# THE STINGRAY

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE WICHITA COUNTY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## Wichita County Corvette Association begins 37th year with new Logo

As many of you know, Wichita County Corvette Association began the process of updating our website in 2015. As usually happens, one thing tends to lead to another...

During the course of web site development, it was realized that the WCCA logo had never been officially registered with General Motors. The original logo has been used since the Club's inception in 1978 and was first drawn out on a napkin by founding member, Jerry Ensey.

All logos that use trademarked GM images ("crossed flags", "Corvette" script, etc.) must be individually approved by General Motors and registered with them to avoid possible legal action.

Application for approval was led by Chad Brownlow. Our existing logo was submitted to Equity Management, Inc., the exclusive licensing representative for General Motors,

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New WCCA Logo 2016

### WICHITA COUNTY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2016



Mike Wenk President



**Jerry Ensey** Vice-President



Mickey Allison Secretary



Gayle Cline Treasurer



Steve Allison



**Chad Brownlow** Publicity Director Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

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including all of its vehicle marketing divisions. A paper application was completed. General Motors kindly waived the \$500 application fee. In our application, we had to indicate for what purposes we would use GM trademarked logos. We did have to be specific with our intentions. Non-profit logo use includes: the monthly newsletter, letterhead, our website, North Texas Corvette Roundup promotional items. membership cards, trophies and awards. For-profit use includes: various clothing items and caps to be made available to Club members, car flags to be made available to Club members and North Texas Corvette Roundup tshirts and caps to be made available to Club members and event participants.

Our initial application was submitted on September 16, 2015. On October 9, 2015, an e-mail was received from Mary Palus, Legal Executive Assistant with Equity Management, Inc. She advised that General Motors had reviewed our application and disapproved it. GM apparently did not like our version of the "crossed flags" and they did not like our version of the "Corvette" script. There was no additional explanation offered. However, GM did supply the "crossed flags" and "Corvette" script that they recommended we use in our logo. Their suggestions were used and are seen in our new logo as it appears today.

During the weekend of October 9-11, 2015 - while attending the Brazos River Corvette Club's Corvettes on the Square in Granbury, Texas - the then officers of WCCA who were available met informally to discuss our next actions. Without hesitation, it was voted on to proceed with the changes as recommended by General Motors.

An independent graphic artist whose services had been retained during website development was again utilized to revise and digitalize our logo.

Once this was completed, our newly revised logo was resubmitted to Equity Management, Inc. on October 27, 2015 for reconsideration by General Motors.

It took General Motors only one day to approve our new logo! A letter was issued on October 28, 2015 and received on November 9, 2015 that indicated GM approved our logo for our stated intended purposes.

WCCA can now move forward for another 37 years and beyond knowing that our Club logo is official and blessed by General Motors. Steve McGuire, Manager, Brand Licensing for GM even included a hand-written note on our approval notice saying, "logo looks great!" How cool is that?!

Wichita County Corvette
Association will begin to use our
new logo immediately for all
purposes from this point forward.

We will make arrangements for our new logo to be digitalized at The Uniform Shop, here in Wichita Falls. Once this has been done, members may begin to have items embroidered with our new logo.



WCCA Logo 1978-2015



Start Your Engines!

Words From Our President

Mike Wenk

WCCA Members,

First of all, I would like to start off by saying I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to serving as President of WCCA and am particularly excited about the return of the Roundup and working with everyone in making our show the best in North Texas.

See you all on January 7, 2015 at our monthly meeting.

Mike

WCCA Members,



Save The Wave

Vice-Presidential Thoughts

goodies!

I am looking forward to 2016 and all the WCCA events and fun we are going to have.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and you got a lot of Corvette

With Mike, Chad, Mickey, Gayle and Steve at the wheel, I know it will be a fun-filled year!

Jerry Ensey

Jerry



Editor's Note:

News & Notes From Your Editor and Webmaster

Chad Brownlow

WCCA Members,

Greetings! I hope that 2016 brings all of us health, happiness and a new Corvette!

It's my privilege to serve as your newsletter editor and webmaster. I hope to bring some excitement to both our newsletter and website. Please know that the newsletter and website will continue to evolve. Look for some exciting new features and recurring columns soon to come. I've got some exciting things planned! Our new website is live now! If you've not visited, be sure to check out wccatx.com!

