

#1 - 2015 Ladies Champion Teresa Eller

Cornhusker Corvette Club – West Region

Joe and I started competing in the spring of 2004 after we joined CCC. My first event was in Lincoln, NE. We went to the AH-HA driving school on Saturday and I raced my first event on Sunday. Thank you Anita Poss and Harold House for getting us started. I know you told me one day that I would get "an ear of corn", and by God, I got it! You know when you start out there are those people that push you along and show you the way. Joe and I were lucky we had Anita and Harold. I'm sure at the time of the AH-HA driving school that they never thought that they would have two NCCC champs one day. They told us if we really wanted to know what NCCC was all about we had to get out of our Region. Well in 2015, we did that. We went to 16 states. We put 35k miles on the truck and took a few flights south. We did 830 events and earned 8569 points together - all in the same car and same class. We changed out 2 sets of rotors, 4 sets of brakes, 5 sets of tires, 2 trailer tires and a few oil and brake fluid changes. Our 2004 Z06 is like a Timex. She takes a licking and keeps on ticking! I was of the mind set of a lot of NCCC members - "why go to convention?" Then I went. I can say I enjoyed them all for different reasons. Our first was 2009 in Colorado where I got my first top 15 jacket. Wow, did that feel good! Oh - that time on top of Pikes Peak was cool, too. Second was 2012 in Topeka, KS - getting to do registration and being one of the first people to welcome everyone to Convention. Third was 2013 Bowling Green, KY - it just felt like old home week seeing everyone again. Fourth was Savannah, GA, I must say it was the tea and pool time. If you were there then you understand. Fifth was Lake Harmony, PA. Going 152 mph on the High Speed track was a cool feeling knowing I was running with the



big boys (JOE). Sixth is going to be Omaha, NE. I'm guessing it will be my favorite since I will be able to welcome everyone to my home town at registration. I will be getting my championship ring, see the Top 15 get their much deserved awards, and enjoy showing off the home town track and everything Omaha has to offer. I think everyone should go to one Convention in their life and who knows maybe you will be like me and you will want to do another 5 or 10 more. If you have never been to a Convention, I think this year would be a great year to start. I DARE YOU! The bonding that the ladies did this year... I think even the men saw it. I think we had the strongest, happiest, most supportive group of top 40 or more ladies I have ever been with. I think my best moment was seeing Chris Reitz show up at the Quincy event on June 6th and realized I had my racing buddy back. My second best was in Huntsville, AL. If you have been there, then you are probably thinking "Really", yes "REALLY" I got my First Ever event OFTD. That may not seem like much; but, it is a moment I will not soon forget. To have Bruce Wentzel come over, hug my neck and tell me "NICE JOB," is a good feeling.

I would change nothing about 2015! I ran for #1 and got it. I made it to all My Kids, and Grandkid's Birthdays. I had 4 weeks of vacation with friends and family. I spent an outstanding amount of time with my hubby, best friend and outstanding Pit BOSS. He pushed me to get to #1 and then figured out a way to get there himself. It was not how we planned the year but it happened. It was a very hard year with Mr. Rink and Mr. Godfrey giving him point goals to get every weekend. He ended up with the most points ever gotten by a champion. Just for the record I could not have made it without My Joey. I loved everything about our 2015 NCCC year. Well, maybe not temps below 60 and over 90, but the rain seemed to work in my favor this year. In 2016, the Eller house will be getting a new roof and gutters. We will also be out on the tracks in the West Region. Hope to hit some out of region, but not sure what they might be yet. I will also be paying it forward by riding with Rookies in and out of Region. It is about getting more people to trust themselves in their cars. Regardless



whether they run 10 mph or 110 mph; it's about being in the car and spending time with the NCCC family. If I could change anything, I would take cancer out of my friends and families lives. It has messed up a lot of lives and took my Daddy in 2011. He was a 29 year Air Force man. He showed me how to love family, God, Country, cars and speed. He never got to see me race. I know he would have been PROUD of me. I know he will be in that room Monday night when I get my awards, but it will be hard not to see him. If I make you laugh or say "did she just say that," you will see my Daddy .He was a Damn Good Man and I miss him. If I have called you Papa this past year it is because you helped me see him. Ladies, I haven't forgotten you - if I gave you something purple, bring it to Convention and I will tell you what it stands for. See you all in July. Try and enjoy your Vettes as much as we did last year. Step outside your bubble and make a memory. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us.



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