

What is NCCC? The *National Council of Corvette Clubs* (NCCC) was established in 1959 and celebrated its 55th Anniversary in 2014. Speaking of 1959, that was the year that *Etch a Sketch* was invented and do you remember these prices: a gallon of gas was \$0.28, eggs were \$0.58 per dozen, a postage stamp was \$0.04 and an ounce of gold was \$35.10. Additionally, in 1959, the Corvette cost \$3875, it weighed 2912# and only 9,670 of them were produced. A 250-hp fuel injected 1959 Corvette with the 3.70:1 rear axle could go from 0-to-60 mph in 7.8 seconds; it did the quarter mile in 15.7 seconds at 90 mph and had a top speed of 120 mph. With a 290-hp fuel-injected Corvette with a 4.11 rear axle, it could go from 0-to-60 mph in 6.8 seconds; from 0-to-100 mph in 15.5 seconds; it did the quarter mile in 14.9 seconds at 96 mph with a top speed of 124 mph. *Road & Track* described the 1959 Corvette as “a pretty package with all the speed you need and then some.”



Most things have changed however, since inception NCCC was founded (by a small group of Corvette owners/enthusiasts) as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with the use and ownership of *the Corvette ~ America's Sports Car!*

Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA): NCCC helps us pass our Corvette enthusiasm to the younger generations. Where else can you enroll / sponsor someone under the age of 16 for a \$10 one-time fee; where they belong to a national organization and receive goodies tailored to their age group? Since 1991 (when this program was created), there have been over 4,700 members signed up. At age 16, these youth are no longer FCOA members however they become eligible to become NCCC Youth Members, even if their parents don't own a Corvette.

Since 1997, new FCOA members have received a membership packet similar to what NCCC members receive however the packet is tailored for kids. Included is a personalized welcome letter, FCOA patch, FCOA membership card plus a notepad, dash plaque, stickers, pens, postcards and other items supplied by companies that support the FCOA program. Our FCOA Director tries to obtain enough items so all members receive a packet of “goodies” annually; they also strive to send out a FCOA newsletter once a year. Kids learn that every year Vette has something special about it and each holds an important place in the history of Corvettes.

FCOA even has its very own website at www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html with all sorts of information including fun and friendly links for every FCOA age group; check it out.

NCCC Scholarship Program is an NCCC goal helping our members; to promote and assist with their education. The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from clubs, individuals and corporate friends such as *Mid America Motorworks*. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to worthy young people who have some connection with NCCC through a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, etc., which have been a member of NCCC for at least three years.

Regions and/or clubs may choose to donate towards the scholarship program for the children of NCCC members; although all amounts are welcome, many clubs typically donate \$500 or more in past years.

You will find that many of our regions also have an additional scholarship program to directly assist their regional members and dependents in furthering their education.

Charities and Grants Program began in 1975 and has grown steadily, not only in dollar amounts that are given, but also in the area of service. The program depends entirely on voluntary participation by NCCC clubs and their club members. Through the years NCCC has donated over \$1.5 million to the *Muscular Dystrophy Association*, the *Spina Bifida Association of America* and the *National Kidney Foundation*.

In 2002 NCCC had donated over \$121,000 to the *National Kidney Foundation*. In 1996, NCCC began working with the *National Kidney Foundation*



in support of their *Transplant Games* and the *Organ Donor Awareness Program*. NCCC provides a Corvette (since 1977) which is raffled off at the annual *NCCC National Convention*. The proceeds from that raffle directly benefit the *National Kidney Foundation*. Over the last 7 years, the *National Council* has donated over \$500,000 to our charity of choice.

Additionally, under the *Grants Division*, we have a provision for NCCC member hardships. Each hardship donation is determined by the *Charity Committee* and the *Charity Director*. Additionally, many of the NCCC regions also offer scholarship programs for regional members and dependants.

Insurance for Your Club's Many Functions

If you have ever hosted any variation of a club event, you know that event insurance can be very costly. As an NCCC affiliated club, NCCC Inc. provides various levels of insurance coverage to its clubs and members. There are five basic policies in place: General Liability, Umbrella, Crime, Director and Officer (D&O), & Participant Accident [Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)].

Information regarding coverages can be found on the NCCC Website as FAQs under the Insurance Program category.