Chad

### **EVENTS**



#### January 7, 2016

Club Meeting at Jason's Deli Eat at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm

#### May 20, 21, 22, 2016

Lone Star Corvette Classic Texas Motor Speedway

#### September 23,24, 2016

3 I st Annual North Texas Corvette Roundup Wichita Falls

#### October 8, 2016

Brazos River Corvette Club
I Ith Annual
Corvettes on the Square
Granbury

More events to be added!

Have an event you want on the schedule?
Submit it to the newsletter editor!

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Two Members Receive 10 Year Membership Award



# IS THAT SASSY HAT MAKING THE "MAD MAN" SMILE????

No!! Joe Martin is smiling because he was just recognized with a 10 year membership award.

President Jerry Ensey presented Joe Martin with a plaque recognizing his consecutive 10 year membership at the annual Christmas party in December 2015.

Joe has been a member of WCCA for much longer than 10 years, but this award was given to recognize his last 10 year membership.

Troy Warren also received a "decade" award, but was unable to attend the party.

Congratulations, Joe and Troy!!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

JANUARY 2016

Amy Wenk
January 2

Mac Cannedy January 12

Clarence Dailey
January 16

Mary Sue Drake January 19

Mike Booher January 30 In keeping with tradition, many often take this time of a new year to reflect on the previous year...

This gives us an opportunity to see where we've been - and may even hint at where we are going...

Let's look at what WCCA did in 2015.

Indeed, we had a great year.

As we look back, we can also look forward to an even more exciting 2016!!



# January 2015

Even though WCCA is a Corvette club, we didn't begin 2015 with a fast start... There was no official Club event this month!









### February 2015

WCCA returned to a familiar setting in Crowell, Texas. On a rare beautiful Saturday in February, members enjoyed lunch at the Hometown Bakery ~ February 14















## **March 2015**

### C. A. R. E.

MARCH 2015 FOUND WCCA
IN BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS
TOURING THE CENTER FOR
ANIMAL RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION. THOSE WHO
MADE THE TRIP BRAVED
SOME RAINY WEATHER

AND SOGGY CONDITIONS,
BUT A GOOD TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL! WE WERE
ABLE TO OBSERVE SOME
BEAUTIFUL LARGE CATS
IN THIS ANIMAL
SANCTUARY. WE ALSO

PROVED THAT CORVETTES WILL NOT MELT IN THE RAIN!!!

MARCH 21



# April 2015

# Part 1

Car show season kicked in for WCCA at the annual Cars & Stars in Graham, Texas April 11



Chad fell in love...and it wasn't with a Corvette!

















# Apríl 2015 Part 2

WCCA returned to the home of Roddy & Kathleen Gordon for a good old fasioned catfish fry

Apríl 25





















## May 2015

WCCA made our annual trip to the Lone Star Corvette Classic at Texas Motor Speedway May 15-17 Part 1

# Lone Star Corvette Classic May 15-17 Part 2





### June 2015

### Part 1

Some members attended the Non-Corvette Club of Oklahoma Corvette Show in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the Grand Casino. Even more exciting, Steve Allison's birthday was celebrated during this weekend!





## June 2015

Part 2

Again, WCCA returned to familiar territory... A scenic cruise through the Quartz Mountain Resort near Altus, Oklahoma ended up at the Backdoor Steakhouse in Blair, Oklahoma

June 27





### July 2015

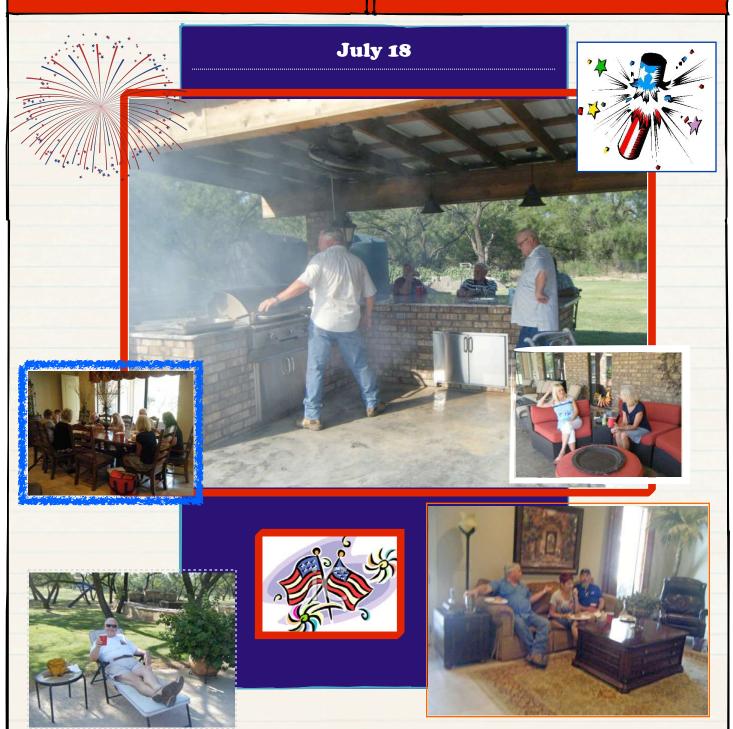
WCCA spent a summer afternoon at the beautiful home of David & Pam Shoop.

