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# THE STINGRAY

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#### Wichita County Corvette Association quietly becomes Z06 "rich"



For much of 2015, Troy Warren was the sole representative in WCCA with a C7 Corvette Stingray Z06. Troy is the proud owner of a 2016 Blade Silver Metallic Z06 with the Twilight Blue Design package. Troy's Z06 has an automatic transmission and is equipped at the 3LZ trim level. He purchased his Z06 from Jim Glover Chevrolet (now Classic Chevrolet) in Lawton, Oklahoma. He took delivery on August 2, 2015.

Troy won't need to worry anymore about his ZO6 being lonely.

Four new 2016 Corvette Stingray ZO6's have been welcomed to the WCCA family. If you're keeping count - that means that there are now five C? Stingray ZO6's in our Club.

First up, are Pam & David Shoop. The Shoops ordered their ZO6 in June 2015 from Herb Easley Chevrolet in Wichita Falls, Texas. They finally took delivery of their new baby on November 5, 2015.

The Shoops are proud owners of a beautiful new Black ZO6 Coupe with a Gray interior. Sporting an automatic transmission, their ZO6 is trimmed at the 3LZ level and has chrome wheels. You might be wondering why it took nearly 5 months for the Shoops to receive their new ZO6. The reason is because of something called an "allocation". Chevrolet dealerships have to be granted an "allocation" before they can order a ZO6 Corvette. Allocations are granted to dealerships based on a variety of factors including the volume of Corvette sales a dealership completes each year.

The dealership usually has an idea of how many ZO6 allocations they will be granted in a particular model year, but they do not know when they will receive their allocations. Large volume Corvette dealerships in the country might receive multiple allocations at one time. But, for many of our local dealerships - those who are fortunate enough to be granted ZO6 allocations - well, they often get them one at a time.

This is different for non-ZO6 Stingrays. A dealer can order a non-ZO6 Stingray as a "sold" order for a customer at any time. But, for customers who want to order their own ZO6 rather than buy a ZO6 Corvette already delivered to a dealership, they will often have to exercise patience until the allocation comes through. Hence, the long period from when the Shoops actually ordered their ZO6 and when they took delivery.

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**Start Your Engines!** 

Words From Our President

Mike Wenk



I hope everyone who was able to attend our January Club event on January 23rd had a good time. Weather was perfect besides being just a bit chilly on top of Mt. Scott.

We are always looking for ideas for a monthly Club event. If you have an idea for a new place to eat or a cruise to somewhere, please let us know. Even if it is a couple of hours away, bring it up in one of our meetings. I for one always enjoy a long cruise and the chance to open up the Grand Sport on the highway!

See you February 4th at our February meeting!



Save The Wave Vice-Presidential Thoughts

Jerry Ensey



Editor's Note:

News & Notes From Your Editor and Webmaster

First, thanks to Mike for the great January event to the Wichita's. We had eight Corvettes drive up Mt. Scott for a beautiful view of Oklahoma.

I've been thinking about the upcoming Lone Star Corvette Classic, May 20-22 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. If you have not attended the Classic before, I hope you can this year. It's not too early to make your hotel reservations. The number for the Marriott Hotel is 1-817-961-0800. The Classic is one of the best events of the year! The LSCC has something for everyone: a Corvette show, driving events, track time and lots of good food. My favorite thing is just hanging out with other WCCA members for the weekend. See you soon!

WCCA Members,

Regarding what Mike & Jerry said about our January event, "ditto"!! If you didn't get to attend, you missed an opportunity for great fun and fellowship. I think that the consensus among those who participated was that we had a great first event to start out 2016. This trip provided the perfect balance between getting to drive our Corvettes and visiting some scenic locales, in addition to enjoying good food. Read all about it in this month's Stingray.

Let me also echo Jerry's sentiment about the Lone Star Corvette Classic. This really is such a great weekend. Do think about attending with your WCCA! Classic registration opened last week and I am already registered!

Chad Brownlow

Enjoy this month's Stingray and keep an eye on www.wccatx.com!!

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Next up, are Mickey and Steve Allison. The Allisons are proud to introduce their Shark Gray ZO6 Convertible with a Gray top and Gray interior. Also possessing an automatic transmission, this ZO6 is equally trimmed at the 3LZ level and has chrome wheels.

