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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White

The Tri-City Corvette Club monthly meeting was held at Sombrero's Mexican Grill in Nederland. We had 47 members and guests in attendance.

We would like to welcome David Watson our newest member to the Tri-City Corvette Club. David owns a 2014 Night Racing Blue.

We were glad to see Glinda Pareso back at the July meeting. She is recovering from surgery, so keep her in your prayers.

Roger Ross held his first Tri-City Corvette Club meeting as VP. Roger did very well, and I know he will be a great asset and leader in the VP position. Roger will have a lot of information in his message in the newsletter. Thank you Roger.



The Tri-City Corvette Club had a Board Meeting on June 15, 2021 to discuss new business for the July meeting. Officers and Board members in attendance were, Mike White, Roger Ross, Willa White, Rod Johnstone, John Berry, Michael Merideth, Kelly Cody, and Brad Metz. The Officers and Board members voted to increase all the charities by \$500 and add two additional charities: The National Corvette Museum and the Blue Santa Program.

The Club voted to increase all charities and add the National Corvette Museum and the Blue Santa Program at the July meeting. The club tabled the Southeast Texas Food Bank to check their charity selection criteria for the Tri-City Corvette Club. We will contact the Southeast Texas Food Bank, and they will have a representative at our August meeting to explain where our money is being spent.

At the June board meeting, the board members wanted to know where the Lamar Scholarship \$1000 donation is spent. Does it fund another scholarship or go to the Tri-City Corvette Club scholarship endowment program for Lamar students? Cathy Long, our TCCC representative, checked on the endowment and reported at the July meeting that the \$1000 goes to our scholarship endowment program to help it grow. Cathy also said we just gave a \$700 scholarship to a student from our endowment. Lamar is watching our program to make sure we are not giving out more than the endowment is making because this is a very young endowment. So in the future the scholarships will be bigger and more than one scholarship.

Perfect attendance for the club meetings will be from January to December, so we can give awards at the annual banquet. So please try to make all meetings and sign in at the meeting.

Thanks to Andrea Johnson for organizing the bling shirts for the ladies. Bring your shirt to the meetings or deliver them to Andrea with \$5, and she will have our club logo put on them.

Kelly Cody volunteered to be the new Membership Director. Congratulations, we know you will do well.

Andrea Johnson, John Berry and Michael Merideth volunteered to be the Activities Committee. Thank you.

Thank you Glinda for great club meeting minutes. See minutes detail in this newsletter.

Rod Johnstone and Roger Ross are getting prices and availability for jackets for all members that have been in the club one year or more. Roger Ross brought several jackets to the July meeting so the club can make the best choice for us. A lot of the members liked the all zipper with a liner.

Thanks to Andrea Johnson and Kim Merideth for a great TCCC Banquet. There were 84 in attendance. Great time and lots of fun.

Congratulations to Kathy Richardson, winner of the ½ pot, \$131.

What makes the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success and moving forward is our members. Thank you members.

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2021 at Sombrero's Mexican Grill

6pm eat & socialize

7pm Meeting

Thank You,

Mike White
TCCC President

Trí-City Corvette Club is a proud supporter Of the Scholarship Program



VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Roger Ross

So, here is my first contribution to the Club's monthly newsletter since taking office. Since crashing my first meeting in October of 2018, I have made some good friends in this club. I have also grown to respect each of you as I have watched all the good you do for our area and for each other. Your actions are always so sincere and unselfish. Sometimes it is hard to remember that all of this good will begins with this group's love for a car. I guess that's what makes the Corvette so special.

I served on many police boards throughout my career, so it was never my intention to enter the politics of this club. That being said, I was humbled by being selected to take over for John Berry. I only hope that I can do half the job that he did. Always know that I will do my best to represent you and the Club appropriately.

A club can't survive without growth. So, let me begin by welcoming our newest member, David Watson. David owns a beautiful 2014 and has already become a regular participant in club events. Welcome brother! It is incumbent on each of us to invite new members to give the club a look. If you see a Corvette running around town, don't be afraid to extend an invitation. I know I owned my first Corvette for 12 years before I found the club on Facebook and invited myself. I sure am glad that I did.



At the July 6th monthly meeting, the Club voted to add two new charities to our list of annual contributions and to raise the contributions for all of them from \$1000 to \$1500 per year. We added the National Corvette Museum and The Beaumont Police Department's Blue Santa Program to the list. What can you say about the Corvette Museum? They are there to keep the history of the cars that we love so much alive and they do a great job. If you have never been there, you owe it to yourself to make the trip. I personally joined the 25th Anniversary Caravan and made the trip with my son. We were both very impressed and had a great time on the NCM Track!

The Blue Santa Program is exactly what it says. Beaumont Police Officers get together to secure donations to buy Christmas presents for underprivileged children. The officers volunteer their time and leave their families some more just to give back to people who are in need. I think that it is wonderful that this club voted to support such a noble cause. Thank you.