Nationwide Support Network - Family Helping Family - NCCC offers you the support of members around the country who have a wealth of information and knowledge. We have found that it doesn't matter if it is a part you're looking for, knowledge to learn how to accomplish something, an issue with your Vette or even a family / health issue; with NCCC you have a large extended family to reach out to!

Since joining NCCC we have found that there are a lot of great people out there who will assist you as needed in any area; where else can you get that support besides in a family?



You, as a Member Have Access to Numerous Discounts - These discounts change from time to time with new ones being added along with better discounts as the *Director of Sponsorship* works with corporations that have interesting services and products for our members with vendors such as rental car companies, tire companies, hotels, after-market accessories, etc. The most up to date list of sponsors and discounts can be found on the NCCC National Web Site.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Contests for Your Club and Yourself

- **Competition Program** – provides Corvette enthusiasts the opportunity to compete at the regional and/or the National level. The purpose of the *Sanctioned Competition Program* is to encourage interactivity between individual Corvette clubs within NCCC. NCCC operates the *Sanctioned Competition Program* to provide uniform and fair standards under which competition events may be sponsored by individual Corvette clubs. The *Vice President of Competition* along with the *Regional Competition Directors* maintain national and regional point standings. Annually, each NCCC club receives ten national sanctions for them to host sanctioned events of their choice; promoted both regionally and nationally.

What kind of competition will I find with NCCC? The type of events cover almost all interests however some are more prevalent in specific regions. NCCC Competition events (sanctioned or non-sanctioned) provide you the opportunity to host and/or compete in the following venues:

- o **Concours D'Elegance / Car Shows** – A showing of Corvettes in which the entries are judged for cleanliness and workmanship. These are broken down into two main categories which are judged and non-judged (people's or participant's choice). Any of these events can be hosted either indoor or outdoor.



- o **Drag Racing** – A wheel to wheel acceleration test between two (2) cars on a sanctioned drag strip at least one eighth (1/8) mile in length. These are broken down in the categories of Matching Times, Elapsed Time (ET) / Brackets and Record Drags (must be on ¼ mile track). A Drag Race is a contest of nerves, skill and raw power. When two cars pull up to the staging line, the mental contest begins: who will stage first? Who will get the jump on the other driver without red-lighting (cut that perfect light)?

Who will judge the right amount of throttle to get off the line without bogging or going up in smoke? Once the cars are under way, the contest becomes a question of horsepower and driver's skill in controlling the car. Sometimes the driver may want to run just fast enough to win but avoid breaking out or setting a record requiring a tear down.

- o **Economy Runs** – The Corvette Driver becomes a miser and is intensely concerned with the number of miles he/she is getting per gallon of fuel; it can be thought of as a special form of Rallye.
- o **Funkhana** – Both a driver and navigator are required. A timed contest for automobiles designed to test the skills of the driver and navigator; gimmicks are used on an Autocross-like course. (NO EXCESSIVE SPEED). Think of a Funkhana as a very low speed autocross-like event with the added features of a navigator to assist the driver and a variety of gimmicks that the driver and/or navigator must perform in order to successfully complete a run. The types of gimmicks that are included as parts of a timed run are only limited by the imagination of the Event Chairpersons as long as they are in good taste and done in the spirit of having fun (hence the name FUNKhana).
- o **Rallyes** – Both a driver and navigator are required. A competitive automobile run over public roads and under ordinary traffic rules. A Rallye is similar to written directions one gives a friend for getting to a new house in the suburbs. Perhaps it seems like a challenge. It is more than a test of one's ability to follow directions - more than intense observation. It includes an aptness for doing seventeen things at once - including the adherence to a timetable speed of, let us say, 28.8 miles an hour. It is enjoyable and rallyes can produce a piece of silverware to place on the bookshelf and then keep polished.

- o **Speed Events** – A Speed Event is a NCCC-regulated competition in which the Corvette driver has the opportunity to learn, improve, and demonstrate their skills on an autocross course that is not subject to public traffic and associated rules. There are six basic types of NCCC Sanctioned Events with the Speed Event type being further divided into two categories, which can be either High Speed or Low Speed.