The Allisons purchased their ZO6 from Lipscomb Cheverolet in Bowie, Texas. They were ready to place their order with Lipscomb Chevrolet in Burkburnett, Texas as early as August 2015. But, remember that "allocation" process? An allocation was granted, finally, in November 2015 and Mickey and Steve took delivery of their ZO6 on December 3, 2015.

Al Bridges is next in line to offer his ZO6 contribution to WCCA. Al had been casually considering the purchase of a new ZO6 and was communicating his desired colors and options to Four Stars Chevrolet in Henrietta, Texas. Apparently, Four Stars liked his choices and so they ordered a ZO6 for their inventory that possessed many of the features that Al wanted.

So, on December 5, 2015, Al found himself looking at a Shark Gray ZO6 Coupe with an Adrenaline Red interior that had just been unloaded off the transport trailer. Needless to say, Al finalized the deal on this 2LZ trimmed ZO6 with an automatic transmission and black wheels.

Lastly, and maybe most covertly of all the recent new ZO6's to come into the WCCA fold is the one now sitting in the garage of Chad Brownlow.

On August 15, 2015, WCCA toured the private Corvette collection of Michael Brown in Arlington, Texas. Mr. Brown had a C7 Stingray ZO6 Coupe with the ZO7 Performance Package. Chad sat in this Corvette during the tour. And then, Chad wanted one.

Just two days later, on August 17, 2015, Chad made contact with Wilmes Chevrolet in Altus, Oklahoma to inquire about ordering a ZO6. I bet you can already see what's coming ... Yep that "allocation" devil showed its ugly face once again. Wilmes Chevrolet knew it was to receive two ZO6 allocations for model year 2016. Their first allocation had already been granted and used. It was believed that the second allocation would be granted before the end of the year 2015, but an exact date was not known.

On October 15, 2015, Chad got the phone call he had been waiting exactly two months to receive. Wilmes had received their second ZO6 allocation. Chad's order was acknowledged by GM on October 20, 2015.

During the two months that Chad waited for "his" allocation to come

through, he had plenty of time to build his ZO6 in his mind...over and over.

Chad knew he wanted the ZO7 Performance Package on his ZO6. Chad did not know that the ZO7 Performance Package was a dealer specific allocation in itself. That's right - the dealer had to receive an allocation from GM to even order this limited package. If a customer wants this package and the dealership has no allocation for it, then it cannot be added. The stars aligned in miraculous fashion as Wilmes was 1 of 29 dealerships nationwide who could order the ZO7 Performance Package during the October round of ZO6 allocations.

Experiences are important to Chad because it is these experiences that add to the sentiment of owning this type of performance and collector car.

Chad took advantage of two opportunities offered to Corvette customers. First, on December 2, 2015, Chad spent one full day with an engine builder in the Performance Build Center inside the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chad was able to hand assemble the supercharged ZO6 engine that now sits in his own ZO6! Starting with a bare block and finishing with a hot engine test fire

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using 93 octane fuel, Chad literally built his own engine. What an amazing experience!

So, if you saw Chad at the WCCA Christmas Party on December 5, 2015 - you now know he had just returned from Bowling Green a couple of days earlier after completing his engine build - and he did not say a word!

On December 22, 2015, Chad found himself back in Bowling Green to take advantage of the second Corvette experience that is available to customers. That experience is the National Corvette Museum Delivery Experience. He took delivery of his new ZO6 on this day and drove it back home to Vernon. He was able to share this trip with his mother who accompanied him and she was thoroughly impressed with how GM can roll out the red carpet for their customers.

Chad's 2016 Corvette Stingray ZO6 Coupe is Shark Gray with a Jet Black interior. It is trimmed at the 3LZ level and has chrome wheels. It does have the ZO7 Performance Package with visible carbon fiber front splitter and side skirts. Currently, it is the only ZO6 in WCCA with a 7-speed manual transmission. It also has the Competition Sport Seats and the Carbon Fiber Interior Package.

















## Cindy & John Measley are new Corvette Owners

Cindy and John Measley are also excited to announce their new Corvette Stingray purchase.

