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# Straight Talk

Publication of the Red River Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club

Enter your car, or just come to enjoy the spectacle, visit with C-1 owners, and come to our Tech Session.

## C-1 Distributor Tech Session

by Solid Axle Corvette Club Member, Noal Sinn  
at Corvette Expo Enid at 1:30 pm in the Coliseum

Check at Bill Preston's  
57 Black/White FI Corvette  
Display for Tech Session Location



Largest indoor  
Corvette show  
in Oklahoma

27th Annual  
April 6th

Admission \$5  
Children under 12 \$1  
9 to 4 pm

# CORVETTE EXPO ENID

Fairgrounds - Chisholm Trail  
Coliseum

# Registration Form

## 27th Annual Corvette Show 'n Shine

Chisholm Trail Expo Center, 111 W. Purdue Ave., Enid, OK 73703

Registration Noon to 9 p.m. Friday 4/5/19 - 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday 4/6/19

**Free dinner for all registrants Friday evening**

Registration Fee \$25 before March 15th, \$35.00 after March 15th

**HOST HOTEL: Western Inn & Suites - 210 N. Van Buren - Enid, OK 73703**  
**\$87.77 Double Queen Room, \$93.62 King Suite- Total, Which Includes Breakfast!**  
**Call 580-234-1200 - Mention the event and receive the discount price!**  
**Free Shuttle Service available to and from Hotel Fri. Evening & Sat Morning**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette year \_\_\_\_\_ Corvette Body Circle One Coupe Convertible

Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ Class Entered Circle One C1 C2 C3 C4 C5

C6 (C6 GS, Z06, ZR1)

C7 (C7 GS, Z06, ZR1)

Modified Custom

Best in Class Awards/Best of Show/President's Choice/People's Choice/Best Interior/Best Paint/Best Engine

Host Cars Are Not Included With Participant Class Judging

**\$100 to Club with most registered cars!!! \$50 to Individual entry traveling farthest!!!**

Dash Plaques for First 100 Entries

Silent Auction / Event Shirts / Door Prizes / Bloodmobile

Hold Harmless Agreement: I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injuries and to indemnify and hold harmless Corvettes of Enid for any acts or omissions which result in the theft of or damage to my property, or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of this event.

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

Passenger \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

**Send completed registration form with check or money order made payable to:**

**Corvettes Of Enid, P.O. Box 1285, Enid, OK 73702**

**QUESTIONS: Contact David Allred at [allred.david@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allred.david@sbcglobal.net)**

# New Members



**Bob & Mary Sullivan**  
Oklahoma City, OK  
1959 Frost Blue/White



**Don & Carolyn Brittin**  
Granbury, TX  
1960 Red/White &  
1962 Maroon



# President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the Carburetor Rebuild Session. We had 14 guys and 3 gals for lunch. Two guys drove all the way from Oklahoma City and the rest were locals. It was fun to get together, share knowledge and swap stories.

We owe Ed Giolma a big appreciation for providing the knowledge and expertise on the proper way to rebuild a carb. A very special thanks to Larry Myers of OKC who loaned us the 57 WCFB to experiment on. We didn't use the word experiment, when we offered to rebuild it.

Our next Tech Session will be at the Corvette Expo in Enid, OK on April 6. I want to especially encourage all of you in Oklahoma to put this event on your calendar. Noal Sinn from Stillwater is going to demonstrate how to rebuild an old distributor and install a Pertronix unit in it to eliminate the troublesome breaker points. I installed these units in the distributors in both of my old cars and have experienced trouble-free service for more than 20 years.

Til next time,  
*Bill Preston*  
President, SACC, Red River Chapter  
405-412-0502

Red River Chapter is recognized by the Solid Axle Corvette Club. SACC is a non-profit organization and membership is open to anyone who has an interest in 1953-1962 Corvettes. The Editor and Officers of Red River Chapter have made every effort to ensure that *Straight Talk* contains no inaccuracies, omissions or errors and is non-offensive and non-political and disclaim liability for any that may occur. Technical articles are many times based on personal experiences and preferences and are intended only as guidelines or helpful information for club members.

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**Dues:** Chapter and National membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Chapter dues are \$15.00 and national are \$45.00 calendar annually. (No matter when you join)

Please return a chapter application / renewal form, available on our web site, with a check for chapter **and** national dues (\$60.00) to: Mary Jean Entrekin, 611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028 Make payable to SACC.

