dallas Swap Meet	Arlington, TX – Ballpark Arlington	Jun 22 – 23
<u>NCRS Northwest Regional</u>	<b>Welches (Mt. Hood), OR</b>	<b>Jun 27 – 29</b>
<u>NCRS Quebec Regional</u>	<b>Ste. Sauveur, Quebec</b>	<b>Jul 11 – 13</b>
<b>NCRS National Convention</b>	<b>Monterey, CA – Convention Center</b>	<b>Aug 9 – 13</b>
Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA – Carlisle Fairgrounds	Aug 23 – 25
Austin Corvette Day	Austin, TX	
Southwest Swap Meet	Arlington, TX – Ballpark Arlington	Sep 6 – 8
Rosanky Swap Meet	Rosanky, TX – Rosanky Auto Museum	Sep 19 – 21
Super Chevy	Baytown, TX – Houston/Baytown Drag strip	Sep 20 – 21
Goodguys Lone Star Nationals	Fort Worth, TX – Texas Motor Speedway	Oct 4 – 6
Hershey Swap Meet	Hershey, PA – Hershey Fairgrounds	Oct 8 – 12
Chickasha Fall Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK – County Fairgrounds	Oct 17 – 20
Fall Conroe Swap Meet	Conroe, TX – Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds	Oct 18 – 20
<u>NCRS Texas Regional Meet</u>	<b>Waco, TX - Convention Center</b>	<b>Oct 31 – Nov 2</b>
Dallas Swap Meet	Arlington, TX – Ballpark Arlington	Nov 9 – 10
Leake's Dallas Auction	Dallas, TX	Nov 22 – 24
Houston Autorama	Houston, TX – Reliant Center	Dec 5 – 8

Texas Swap Meet Schedules on the Internet: [www.usamotorevents.com/tx.htm](http://www.usamotorevents.com/tx.htm) [www.corvettewave.com/events.htm](http://www.corvettewave.com/events.htm)  
[www.driveonline.com/html/southcentral.html](http://www.driveonline.com/html/southcentral.html) [www.carshownews.com/nationa/TX.htm](http://www.carshownews.com/nationa/TX.htm)

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CHAPTER MEET—July 13, 2002 in Cleburne, Texas Registration deadline June 28,2002
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Corvette “Black Book” Facts on the Web [www.corvetteactioncenter.com/index.php](http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/index.php)  
Periodically Check Chapter Website for event details [www.ncrstexas.org](http://www.ncrstexas.org)*

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## Wooden Wheels and Classic Keels

By Jim Wrobliske

The first weekend of May found the Galveston Bay city of Seabrook, Texas overrun with automobile and boat enthusiasts as the Lakewood Yacht Club held its seventh annual Contours d' Elegance. The event which has grown by leaps and bounds, features classics and antique automobiles and vintage boats in their natural setting, with the beautifully manicured grounds of the yacht club as the backdrop. An air show performed by the Confederate Air Force and a group of artists displaying related artwork provide an entertaining weekend. In previous years the event has been featured on television's "Collector's Cars" and "My Classic Car".

Along side the Cords, Jaguars, Maseratis, Packards, and the Rolls Royces, was a solid showing of classic Corvettes, 1953 through 1974.

Of note were a number of Chapter member's cars. Among those was Charles Warren's 1967 roadster. Tim Salaika's 1963 Coupe, John Turner's red 1962, Carl Anderson's turquoise 1960 and Ernesto Gonzalez' white 1954. Chapter member Steve Newsom used the "home field" advantage to display three of his cars. His 1953 and a pennant blue 1955 could be found keeping his latest project company, a really original looking 1954, currently being driven, but destined for restoration.



## Corvette Classic XIII

By Jim Wrobliske

The Lone Star Corvette Club held their Annual event May 15-17 at Texas Motor Speedway. Unusually cool, but sunny weather greeted attendees. A car show, car corral, swap meet, track and road events as well as guest speakers and much more, attracted Corvettes and their owners from as far away as Florida. Chapter members made their presence known as antenna flags were spotted. The speedway's grandstand provided a shady respite for Doc Lambert's almond 1962 Corvette, which graces the cover of this issue of *THE TALEPIPE*.



**Remember National  
“Drive Your Corvette To Work Day”  
June 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**Texas Chapter Member Ads**

**Corvettes  
for Sale**

**Parts  
for Sale**

1996 Collector's Edition Corvette Blue tinted transparent second top, fits 1984-1996, new \$1,350.00 asking \$900.00 or best offer, excellent condition. J.T. Trammell, tel. 872-771-6309,  
e-mail: [ernietrammel@aol.com](mailto:ernietrammel@aol.com).

**Wanted**

U.S. Royal Air Ride 6.70 x 15 wide white wall tires in any condition. Also want 1955 heater shut-off valve. Steve Newsom, tel. 281-474-9291,  
e-mail: [steve@stevenewsom.com](mailto:steve@stevenewsom.com)

1962- one original side fender crossed flag emblem, rocker panel trim mounting strip, gas door, left side sill plate, upper main grille shell.  
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1956 – complete radiator fan shroud assembly, 15”x 5” welded wheels. Jim Wrobliske, e-mail:  
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Ads for **THE TALEPIPE** next issue. See  
opposite page for submission forms.  
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Currently available from the Chapter store:

Caps – Red or Black & White     \$10.00

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2. Include VIN on all car ads.
3. Ads must be placed for each edition
4. 50 words or less
5. Ad Deadlines: February 15<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>
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  - Cars For Sale
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## Texas Chapter NCRS — Order Form

Texas Chapter satin “Baseball Style”, flannel lined, jacket with a 12 inch Texas Chapter NCRS logo centered on the back & a 3 inch Texas Chapter NCRS logo on the left front.

Color: Red  Qty.      Black  Qty.

Sizes: Small  Qty.    Med  Qty.    Large  Qty.    X-Large  Qty.    XX-Large  Qty.

Price: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large      \$75.00  
XX-Large      \$78.00

**Total Cost Jackets      \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Color: Red  Qty.      Black  Qty.      White  Qty.

Sizes: Small  Qty.    Med  Qty.    Large  Qty.    X-Large  Qty.    XX-Large  Qty.

Price: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large      \$35.00  
XX-Large      \$38.00

**Total Cost Golf Shirts      \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Texas Chapter T-Shirt, 100% cotton, with a Texas Chapter NCRS logo on the front.

Color: Black  Qty.      White  Qty.

Sizes: Small  Qty.    Med  Qty.    Large  Qty.    X-Large  Qty.    XX-Large  Qty.

Price: Small, Medium, Large, X-large, XX-Large      \$10.00

**Total Cost T- Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Make checks payable to: Texas Chapter NCRS**

Total Cost Jackets, Golf Shirts and T-Shirts      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Shipping per order      \$      3.00  
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## TEXAS CHAPTER, NCRS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Texas Chapter Member:

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New Member                       Renewal                       Change of Address, etc.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NCRS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CORVETTE (S) OWNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES SCHEDULE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **1 Year, \$18** \_\_\_\_\_ **2 Years,**  
**\$36** \_\_\_\_\_ **3 Years, \$54**

Please submit your check or money order (no cash, please) with a completed version of this Form to the Chapter Membership Chairman at the address below.

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