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## 1970's

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- 1970- **Membership:** (Jan-4 in NCCC-new numbering system starts-get a number, keep it as long as your NCCC)  
**Socials:** Caravan to Dearborn, MI for Sports Car Show (16 attend), Competition Meeting, Valentine party at Chuck & Betty H's, Memorial Day Picnic at Brecksville Reservation (46+ attend), Party at George D's, Caravan to Cedar Point (11 attend), Caravan to Mid Ohio for Trans-Am race, Canoe Trip (16+ attend), 18 members in 9 Vettes assist the Soap Box Derby parade in Akron, Party at Doug Sokol's (40 attend), Halloween Party at P's, Christmas Party at Pacino's, Nov 15 at Nelson, Party at Doug S's (21 attend)  
**Events:** Three members enter Auto Rama, March 22 at Nelson was cancelled due to a blizzard, but 18 still made the trip out there, April Fun Rally (36 entered), April 26 at Nelson was cancelled because SCCA decided they wanted the date, May 24 at Nelson, June 21 at Nelson, August 23 at Nelson, Sept 20 at Nelson, Oct 18 at Nelson, Christmas Fun Rally (36 entered),  
**Awards:**  
Competition: M: Jerry L  
Social: Most Active Old Member-Steve R, M.A. New Member-Doug S,  
Most Active Couple-Judy & Paul S  
GM Trophy: Jerry & Linda L  
**For Sale:** 1968 Orange Corvette, 427CI-390HP, Convertible with vinyl top, 9,200mi-\$3,800 Cap Wetzel.  
1966 Corvette-427, Factory Air, Mag wheels, Never raced-\$2,750 John Weyls. 36 cars in "April Fool" rally, Dave Ulmer rally master. June 21, 1970 FTD at Nelson Jerry Lancaster 58.29. Nelson entry fee \$5.00. Club information flyer was made up this year.  
**We remember:** Member Tom Lutar passes in October.
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- 1971- Chevrolet dropped GM trophy. The club had antenna flags (made from "defective funeral flags") that blew off at high speeds.  
**January Membership: 81**  
**Socials:** "Snowflake Frolic" at Leon G's, Sled Party (cancelled due to warm weather!), Caravan to Dearborn (21 attend), MI for Cavalcade of Cars, Wine tasting at B's (37 attend), Memorial Day Picnic at Paul S's house (55+ attend), Caravan to Cedar Point (38 attend), Viewing of movie "LeMans" at Parmatown Cinema (33 attend), Canoe Trip in Perrysville (17 Corvettes caravan-30+ attend) Clambake at Wakeman (29 attend), Halloween Party at P's (32 attend), Turkey Shoot (15 attend), Kid's Christmas Party at G's (11 Kids attend), Christmas Party at The Glenn Restaurant (57 attend).  
**Events:** April 25 at Nelson with Mah. Valley Sports Car Club "Dump Truck Trials II" (to buy fire extinguishers and other equipment for the track), May 2 at Nelson (\$5 CC members, \$6 non-90 entrants), August 21 & 22 at Nelson, Joined with Parma Heights Jaycees to host "Chevy Showdown" at Dragway 42, had a booth at the Cuy Cty Fair to promote-428 Chevy-powered cars enter, 2000+ spectators; Oct 10 at Nelson, Strip Rally (put on by Tom P- the directions were cut up into strips of paper, and since then all rallyists bring tape to a rally!-41
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1971 con't. entered-won by Bob B and Warren O)

**Awards:**

Competition: M: Jerry L (1<sup>st</sup>)

Rookie of the Year: Warren O

Social Awards: Most Active Old Couple-Bob & Bonnie B, Most Active New Couple-Al & Nadine U, Most Active Old Member-Gary D, Most Active New Member-Larry D

Outstanding Members: Warren & Elaine O.

**For Sale:**

1954 Corvette Concours original 39,000mi – Dave Germ (no price listed)

1969 Corvette Coupe, white exterior, green leather interior, side exhaust, 17,000mi, \$3,600. Dale Gibbons.

1959 Corvette Coupe, car has been completely restored and is in perfect condition-best offer over \$2,500 Denny Gutowski.