# Our Members' Cars



Nate & Charlyne Lanford  
Frisco, TX

I acquired the my Black 1962 Corvette, off the show room floor, from Corvettes of Dallas (now known as Corvette World) in Carrollton, Texas in August 2009. I had been shopping for a restored "driver" for over a year. This car met my objective, although only partially restored. It was low mileage, 21,306 miles, with automatic transmission. Research indicates I am the second registered owner. The car was produced on May 11, 1962 and delivered to Courtesy Chevrolet dealership in Los Angeles, California, per NCRS Historic Documents Services. The car was sold to Colton Ernest of Cupertino, California.

Although purchased by me as a "driver", but after joining the NCRS, the restoration "bug" bit me. After some minor mechanical restoration, I achieved a Second Flight rating at the NCRS Lone Star Regional in 2011. But, after the "bug" bites and the judging begins it's an open-ended process that never ends. With more time and money the faults were addressed and Top Flight status was achieved in October, 2012 as a 50th birth year honor for this car. I am

through with the restoration game but still enjoy the driving, short trips only, and the admiration parts of Corvette ownership.

The car is in pristine condition, with original 327 engine, a 4-barrel carb, and 22,926 miles. It is black with red interior and has both soft and hard tops. It makes annual appearances in local 4th of July parades and is displayed at car shows. It can also be seen tooling around Frisco on sunny days and getting admiring glances. It is truly my "Black Beauty".



**MEMBER'S STORIES**-Please send Diane Preston a story about you and your C-1 Corvette for our newsletter.



# 2019 SACC National Convention

Metro Detroit, Michigan Area –

## August 13-16, 2019



**2019** Full Details at: [www.solidaxle.org](http://www.solidaxle.org) then click **2019 Convention**

## CONVENTION BONUS EVENT

### WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE INFORMATION

The Dream Cruise is officially Friday night August 16, 2019, and all-day Saturday August, 2019.

**Register to use the NCRS Lot & Facilities:** go to [www.michiganncrs.com](http://www.michiganncrs.com) then click on red dot in upper left, click on **Event Registration**, choose **2019 WDC Registration** and complete the Dream Cruise registration form using PayPal or a credit card.

Attendance prices are \$90 for one car and driver, plus \$30 per a passenger or a walk in. If you mark passengers/walk ins, you must put a number in the space below it or your registration will not complete properly.

**LOT LOCATION:**

35046 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham, MI on the North side of this eight-lane divided road just north of 15 Mile (Maple) Rd. We have a secure private parking lot. It has one main entrance and vehicle parking for 125, both in the lot and the spots located along Woodward Ave. The large tree shaded area in the northeast corner is for eating and relaxing away from the noise and fumes next to the water tower.

**VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION:**

You will be given a Corvette parking pass when you arrive for the National Event which is to be presented to the guard each time you enter the lot.

**VEHICLE PARKING:**

Follow the direction of the parking attendants and then park in a spot you choose. There are no reserve parking spots. If you leave the lot to drive in the Cruise, when you return you probably will not be able to park in the same spot you had previously. The lot holds 125 Corvettes.

**PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION:**

You will be given a specific colored wristband which must be worn on either wrist for access to breakfast, lunch, pop & water, Rest Room use, cruise viewing tents, etc. All participants are asked to wear this wrist band in plain sight.

**EVENT VIEWING CHAIRS:**

Bring a folding type chair for front row seating along Woodward Avenue to view one of the greatest moving car shows and for when you relax in the tree shaded area for eating, etc.

**PORT-A-JOHNS & HAND WASH STATION:**

Two johns each for Men and Women. Only wristband-wearing participants have access to them.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EATING AREA:**

Tree-shaded grass area located at the northeast corner of the lot under the water tower and several trees for shade. Some chairs and tables are provided.

**BREAKFAST:**

Coffee, mimosas, lox and charcoal grilled heated bagels, donuts, water and pop starting at 8 AM till 9:30AM. Each participant is asked to show their specific colored wrist band.

**LUNCH:**

Charcoal grilled brats, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw and cookies 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Each participant is asked to show their specific colored wrist band.

**POP & WATER:**

Available all day for participants wearing the specific colored wrist band.

## **Make Your Hotel Reservations For The Convention and Dream Cruise Now!**

**Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Pkwy., Livonia, MI**

**(734) 462-6000**

**Decide Later...** *the Hotel WILL fill up*

# WCFB Carburetor Tech Session



Rocky Rainbolt, Don Brittin, Bill Preston, Butch Abbott, Jeff Sebert, Al Macdonald, Ed Giolma, Johnny Stephens, Don Andre and Tom Entrekim

Our Solid Axle members had said they wanted to have Tech Seminars for chapter activities. On February 23, 2019 Red River Chapter hosted a Tech Session on rebuilding a WCFB Carburetor. It was held in Bill & Diane Preston's garage in Flower Mound, TX.

