

Why NCCC?

What is NCCC?

The *National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC)* was established in 1959 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2009. 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!*

Pass Your Corvette Enthusiasm to Your Younger Generations thru the NCCC Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)

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 the program was create, there have been over 4,600 members signed up. As of February 2011, there are over 2,900 current members. Remember that at age 16, these youth are no longer FCOA members and become eligible to become NCCC Dependent or 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 does a great job obtaining enough items so that all members receive a packet of "goodies" annually and also strives to send out a FCOA newsletter once a year. Newsletters are divided into sections for different age groups with games, puzzles, pictures to color and articles that make learning about Corvettes fun. Kids learn that every year Vette has something special about it and holds an important place in the history of Corvettes.

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

Charities and Grants

The *Charity & Grants Program* (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 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) to be raffled off at the NCCC National Convention. The proceeds from the 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.

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NCCC Scholarship Program

An NCCC goal is to help our members with the Scholarship Program; 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 \$1,000.00 scholarships to worthy young people who have some connection with NCCC through a Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, etc., who has 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 have donated \$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.

Insurance for Your Club's Many Functions

If you have ever hosted events, you realize that event insurance is very costly. With your club being an NCCC affiliated club, you automatically receive insurance for every club event your club participates in; for a one-time annual fee. This not only covers events like your car shows and other competition events but it also provides coverage when your club takes day and weekend cruises; even caravan trips to attend various events.

The insurance currently affiliated with NCCC is thru Brown & Brown (B&B) Insurance. For most events that a club hosts, there is no additional cost to leverage the base policy which covers your club up to \$5M; which covers 99% of club's needs. If you are hosting an event where the facility requires additional insurance, a very reasonable priced rider to the policy can be obtained.

The NCCC insurance policy coverage includes:

- **Accident & Health Coverage** – up to \$15K per occurrence with a \$500K aggregate. This policy covers the medical expenses arising from an injury to a participant during an NCCC event.
- **Non-Member and Member Car Owners** – Driver and Liability – automatic additional insured up to the \$5M policy limits.
- **Liability, Bodily Injury (Spectator)** – \$5M Protection for spectator suits.
- **Liability, Broad Form General Endorsement** – up to \$5M
- **Liability, Contractual** – up to \$5M
- **Liability, Errors and Omissions** – up to \$5M Limit – Indemnification against claim alleging a breach of duty as an event organizer or property owner.
- **Liability, Food, Drink, and Concessions** – up to \$5M – Example – Food Poisoning
- **Liability, Host Liquor Law** – Injury arising out of the giving or serving of alcoholic beverages at functions incidental to named insured business covering up to \$5M.
- **Liability, Legal to Participants** – up to \$5M, contingent upon signed waiver & release – protection for participant suits is the part that protects you if an injured participant sues is contingent upon having a signed waiver and release form. For this reason, all participants, officials and casual workers must sign a waiver and release form at each event. (This is why we have everyone sign the waiver at meetings and club sponsored events). By signing, you are covered. If you don't sign, you are not covered.
- **Liability, Personal Injury** – \$5M coverage for false arrest, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, right of privacy violation, wrongful entry or eviction.
- **Liability, Property Damage** – \$5M coverage to protect your club when hosting events, cruises, etc.
- **Liability, Publications** – \$5M coverage in case of Copyright Infringement.
- **Club Protection** – \$1M Director and Officer Liability insurance for the local club's board members. This covers the officers against a law suit while carrying out their duties as officers of their local club. Additionally included is a crime policy up to \$500K which protects the club if the club treasurer (or any officer) takes off with the clubs money.

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Participant Accident Coverage is important coverage that provides protection for all participants, including drivers, navigators, mechanics, official and casual workers. The participant accident coverage covers all participants up to the policy limit. Additional higher limits are available upon request for an additional fee. All accidental death dismemberment and weekly indemnity benefits are primary coverage.

NCCC Web Site

NCCC has a vast web site 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 allows you to maintain a pulse of NCCC Corvette Membership. It is also home to the [NCCC Classified Ads](#) which has been extremely effective in the sales of Members' Corvette related items.

Blue Bars Magazine

This is the official publication of NCCC with a mission to disseminate regional and national NCCC activities along with showcasing clubs around the nation. This is published quarterly and provided to each primary member household. One issue typically includes event coverage of that year's NCCC National Convention activities.

NCCC Promotional Displays

NCCC has two traveling Displays that are available for your club to use; we ship them out to the Clubs to use at Shows to help promote their Club and NCCC. These Displays have proven to be very effective in helping Clubs gain local Members and generate a lot of interest.

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.

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:

- **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).
- **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).
- **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.
- **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)
- **Rallyes** – Both a driver and navigator are required. A competitive automobile run over public roads and under ordinary traffic rules.
- **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. These events can be classified as low or high speed events; which are more commonly known as autocross or time trials.
- **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. Drivers are divided into run groups based upon experience level, not the car they drive in the event. 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.

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- [Duntov Award](#) - The NCCC-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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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 Corvette Museum (NCM)

NCCC partners with the NCM and the president of NCCC does sit on the NCM Board of Directors. The NCCC Director of Public Relations maintains the NCCC display (kiosk) inside the NCM which showcases the many activities that NCCC has to offer. Our organizations regularly swap ad space in their magazines to assist in promoting the other's organization.

Nationwide Support Network

NCCC also 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 can be found on the [NCCC National Web Site](#).

Annual Conventions

NCCC hosts an Annual Convention in different parts of our Country. Convention is a place where NCCC Members come together nationally for a week to compete, enjoy parties and each other. West Palm Beach, FL, Colorado Springs, CO, Tulsa, OK, Nashville, TN, Las Vegas, NV, Indianapolis, IN, Hagerstown, MD and St. Cloud, MN were the sites for some past Conventions. In 2011 the 52nd Convention is being hosted in Tinley Park, IL.

FUN! NCCC is based on having fun with your Corvette! We have so many Clubs and Members that enjoy their Corvettes and have made lifelong friends through this fine Council! You will not find any kinder Corvette people anywhere! NCCC brings the Corvette community together to honor America's True Sports Car: THE CORVETTE!

Most of us joined NCCC for the cars and have stayed for the friendships

...after all; these great cars, the events, the neat places we enjoy, they come and go however, the camaraderie, the memories and the great friendships you make while in this organization will last your lifetime!

References:

NCCC Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org>