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1972- The wood plaque used at meetings was made in '72 by Steve R and Bob E. Jerry L begins preparations to host 1974 NCCC Convention.

**Membership:** 95 in September; Feb NCCC Gov report-any NCCC member that joined in 59/60/61 and have maintained membership can qualify to Charter Membership.

**Socials:** Tobogganing in Strongsville (29 attend), "Stag" party at Dave U's (24 CC Men attend), Scavenger Hunt at Chuck & Betty H's (41 attend), Bowling (36 attend), Interclub Poker Rally (38 attend), Memorial Wknd Picnic at Wakeman, Caravan to Cedar Point, Canoe Trip (14mi-which was said to go quicker as more wine was consumed), Swim party at Ledgewood, Hay Ride at Siedel's Farm (24+ attend), Halloween Party (including a Nelson course using a creeper), Christmas Fun Rally, and Christmas Banquet at the Glenn Rest.

**Events:** Nelson Ambluance-\$75/day. 18 members and friends attend work party at Nelson, putting up guardrail (which now is almost around whole track); Another work party at Nelson featured a commercial being shot of the B Prod. Corvette of Bob Johnson, recent Daytona 24hr winner. Mem Day at Nelson, June 4 at Nelson-first time gave an award for Vettes on "street" tires, July 9 at Nelson, July 22 (the rain date)-2<sup>nd</sup> Chevy Showdown at Dragway 42 (600 entered, 1,500 spectators), 11 Club racers went to Watkins Glen to race at the Sectional; Sept 30 & Oct 1 at Nelson,

**Awards:**

Competition: ?

Outstanding Members: Wayne & Joanne H

**For Sale:** Nelson Ledges "Bonds" - \$100-many members purchased 1961 Corvette, convertible, new paint "Laguna Grey"-under \$1,800 Bob Yasch

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1973- Did not receive 1974 convention (Atlanta won), bid for 1975 convention. Team uniforms were discussed but never agreed upon! Newsletter archives are started. Proposal for all full dues paying members to join NCCC was defeated.

**Jan Membership:** 99 members (39 NCCC); NCCC Dues: New \$11, Renewal \$8

**Socials:** Dinner at Dover Chalet in Westlake (48 attend), Bowling at Yorktown Lanes (51 attend), Buzzard Day at Hinckley, Fun Rally to Bober's Tavern (9 cars), Stag Party at Fiscus' (18 CC Men attend), House Party (42 attend), Picnic at Broadview Lake Park, Caravan to Cedar Point (25 Vettes, 54 members),

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- 1973 con't. Thistledown (30 attend), Swim Party at Ledgewood, Rally & Clambake at Roesler's home, Flats Wine Festival at Pickle Bill's continued to D's then to Perkins for breakfast! (22 attend), Christmas Rally, Christmas Party.  
**Events:** April 15 at Nelson (\$5.50 CC Members, \$6.50 non), May 28 at Nelson; June 9 at Nelson, July 4 at Nelson cancelled due to a sand base in some area of the track, Aug 10 (practice) & 11 (event) 12(work party) at Nelson, Sept 23 at Nelson, 14 head to Indy Convention, October 6 at Nelson, Nov 3 & 4 at Nelson (w/TTCC), Dec 9 Concours at Ed Stinn (\$3/car),  
**Awards:**  
Competition: M: George D & W: Pat M  
East Ohio Region: Club-4<sup>th</sup>  
NCCC - Pat M-9<sup>th</sup>  
**For Sale:** 1966 Corvette Roadster, 2 tops, 327/350, Nassau Blue, blue int-\$2,800-Jerry  
**We remember:** Member Nancy Roth passes in November.
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- 1974- Committees are formed for the 1975 Convention, led by Jerry Lancaster.  
**Membership:** 51 CC Members are NCCC in October, (February-NCCC has 3,702 members)  
**Socials:** Winter Wiener Roast in Brecksville Metro Park (36 attend-had football toss and kick contests), Valentine Party at Elmwood Hall in Independence (36 attend), Bowling Party (~50 attend), Kid's Easter Egg Hunt at P's (22 CC kids attend), Caravan to Chardon Maple Festival, Wine tasting at P's, Caravan to Cedar Point (27 families attend), Great Canoe Trip, Picnic at L's, Pool party at Ledgewood, Prove It party at P's, Mini-Nelson for CC Kids at Chuck & Betty H's, Halloween party at B's, Kid's Christmas Party, Christmas party at Wagners in Westlake.  
**Events:** Fred K creates the "Elite 50's" club for Nelson events for members who drive around the short course in under 55.000 seconds. April 27 (practice) & 28 at Nelson; May 27 at Nelson (with Streakers!), June 16 at Nelson, July 14 at Nelson, August Economy Run, Labor Day Wknd at Nelson (North Sectional-\$21 driver-\$18 spouse), Sept 22 at Nelson, Nov 10 Concours at Ed Stinn,  
**Awards:**  
Competition: M: Tom F; W: Pat M  
Rookie "Driver" of the Year - Dave M  
East Ohio Region: Club-3<sup>rd</sup>  
**For Sale:** 1959 Corvette \$1,775 Rick Kelly; 1963 Corvette coupe, 4spd, 340HP, CA car, very clean-\$3,700 Ross Shull; 1963 Race-Prepared roadster \$2,500-Joe Scheckel
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- 1975- "**Come Alive in '75**" - Club hosts NCCC convention (\$41.50/person).  
Sunday- Crawford Auto Museum tour  
Monday- Rally (170 entered), Concours (103 entered), Battle of the Bands Lawn Party  
Tuesday-Speed- (NLRC-639 cars registered for speed-"Homefield Advantage?" 4 of top 5 in RP were CC members (28 total in class)!  
FTD Men-Jerry L; SFTD Men-Tom F; SFTD Women-Pat F (M), Fun Night & Club Competition  
Wednesday-Speed- (NLRC),
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1975 con't.