On December 7, 2015 Cindy & John acquired a 2014 Corvette Stingray Convertible that is Lime Rock Green with a Kalahari top and Kalahari interior. It is trimmed at the 3LT level and has an automatic transmission. It also has the Z51 Suspension Package.

This Stingray was purchased at Lipscomb Chevrolet in Burkburnett, Texas.

If you are thinking that this gorgeous Stingray color combination is vaguely familiar you are not developing dementia!

Yes, Cindy & John's new Stingray is the same one that was formerly owned by Mickey and Steve Allison.

Considering all things - the very low mileage and the meticulous nature in which the Allisons care for their Corvettes - Cindy & John may have just completed the deal(steal) of the year! Troy Warren



2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 Coupe

> Blade Silver Metallic Exterior



Jim Glover Chevrolet

Delivery August 2, 2015



Twilight Blue Design Package

3LZ Automatic Painted Aluminum Wheels



Pam & David Shoop

Herb Easley Chevrolet

Delivery November 5, 2015





2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 Coupe

> Black Exterior

Gray Interior

3Lz

Automatic

Chrome Wheels 2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 Convertible



Lipscomb Chevrolet

Delivery December 3, 2015



#### Mickey & Steve Allison



Shark Gray Exterior

> Gray Interior

> > 3LZ

Automatic

