

## Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 6, 2019

**Meeting Location:** Benton's in Port Neches

- **President**

President Pat Francis opened the meeting at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all that serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers.

**Guests:** Pat also introduced our guests that were present. Patricia McCullor and Charles LaRocca.

**New Member:** Pat made a recommendation to vote in Patricia McCullor as a new member to the TCCC. The club members voted and approved her membership.

**Sponsors:** Pat reminded everyone to support our sponsors if possible.

**Gulf Credit Union**  
**Bradley's Collision Center**  
**TWFG Insurance Services**

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop**  
**Triangle Air Care Inc.**

Pat asked Rod Johnstone to share about Jan Bromley's funeral and how the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) participated in his services. Rod shared we lost Jan Bromley, a past member of the club to cancer and the family requested the TCCC be honorary pallbearers and have the Corvettes caravan from the service to the cemetery. Rod explained that ***all Jan Bromley wanted was to take one more ride in a Corvette***. The TCCC had an excellent showing of 19 corvettes who attended Jan Bromley's funeral. Rod and Bobbie provided Jan's last wish, and took Jan's urn in their Corvette and drove him to his final resting place. Rod said Jan was looking down smiling since he had his one last ride in a Corvette. Pat shared how proud he was of the TCCC having 19 corvettes at Jan's funeral.

**Good News:** Pat shared that Walter Shivers will be going home from the hospital shortly, but to please keep him in your prayers as he has a long recovery ahead of him.

**Changes to the By-Laws:** Pat read the proposed changes to the By-Laws on Article VIII, Section A, regarding membership requirements. All members were emailed a copy of the proposed changes prior to the meeting. The Club voted to accept all the proposed changes. The By-Laws will show being revised as of August, 2019.

Pat reported that he had looked at other club's websites and newsletters and did not see them supporting the amount of charities that the TCCC supports. He shared that the TCCC stands out as far as how many charities we sponsor and how many events we host.

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- **Vice President/Activities Director**

John Berry presented the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August.

John thanked everyone who attended the funeral for Jan Bromley. He shared that the family was very appreciative of the TCCC participation in Jan's funeral and providing the last ride for Jan in a Corvette.

**Board Meetings:** John shared that the board members put in a lot of work to represent the club and all club members. The board members guide and make recommendations for the club. The club members are the ones who make the final approval on the recommendations for our club.

John shared that we have a few TCCC cups available for sale.

**Suggestion Box:** John explained the Suggestion Box that David Dominguez made for the club is being used, and it is great to hear from the club members. All suggestions were brought up and discussed at the board meeting. John would like to address the concerns and good points from our members.

**Members have shared:** They enjoy the friendship and commodity of the TCCC, the driving of the Corvettes and gathering for different events. Best of all is the events we host for our charities and the involvement with our community.

**Selecting Students for Scholarship for Lamar University:** John explained that the TCCC formally made the selection from the applications for the Scholarship Program. Several years ago, the club voted to allow Lamar University to complete the application process and selection for the Scholarship Program. Lamar University makes the selections now since they know the students and they provide the scholarships to upper classmen, Juniors and Seniors. We also have Cathy Long who works with Lamar on the Scholarship Program.

**Open Discussion:** If you have any suggestions, please bring them up so we can address them, and everyone can be on the same page of understanding.

- **Treasurer**

Willa White presented the financial report. She shared that if anyone would like to preview the financial report, they can visit with her after the meeting, and she would be glad to show them the report.

- **Secretary**

The monthly minutes are on the TCCC website.

- **Membership Director**

See the guest and new member that attended under the President's report.

- **Sponsorship/Marketing Committee Report**

Brad thanked everyone who brought food this meeting for the Food Bank Drive. Last meeting, we collected 180 lbs. of food to be donated to the Food Bank, and we exceeded their expectations. Brad shared that our sponsor Gulf Credit Union partnered with TCCC's food drive and they collected over 470 lbs. of food. Sue from the Gulf Credit Union sent a thank you letter thanking us for allowing them to partner with us on the food drive.

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- **Scholarship/Charities Committee Report**

Cathy Long shared that Lamar University will be hosting their scholarship awards on September 28, 2019 at 2:00pm. TCCC voted on the date and agreed to attend.

- **Car Show Committee Report/Various Committee Report**

**Coach Burgess** shared that we will host a Show and Shine in September 2019 for the Food Bank.

**Coushatta Casino Trip:** Since Walter is recovering, Bryan Serafino will be handling the casino trip. The Coushatta Run is Saturday, August 10, 2019. We will meet at Fuzzy's in Beaumont at 8:00am and leave at 9:00am to head to Deweyville H.S. Then we will leave Deweyville at 10:00am, and we will have a Louisiana State Trooper escort us to Coushatta. Also, Coushatta has a parking area set up for the Corvettes, and will provide the Big Sky Steak Dining Room for supper beginning at 5:00pm. In addition, they are distributing tickets to the Ryan Pelton's Elvolution of Elvis performance that evening.

**Update on TCCC's Annual Car Show - Mike White:** Our Annual Car show will be held May 2, 2020 at Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont. The flyers are completed, the contract has been signed, and the Holiday Inn is providing us with an additional parking area to host the car show. There will also be additional vendors for food sales. Fuzzy's Taco Shop will set up and host our hospitality night.

### **Key Chair Members**

**Photographs:** Ronnie Jones

**Parking & Setup:** Rod Johnstone

**Trophies:** Pat Francis & Mike White

**Silent Auction:** Pat McCulley: Volunteers needed to assist with the auction.

**Valve Cover Racing:** Rod & Bobbie Johnstone:

**Goodie Bags & Gift Baskets:** Cathy Long, Andrea Johnson & Lajaunda Williams

**Judging:** John Berry: Judges include Walter, Joe, Charlie, Deanna, Keri, Phyllis, and Cecilia

**Registration:** Jane Barron: Volunteers: Mona Berry, Kathy Richardson, Andrea Johnson & Glinda Pareso

**Door Prizes:** Bryan Serafino: 4 volunteers needed to assist with door prizes.

**Timekeeper:** Coach Burgess: Volunteer: Dan Pareso.

**Note:** Some of these Chair Members will need help, so please volunteer to make our annual car show a success.

**Carnival Cruise:** Bryan Serafino, shared that his wife Kerri has set up a four-day Carnival Cruise for February 17-22, 2020 on Carnival Dream out of Galveston. If you are interested in going on the cruise, please contact Steve Kondorosi at 1-305-975-0887 and use Kerri's booking number #8ZZQ98. Also, please register on the TCCC website.

**Annual Banquet:** Andrea Johnson shared that the banquet will be held on January 18, 2020 at Benton's Restaurant. Dress is business casual, with the social at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm.

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- **National Corvette Museum Report**

Glenn and Andrea were proud that they could attend the Reveal of the C8 Corvette, and said the new C8 was very impressive. Glenn also shared that there are Collectors Coins for the C8 Corvette available in 12 colors. The Collectors Coins can be ordered on the National Corvette Museum website.

Glenn wanted us to know how proud he is of the TCCC for having 100% membership in the National Corvette Museum.

- **Members Comments:**

**Jane Barron** – If you have pictures of any events, please send them to Jane so she can upload the pictures to our website.

**Andrea Johnson** – New members, please see Andrea so she can order your name tags.

**Door Prizes & Split the Pot:** Pat thanked all the members who brought gifts for the door prizes, as well as food for the food drive. John Berry won \$178.00 on split the pot.

**Next TCCC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

**Dinner at 6:00pm**

**Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Benton's in Port Neches, TX**

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of the  
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