Thursday-Speed (NLRC), BF Goodrich night  
Friday-Drags (Dragway 42-313 entered), Chevy Night (semi-formal)  
Saturday-Economy Run (108 entered), Sea World  
CC given "Club Award" by NCCC; CC wins most trophies (27), TTCC 2<sup>nd</sup> (23), Corv Club of MI/Corvette Troy 3<sup>rd</sup> (20).

**January Membership:** 53 (December-107!)

**Socials:** Skating Party at Brook Park Skateland, Bowling Party at Ambassador Lanes in Northfield (55 attend), Kid's Easter Party at M's (23 CC kids attend), Franklin Castle tour, Caravan to Cedar Point (35 Corvettes), Canoe Trip (30 attend), Family Picnic (70+ attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (37 attend), Trip to Niagara Falls (15 attend), 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini-Nelson at M's (10 CC kids attend), Progressive Dinner (36 attend), "Dirty" Car Show at Sorenson's, Kid's Christmas Party, Christmas Party at Michaud's, New Year's Party at Quality Catering Party Center in Strongsville.

**Events:** Club entered a display in Auto Rama, won 1<sup>st</sup> in Club Display, Tom P, Jack R and Doug R won Engine tear down/re-assemble contest; April 13 Concours at Bigelow Chevrolet, April 27 at Nelson, May 26 at Nelson, June 21 & 22 at Nelson, July-NCCC Convention, August 10 Funkhana at Gordon Park, August 31 & Sept 1 at Nelson (rain whole weekend), Oct 18 & 19 at Nelson (Corvette/Porsche Challenge-by the end of the first round, all Porsches were eliminated), Nov 2 Concours at Ed Stinn (22 cars), Christmas Rally.

**Awards:** 26 Corvette Cleveland members won a trophy 1 or more times this year, for a total of 204 trophies. There were 14FTD's, 89 1sts, 53 2nds, and 48 3<sup>rd</sup>s or lower.

Competition: M: Don V; W: Pat M

Rookie of the Year-John C;

Social Awards: Fred & Chris K, Tom & Chris P, Norm & Ginny B

East Ohio Region: Club-2<sup>nd</sup>

NCCC: Club-7<sup>th</sup>

**For Sale:** 1967 Corvette Coupe (runs RP class) \$6,500-Joe Scheckel. December Newsletter: Convention Mugs-\$.75ea, 6 for \$4.00, 24 (Case) \$15.00, Convention t-shirts-\$3.00.

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1976-

A club shirt was adopted (1<sup>st</sup> of many) this was Jan P's favorite, the "Bowling Shirt"; white with red collar.