Chrome Wheels

2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 Coupe

Four Stars Chevrolet

Delivery December 5, 2015



## Al Bridges



#### **Chad Brownlow**

2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 Coupe

**Wilmes Chevrolet** 

Corvette Museum Delivery December 22, 2015

**Engine Build Experience** 

Shark Gray Exterior Jet Black Interior

3LZ

**7-Speed Manual** 

**Chrome Wheels** 

**Z07** Performance Package

**Competition Sport Seats** 

**Carbon Fiber Interior Package** 











### **Cindy & John Measley**

2014 Corvette Stingray Convertible

Lipscomb Chevrolet

Delivery December 7, 2015

Lime Rock Green Exterior

Kalahari Interior

3LT

Automatic

**Chrome Wheels** 

Z51 Package



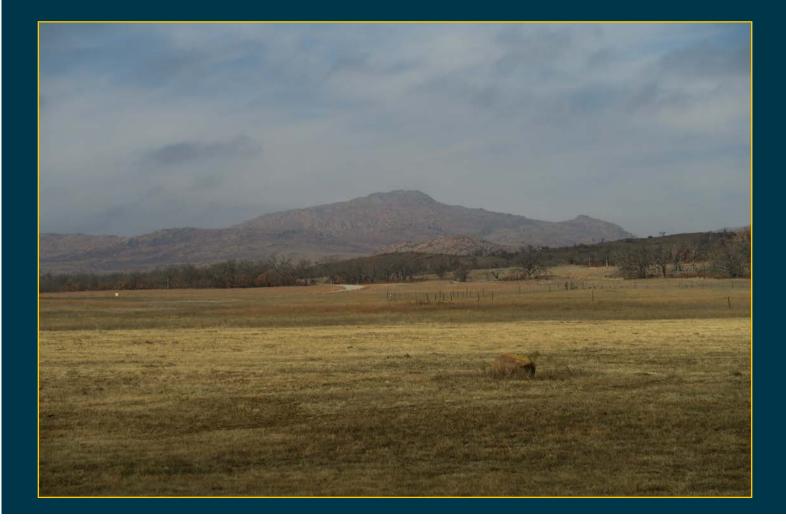


#### Wichita County Corvette Association's January 2016 Club Event

### A Cruise to the Wichita Mountains with stops at:

## The Meers Store Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center Mt. Scott Medicine Park

January 23, 2016

















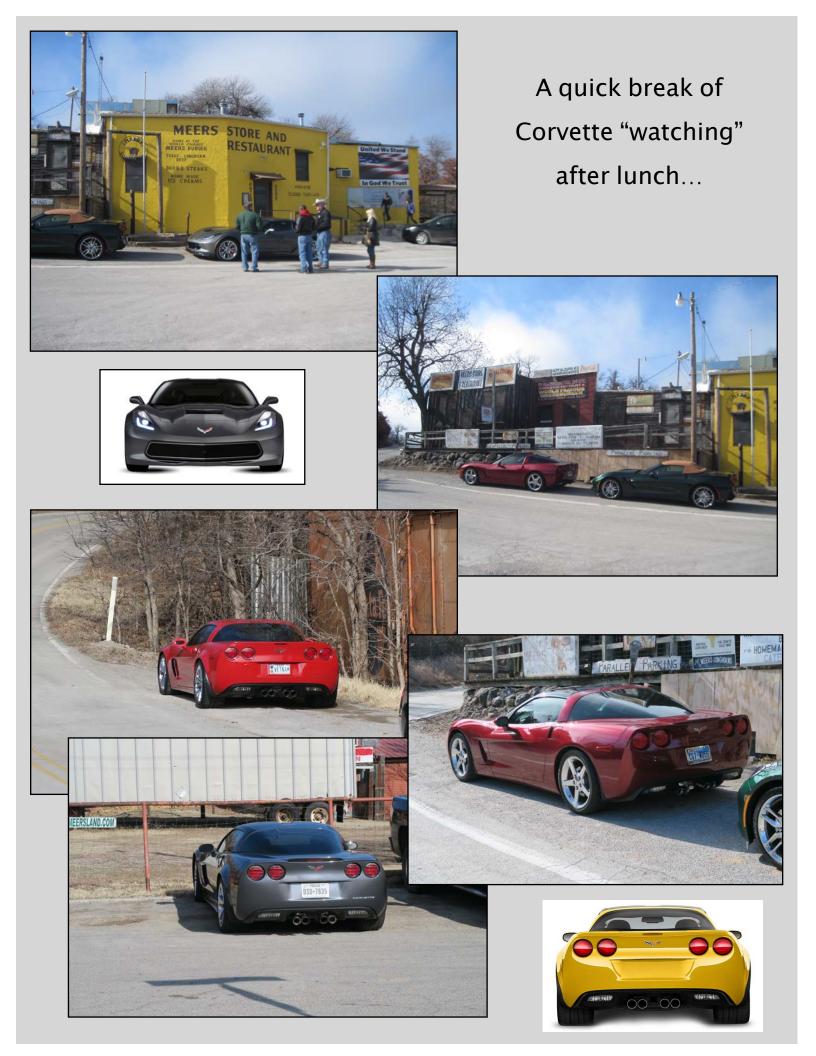
On a cold January morning, 14 adventurous souls and 9 Corvettes met at the old Holiday Inn by the Falls ready for a day of Corvette fun!



Mike Wenk Chad Brownlow Cindy Measley Al Bridges Evelyn & Jerry Ensey Karen & Clarence Dailey Mickey & Steve Allison Barbara & Mike Simmons Pam & David Shoop