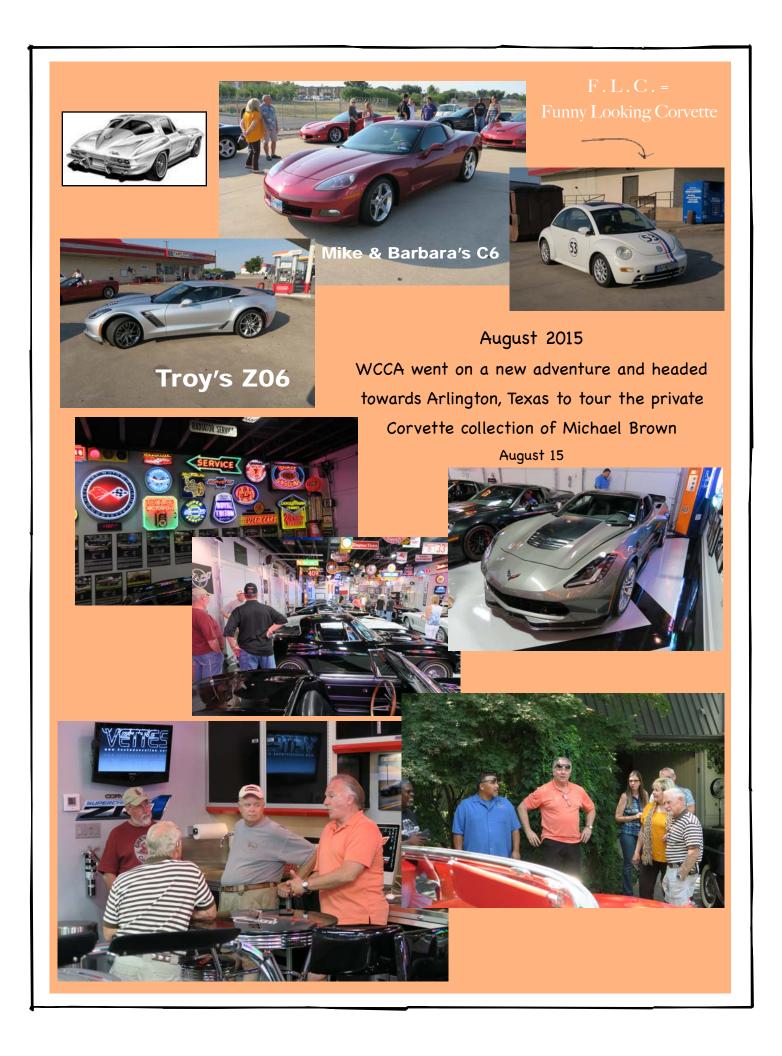
David proved to be King of the Grill!