**January Membership:** 109 (85 NCCC)

**Socials:** Weiner Rap at Albion Woods picnic shelter, Pajama Party at Pesta's, Bowling Party (53 attend), Hay Ride (22 attend), Kid's Pet Social Pesta's (11 CC Kids), Fun rally & Polish Buffet (men had to wear white socks, women babuskas-16entries), Caravan to Cedar Point (30 Vettes, 50+ members), Cruise on the Goodtime II (20 attend), NASA Tour, Club Picnic in Munson Twp, Clam Bake at Wakeman, Fall Color Caravan, Canoe Trip (8 attend), Kid's Christmas Party t DeFlorville's cabin, Christmas Party, New Year's Party at the DeFlorville Cabin (32 attend).

**Events:** 6 members enter Auto Rama, April 4 Concours at Bigelow Chevrolet, April 24 (work) & 25 at Nelson, June 20 Funkhana at Ledgewood Shopping Center (proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy), Concours at Ed Stinn, August 28 & 29 at Nelson, October 16 & 17 at Nelson, Nov 7 at Nelson, Nov 14 Economy Run,

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1976 con't. **Awards:**

Competition: M: (tie) Larry S and Fred K

Competition Points will have winners for category's overall and teams..

Categories: Speed-Fred K & ?; Rally-Fred K & ?; Funkhana-Fred K & ?

East Ohio Region: Club-4<sup>th</sup>

**For Sale:** 1964 Corvette Roadster, 327-4spd, Silver, black top, \$3,000 or best offer-Greg Jackson.

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1977-

March 15, 1977-500,000<sup>th</sup> Corvette is produced (white coupe, red interior-came off the line at 2.01pm). In March newsletter bio - predicted that one day, Fred K will win "Best of Show" [who knew it would take 30 years?]; Advertisements appear in *Mako Ray*. Safety director Jim D offered this advice: "You can tell the wife racer from the husband racer because she's the one with the bumps in front." We had 17 Corvettes in the Middleburg Hts. parade.

**February Membership:** 106 (89 NCCC)

December Membership: 130

**Socials:** Post-Holiday Get Together at DeFlorville's (50 attend-ended ~3am), "Roast" of Jerry L (60 attend), Roller Skating Party (which had to be moved to a 2<sup>nd</sup> location because of an "all night" skate!), Bowling Party (the April social being held in May according to Pres. Jan P, Club Pres), Club Picnic at Asper's Picnic Grove (40+ attend), Caravan to Cedar Point (49 attend), "Dirty" Car show at Sorenson's (34 attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (58 attend), Rally & Halloween Party, Hay Ride, Kid's Christmas Party (16 CC Kids attend), Christmas Party, New Year's party at DeFlorville's (33 attend).

**Events:** Nelson schedule still in limbo in February, McGill still waiting on SCCA to set their dates, Feb 20 rally (19 entrants); March 13 "Helen Keller" Funkhana, April Fool Rally (27 entries), April 23 Nelson Work Day, May 1 at Nelson, "Almost Heaven" Concours on the top level of the Diamond Shamrock building downtown, July 2 & 3 Porsche/Vette/Tiger Challenge at Nelson, 19 members attend Canadian Corvette Convention, July 22/23 Car Show at Great Northern Mall benefiting Muscular Dystrophy (\$2300), August Alley Rally, August 21 at Nelson, August 27 Concours at Southland, Sept 5 co-host Drv Sch at Nelson with Porsche club, Sept drags at Dragway 42, Oct 15 (Practice) & 16 at Nelson, Turkey Trot Fun Rally,

**Awards:**

Competition: M: Warren O; W: Elaine O

Competition Points again have winners for category's overall and teams. Rally-Jim Y & Elaine O, Concours-John P & Ryki W; Speed-Fred K and Doug H (tie) & Elaine O; Drags-Jim Y & Elaine O; Team-Warren O & Fred K.