Bill, Ed Giolma and Don Andre had taken apart, cleaned and replaced parts in a donated WCFB prior to the Tech Session. Then, they put together a two-hour session to show what's involved in a carburetor rebuild.

They had prepared hand outs with the original Corvette manual instructions for everyone to follow along the procedures.

Everyone participated in the casual format, commented and added their own experiences and knowledge. Several were interested in how to stop the carb from flooding out on hard left turns. Ed explained that you insert a 3/16" tube that is 3/8" long into the vacuum passage in the right upper body of the carburetor. It is also helped by setting the floats a little lower so that there is less gas in the body of the carburetor.

Unfortunately, if you are racing the car, you may run out of gas in the carb under hard acceleration. But, we're not racing our old cars any more.

Ed emphasized that it is good to take pictures of the carburetor and parts as you are taking it apart. Relying on your memory on how to put it back together is not wise at our age. He had a notebook with about 20 photos showing the carb as he had taken it apart.

The float settings are different depending on the engine. Also they are different for primary and secondary floats in the carb. One very good tip Ed gave was to use a drill bit of the appropriate size between the inverted body of the carb and the float, instead of the paper ruler that is included in the carb repair kit.

Ed recommends buying rebuild kits from Daytona Parts in Florida. Their kits are made in America by car guys. They have a patented needle and seat set up that lasts longer and is more reliable than the old pointed needle and seats.

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Ed Giolma and Bill Preston talk about the carburetor.



Al Macdonald, Tom Hubbert and Dennis Conte.



*Don Andre and Don Brittin*



*Nick Bernier, Dennis Conte, Tom Hubbert, Don Andre, Al Macdonald, Bill Preston and Barb Macdonald*



*John Spencer, Nick Bernier, Johnny Stephens and Rocky Rainbolt*



*Don Brittin, Ed Giolma, Butch Abbott, Tom Entrekin, Jeff Sebert and Johnny Stephens*

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You shouldn't rely solely on the instructions included with the carburetor kit. They are not model specific. It's best to have factory repair manual specifications for the exact model you are working on (i.e. 1956 is different than a 1960). These specifications can be found on line, if you don't have access to a manual... besides they have more pictures.

When asked if anyone had learned anything, Rocky Rainbolt said he'd learned not to take his WCFB carburetor apart. John Spencer and Tom Entrekin had rebuilt their WCFB in days past and emphasized the need to do a thorough job of cleaning all the passages within the carb as Ed had demonstrated.

Ed had gone through all the procedures for cleaning the carb before re-assembling it. He said that when building Al Macdonald's WCFB, some of the passages were so clogged that he had to hone them out.

Butch Abbott told us, that back in the 80s, when he worked in the General Motors Assembly plant in Oklahoma City that they would put differently set up carbs on the cars that were going to be shipped to high altitude areas.

The Macdonalds brought their Red/White 1960 Corvette that had a WCFB carburetor recently rebuilt by Ed. Starting it demonstrated how nicely a well-built carburetor starts and runs.



*Barb Macdonald, Mary Jean Entrekin, Diane Preston, Al Macdonald and Ed Giolma..*

Attending were: Don Brittin, Tom Hubbert, John Spencer, Nick Bernier, Rocky Rainbolt, Tom & Mary Jean Entrekin, Dennis Conte, Jeff Sebert and Al & Barb Macdonald from the DFW area. Butch Abbott and Johnny Stephens drove down from the Oklahoma City area in Butch's late model Corvette to attend.

Barb and Mary Jean helped Diane get lunch ready for everyone at noon. Bill had already done all the preparation for the beans, corn bread, cheese and veggies the day before. We had room for 17 people for lunch in the dining room and living room. If more had attended, some would have had to eat in the garage.