## Stop 2

## Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Visitor's Center





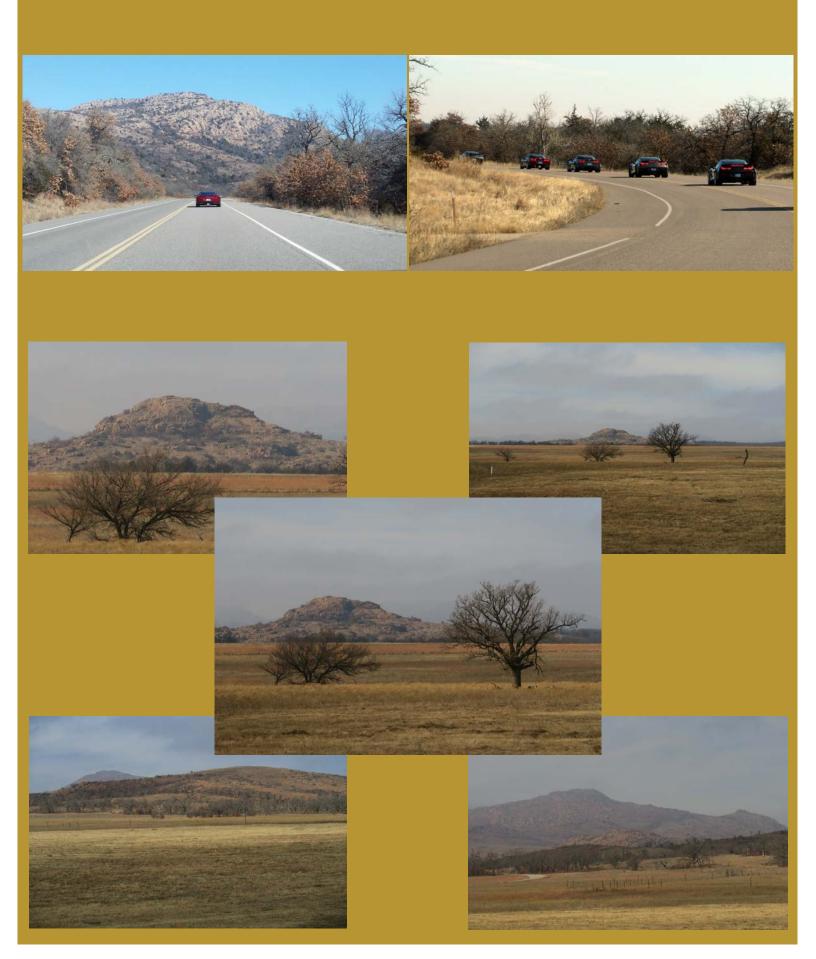






#### **On to Mt. Scott!**

#### ...through our own local treasure - The Wichita Mountains...

















What goes up, must come down...































# Stop 4 Medicine Park, Oklahoma











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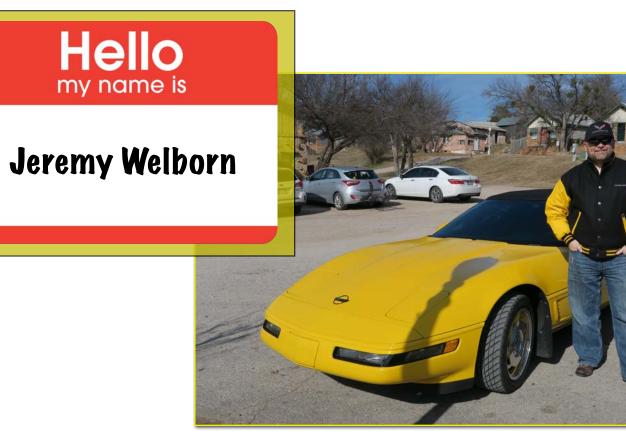












Meet Jeremy Welborn. Jeremy is President of the Southwest Oklahoma Corvette Club in Lawton, Oklahoma. WCCA members "ran" into Jeremy on the top of Mt. Scott. He just happened to be out taking a cruise in his 1994 Corvette. Jeremy joined in our caravan as we traveled back down Mt. Scott and he took many great photos of WCCA Corvettes that can be seen in this month's *Stingray.* As WCCA finished our day, Jeremy even led us back to I-44 via the very twisty "Tackle Box Road" - a lake side road leaving Medicine Park, Oklahoma.

Thanks, Jeremy, for the great pictures and for spending part of your day with WCCA!!





#### **EVENTS**



February 4, 2016 Club Meeting at Jason's Deli Eat at 6:00 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm Wichita Falls

> February 6, 2016 Mardi Gras Parade Nocona

March 5, 2016 SWOCC Corvette Tech Day & Show and Shine with Paul Koerner Lawton

> March 26, 2016 13th Annual Jim Bowie Car Show Bowie

> > April 9, 2016 Cars & Stars Graham

May 20, 21, 22, 2016 Lone Star Corvette Classic Texas Motor Speedway Fort Worth



September 23,24, 2016

**31st Annual** North Texas Corvette Roundup Wichita Falls

October 8, 2016 Brazos River Corvette Club I I th 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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Chad Brownlow

February 4

Sharon Thomas

February 10



Ron Brake

February 20

During last week's Barrett-Jackson auto auction in Scottsdale, Arizona: Nascar Owner and Corvette Enthusiast Rick Hendrick purchased a special lot of three Corvettes. These 3 Corvettes included 1955 VIN 001, 1956 VIN 001 and 1957 VIN 001. Sold as a single lot, he paid \$1.65 million not including the buyer's premium of 10%. The 1953 and 1954 VIN oo1 Corvettes were never offered to the public for sale - they were GM test cars that were eventually destroyed.

#### WICHITA COUNTY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2016





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**Jerry Ensey** Vice-President

**Mickey Allison** Secretary





**Steve Allison** Treasurer



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

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Come to a meeting.

Attend an activity.

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

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