Social Awards-Most Active Old Members-Warren & Elaine O; Most Active New Members-Bob & Clarise S; Appreciation-Nancy & Jim D

**For Sale:** 1964 Corvette Coupe, 250HP, 4sp, \$4,200 or best offer Ed Hilkowski

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1978-

**February Membership:** 111 members (79-NCCC; NCCC dues \$15 new, \$12 renew, \$8 spouse)

**Socials:** Competition Mtg & Social at DeFlorville's (46 attend); Valentine Wine & Cheese Party at Ledgewood (50 attend); "Roast" of Fred K (64 attend); Racers vs. Concoursers Bowling Party; Scavenger Hunt Rally (22 members attend-Drv &

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1978 con't. Nav were switched), Caravan to Cedar Point (29 Corvettes, 58+ members), Christmas in July Swim Party at W/E O's (28 attend), August 6 Braille Rally (27 CC Vettes attend, plus 13 others), Family Picnic at Chicken Manor in North Ridgeville (64 adults, 22 kids attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (51 attend), Amish Tour (35 attend), T-shirt party at DeFlorville's (29 attend), Kid's Christmas Party at W/E O's (17 CC Kids attend), Christmas Party at Michaud's (80 attend), New Year's Party at DeFlorville's (28 attend).

**Events:** 9 CC Vettes are entered in Auto Rama, March 5 Fun Rally (28 entered), April work party to move Grandstands at Nelson, April 23 Funkhana, memorial Day at Nelson, June 10 at Nelson, June 25 Concours at Great Northern Mall (28 entries), July 1 & 2 at Painesville, July 8 & 9 at Nelson, July 16 Concours at Ben Lupe Chevrolet in Avon Lake (40 entrants-at one point 150+ Vettes were on the property); August 19 Southland Concours and show (38 entrants), Penn-Ohio Sports Car Club hosts "Old Smokey" at Nelson, CC enters 27 of the 142 entries and wins Club Attendance Award; October 15 at Nelson, Halloween Rally (22 entries),

**Awards:**

Competition: M: Warren O; W: & Elaine O

Social: Fun Category: Susan F; Most Active Couple: Cal & Ryki W;

Appreciation Award: Jim & Nancy D; Most Active New Members-  
Dave & Ann W; Most Active Single Member-Larry S.

East Ohio Region: Club-3<sup>rd</sup>

NCCC: 2<sup>nd</sup> in NCCC for Spina Bifida donations

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1979- February meeting hosts a guest speaker from NASA to talk about the "Space Shuttle Craft." PM Magazine came to Nelson on Memorial Day (it rained) filmed all day, never showed it on TV. Club members help work the SCCA event at Nelson-Fred K gets to check Paul Newman's credential!

**April Membership:** 109 (71 NCCC); Dues are raised to \$15 primary (from \$10), \$1 spouse (same).

**Socials:** Competition Meeting and Social at DeFlorville's (49 attend), Bowling (56 attend), "Roast" of Elaine O (38 attend), Fabulous 50's party at Ledgewood (32 attend), Caravan to Cedar Point (~50 Corvettes caravan), Family Picnic at Chicken Manor, Caravan for Ice Cream (22 Vettes/43 members), 29 attend Go-Karting on Brook Park Road after a meeting, Clam Bake at Wakeman (33 attend), Pizza Night (30 attend), Halloween party at DeFlorville's (29 attend), NASA Tour (44+ attend), Kid's Christmas Party at Ernie & JoAnn P's;

**Events:** April 8 Fun Rally (26 entered), April 21 & 22 work party at Nelson, April 29 at Nelson, Mem Day at Nelson, June 9 at Nelson, July 7 & 8 at Nelson, July 21 Concours at Ed Stinn, Aug 18 Concours and Car Show at Southland (40 cars and Channel 5's Don Webster attend), Aug 25 & 26 at Nelson, Sept 8 & 9 at Nelson, Oct 7 at Nelson, Nov 4 Rally (23 entries).

**Awards:**

Competition: M: Fred K; W: Elaine O

Rookie of the Year: Dan S

Worker of the Year: Kevin K

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1979 con't.

Social Awards: Cal & Ryki W / Fred & Chris K – Tie-Most Active Couple;  
Kevin & Terry Kk-Most Active New Couple

East Ohio Region: Club-5<sup>th</sup>

NCCC: Club-32<sup>nd</sup>

**For Sale:** 1958 Corvette-two tops, very clean, new chrome-mostly original -  
\$7,500 Hank Barth.

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