The rules of conducting the Speed Event provide the NCCC member with a safe venue to enhance their driving ability, compete with group and class peers, and obtain enjoyment and competition thrills not otherwise available to the driving public. Speed events are held on paved surfaces, regardless of whether they are on a permanent racetrack or road course site, or on a temporary autocross surface.

The emphasis in all NCCC Speed Events is on driving skill in preference to absolute speed.

- o **Time Trials** – A Time Trial is an environment where NCCC competitors can participate in continuous lapping sessions on a defined road course in a controlled, non-racing situation. Lapping sessions are typically 20 minutes in length, but this length may vary depending upon the venue and the host facility's protocols.

NCCC does not sanction road course racing events, i.e., door-to-door competition for position on track at all times, and, as such, a Time Trial does not have an emphasis on track position. Drivers are typically divided into run groups based upon experience level, not the car they drive in the event. Placement within a run group is immaterial. Points earned in a Time Trial are based solely upon the driver's time for his/her single best lap time during a continuous run session.

- **Duntov Award** - The *Duntov Performance Award* recognizes the NCCC club that, in the determination of the award committee, demonstrates outstanding performance in achieving the purposes and ideals of the *National Council of Corvette Clubs*.
- **Eagle One Golden Rule Award** – While this award isn't presented by NCCC, it is recognized and promoted to membership. This award is presented to car clubs for outstanding community service programs; their way of promoting the fact that there is more to car clubs than just cars.

- **National Club Newsletter Contest** – Since 1972 NCCC clubs have been utilizing newsletters to communicate. This contest honors the efforts put forth to publish this periodical to promote their club, their region and NCCC. A panel of judges review and judge the contest entries to select the top newsletters each year. The winners are announced at NCCC's National Convention.
- **National Web Site Contest** – The NCCC annual club web site contest was created in 2005 to honor the efforts put forth by these clubs to promote their club, their region and NCCC. A panel of judges review and judge all contest entries, during a selected time period, to select the top websites each year. The winners are announced at NCCC's National Convention.

NCCC Website is a website that connects all of our clubs and regions together. It is a central location for NCCC Members to gain information on NCCC events and benefits. It is a resource for our national contests, awards, complete information on our insurance coverages, competition programs in addition to providing benefits like classified ads, member discount listings, etc

Blue Bars is the official publication of NCCC with a mission to disseminate regional and national NCCC activities, special interest articles, along with showcasing clubs and their events. This magazine is published quarterly and provided to each primary member household.

NCCC Promotional Offerings are available for your club in several forms. The promotional displays have been used for years; maintained by the *Director of Public Relations* for use at Shows; helping to promote your Club and NCCC. These Displays have proven to be very effective in helping clubs gain local Members and generate a lot of interest. The displays are shipped free of charge to the clubs for use; they are packed with numerous promotional materials, DVDs.

Other offerings available to your club include Club / Sponsor Brochures; one that is unique to the specific NCCC Club, with a mission to promote the Club's Sponsor, the NCCC Club and NCCC.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) and NCCC partner together, which includes the president of NCCC being on the *NCM Board of Directors*. The *NCCC Director of Public Relations* maintains the NCCC display (kiosk) inside the museum which showcases the many activities that NCCC has to offer. Our organizations swap AD space in their magazines to assist in promoting the other's organization.



Annual Conventions take place in different parts of our country each year. It offers our members the opportunity to come together with their extended family, for a week to compete, enjoy parties and time catching up. A few of the past conventions have taken place in West Palm Beach, FL, Colorado Springs, CO, Tulsa, OK, Topeka, KS, Las Vegas, NV, Indianapolis, IN, Hagerstown, MD, Bowling Green, KY (*home of the Corvette*) and St. Cloud, MN. In 2014 the **55th NCCC Convention** is being hosted in Savannah, GA.



Most of all, NCCC is about having fun with your Corvette! We have a nationwide family of Members and Clubs that enjoy their Corvettes and thru that they have made lifelong friends! You will not find any kinder nor more generous Corvette owners anywhere! NCCC brings the Corvette community together to enjoy and honor America's True Sports Car - THE CORVETTE!



We encourage you to visit our National website for more details around the benefits of becoming a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org>

Over 55 Years of Corvette Passion
Come Join Us!!!



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