Summer + Cookout = FUN





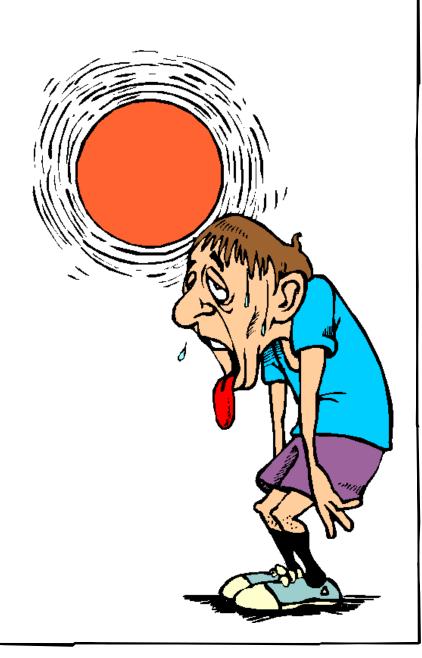




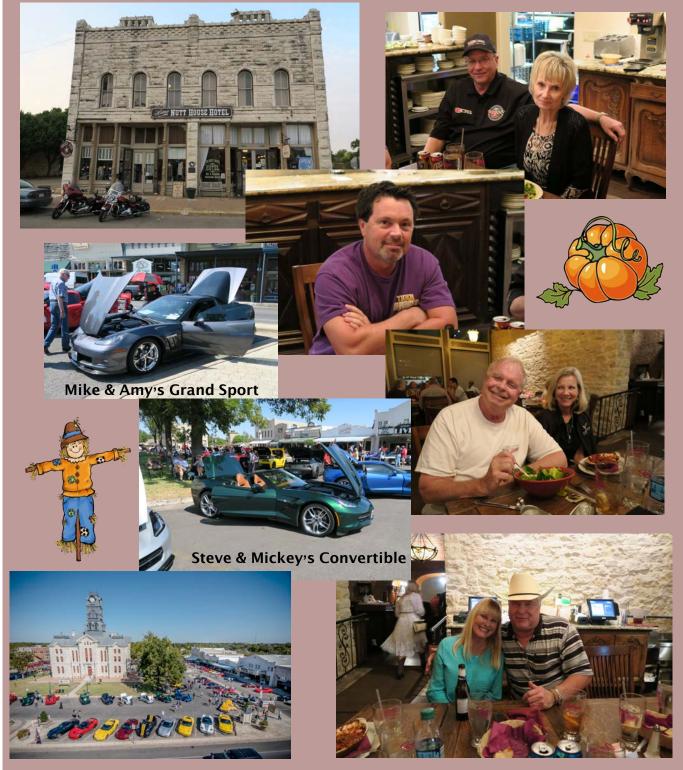
## September 2015

WCCA ran out of gas in September and so there was no official Club event.

We were really just catching our breath so we could finish the year with 206 supercharged speed!!







### October 2015

Part 1

WCCA got rested up and then got it's groove on! There was plenty of activity during October. First up, was the Brazos River Corvette Club's Corvettes on the Square in Granbury, Texas

October 10

## October 2015

#### Part 2

Next up, was the South West Oklahoma Corvette Club's All-Corvette Show and Sunset Cruise & BBQ at the Apache Casino in Lawton, Oklahoma

### October 17

















## October 2015

Part 3

Lastly, Steve Allison and Chad Brownlow attended the National Corvette Restorer's Society Lone Star Regional Meet in Frisco, Texas

Look for a future feature article in "The Stingray" detailing what NCRS is all about!

October 21-24

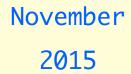
















Part 1

WCCA proudly

participated in

the Wichita Falls

Veterans' Parade

November 7

















Part 2
Wichita Falls
Veterans' Parade
November 7















# December 2015

WCCA brought 2015 to a close in merry fashion with our annual Christmas Party at the home of David & Pam Shoop

December 5



## WCCA Christmas Party

December 5

Part 2











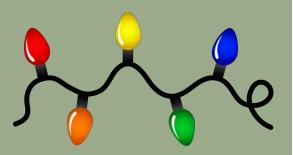
















WCCA Christmas Party

December 5

Part 3



WCCA Christmas Party

December 5

Part 4







Didn't see your picture in the newsletter, but wanted to?

Get involved!

Didn't see your Corvette in the newsletter, but wanted to?

Get involved!

Come to a meeting.

Attend an activity.

And...you might just find yourself & your Corvette in...

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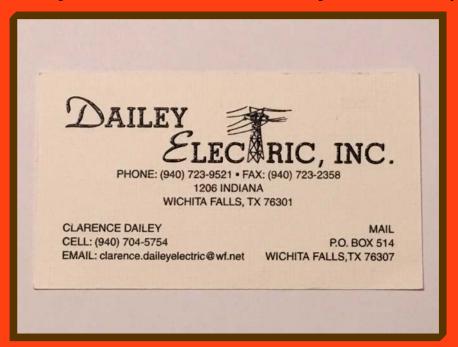
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Be sure to check out WCCA on the internet!

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