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# Let's Meet at a Corvette Show in Texas & Oklahoma

**MAY 17-19, 2019** **SAVE THE DATE**

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**LONE STAR CORVETTE CLASSIC**

**2019 MAY 17-19** **Texas Motor Speedway**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Friday**  
Autocross, Vendors, Dinner Cruise  
Roamin' Roanoke

**Saturday**  
Judged and Show n Shine Car Shows  
Live & Silent Auction

**Sunday**  
Track Day featuring Oval Track Laps  
Road Course, Golf Cart Derby

**Host Hotel**  
**DFW Marriott Hotel and Golf Club**  
Room block opens early January 2019

**Registration Opens Early January on the LSCC Website:**  
[www.LoneStarCorvetteClub.com](http://www.LoneStarCorvetteClub.com)

**Auction Proceeds Will Benefit:**  
Speedway Children's Charities  
The National Corvette Museum  
Annual Rotating Charity

**For Event Details Visit:**  
[www.LoneStarCorvetteClub.com](http://www.LoneStarCorvetteClub.com) or  
Lone Star Corvette Classic Facebook Page



**Route 66 Oklahoma**  
**Corvette RoundUp**  
**May 31 - June 1**

Hafer Park, S. Bryant Ave. at E. 9th St., Edmond, OK

Great Venue ~ Shade Trees ~ Space for Personal Tents ~ Silent Auction  
Food and Product Vendors ~ Door Prizes ~ 50/50 Pot

**HOSTED BY THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CORVETTE CLUB**

We are a not-for-profit organization committed to various regional charities



- Guest Show & Shine Classes
- Concours Classes
- Host Club Only Show & Shine
- Over 20 Classes with multiple awards in each class

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, May 31**  
8:30-9:15 AM • Early Registration - Hotel  
9:15 AM - 2:00 PM • Cruise  
6:00 PM • Dinner & Reception - Hotel

**Saturday, June 1**  
8:00 - 10:00 AM • Check-in - Hafer Park  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM • Judging  
(door prizes, silent auction, 50/50)  
2:00 PM • Award Presentation

**Host Hotel**

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**  
3840 E. 2nd St. (Rt 66), Edmond 73034  
Phone (405) 844-3700  
\$99 + tax • Request Corvette Club Rate  
Rate valid until May 21  
Phone hotel if you need trailer parking



Registration/info: [www.CentralOkCorvetteClub.org](http://www.CentralOkCorvetteClub.org) -or- [CocccCarShow19@gmail.com](mailto:CocccCarShow19@gmail.com)

We will plan to meet with other SACC members at these great shows. Will you be there?

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Ed Giolma, Tom Entrekin, Jeff Sebert, Johnny Stephens and Don Brittin.



Al Macdonald shows off the WCFB in his 1960 Corvette



Fill out applications for both the National SACC and the Red River Chapter and mail both dues \$60. (\$45 National + \$15 Red River Chapter) to: Mary Jeanne Entrekin, Treasurer, 611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028



## SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewing Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Axle Serial #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Axle Serial #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Axle Serial #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Axle Serial #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Axle Serial #5 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are: U.S.: \$45.00 one year  
Canada: \$54.00 one year  
All Others: \$65.00 one year

New members joining after August 15, will be considered paid up through December of the following year.

**(Make payment payable to SACC in U.S. funds only)**

For information: phone: 916-991-7040; fax: 916-991-7044; email: [badenhoop.lucy@bigfoot.com](mailto:badenhoop.lucy@bigfoot.com)  
Check out the SACC website at <http://www.solidaxle.org/>

SACC publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster, which does not include your street address. The roster does contain names, phone numbers, city & state. It also has a field to indicate that you are willing to help if a traveling SACC member needs roadside assistance in your area.

If you **do not** want your name listed in the roster initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

If you **do not** want to participate in the road side assistance program initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAILURE TO INITIAL ABOVE INDICATES YOUR PERMISSION TO BE LISTED IN THE ROSTER.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB**  
**RED RIVER CHAPTER**



**Chapter and National membership year is**  
**January 1 to December 31**

**Chapter website**

CHAPTER DUES ARE \$15.00 calendar annually. (No matter when you join)

National Dues are \$45.00 and coincide with chapter dues.

Please return this chapter application/renewal form with a check for chapter and national dues (\$60.)

to: Mary Jeanne Entekin, Treasurer, 611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028

Make payable to SACC in U.S. Funds. Please include National Membership form also

If you are renewing, please **indicate only changes** in space below.

We will never share your personal information with anyone other than SACC members.

If you DO NOT WANT your info shared with SACC members please check here. \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are also joining national now they will send your membership number to you.

If you are now a national member, please insert your member number here \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter members must also be members of the National Solid-Axle Corvette Club.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve in the chapter? Officer, Coordinator, Writer, Event Volunteer, etc.

What events would you like to see our chapter host? (Shows, driving tours, tech clinics etc.

How far would you prefer to travel for a regional function? \_\_\_\_\_

How far would you prefer to travel for a local function? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer overnight or single day events? \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) of Corvette(s) owned. Vin #'s optional \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate original, modified, race car, unusual options etc.

*Owning a Solid-Axle Corvette or any Corvette is not required for membership.*