TCCC members participated in five separate events in the month of June. I want to congratulate Pat McCulley and John Decker for organizing two of those successful events last month. John's monthly Show & Shine at the Journey Church in Lumberton had some 40 cars participate and grilled boudain was on the menu. The next show is on July 10th. Hopefully the rain will let up so we can roll out in mass to support our fellow club member.

Pat broke out her entire gorgeous generational Corvette collection (C1 - C8) for the Smokin' Hot Car Show in Livingston that she put on in conjunction with the Livingston BBQ Cook Off. Six other club members made the run up there to support her and show off their cars. I want to specifically congratulate John Berry, with his stunning C8 for capturing the Kid's Choice trophy and Mike White for earning the Best Engine trophy with "Ole Blue". Good job guys! Speaking of trophies, we all like to win because it lets us know that others appreciate our treasured car. That being said let's try to remember that the important part of these events isn't winning or losing, it's about driving and showing the cars that we love so much. It's also about representing our fine club, but mostly it's about spending time with and making new friends. So let's have fun!

Be sure to regularly check out the club's event page at https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events so you can stay apprised of your opportunities to participate. Here's a few upcoming events for your calendars.

July 10 Journey Church Show & Shine in Lumberton

July 16 - 18 Corvette Invasion in Bastrop

August 14 Hot Summer Nights Car Show in Beaumont

September 11 Brazos River Corvette Club's 15th Annual Car Show in Granbury

September 11 Port Neches Knights of Columbus Car Show in Port Neches

September 11 Deweyville's Project Safe Graduation Car Show in Orange

September 25 Big Boyz Toys 8th Annual Car Show in Port Arthur

October 30 Elite Auto Shield's 3rd Annual Car Show in Beaumont

In closing, I would like to ask each for you to include Kaycee Berry in your thoughts, prayers and well wishes, while she is recovering from surgery. Kaycee is the daughter of Mona and John Berry, as well as a Mount Belvieu Police Officer. Get well Sister.....the PD needs you back! Also, be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger M. Ross

Vice President
Tri City Corvette Club

July Birthdays

July Anniversaries

Phyllis Burgess Leann & John Decker (35 years)

Tom Nichols Deanna & Dwight Courts (35 years)

John Kupper Jeanine & Carter Bidwell (37 years)

David Watson Pat & Jerry McCulley (44 years)

Leann Decker

Liz Hanley

Ronnie Jones

Cecelia Mouton

Ronnie Woods

Gene A. VanMetter Jr.

Journey Community Church Show & Shine July 10





PICNIC IN THE PARK—JULY 4, 2021 LIVINGSTON, TEXAS





Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: July 6, 2021 Meeting Location: Sombrero's Mexican Grill

President: Mike White

President, Mike White opened the meeting for the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all who serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome members: Mike said it is great to see everyone, and appreciated everyone coming to the meeting. We had 47 individuals in attendance.

Guests & New Members:

- * Welcome Guests: It was nice to see Jenny here with Ray Long.
- * David Watson met the requirements and was voted into the TCCC. He owns a 2014, C7 Night Racing Blue.

Sad News & Good News:

- * Please keep John and Mona Berry's daughter in your prayers as she heals from her surgery.
- * We hope Bill Hanley gets his car repaired soon after it fell off the alignment rack.

New Business

The Officers and Board Members voted to increase all the charities \$500 and add two additional charities: The National Corvette Museum and the Blue Santa Program. These topics were brought to the club members for a vote.

Discussion: Jane Barron shared that the Southeast Texas Food Bank received \$9,000,000 in January 2021, and wanted to see if our donations were used for reserve, for infrastructure, or something else. If the SETX Food Bank has excess funds, could our additional donation be better served with another charity. A motion was made by Michael Merideth and a second by Mike Fry to table this discussion till next meeting. Coach will meet with the SETX Food Bank and report back.

A motion was made by Andrea Johnson to increase the amount of funds that we donate to each of our charities by \$500.00. Glinda Pareso seconded the motion. The members voted and approved the \$500.00 increase to each of our current charities. A motion was made by Patty Kupper to add donations to two additional charities: The National Corvette Museum and the Blue Santa Program. Coach seconded it and the members voted to approve adding the two additional charities.

Discussion: Mike White and Andrea Johnson explained that awards will be given to members with perfect attendance at the monthly meetings. The awards will be presented at our annual banquet. They suggested the perfect attendance could run calendar year, January to December or renewal year, June to May to follow the installation of officers. A motion was made by Andrea Johnson to run the perfect attendance from January to December, then give the awards in February at our annual banquet. Kim Merideth seconded the motion and the members voted to approve it.

Andrea Johnson ordered the decals for the ladies' shirts and there will be a \$5.00 charge for pressing the decal.

Sponsors: Mike recognized our sponsors and thanked them for their support. Please remember to bring your business to our sponsors because the more business we can bring to our sponsors the longer they can support us.

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(Meeting Minutes continued)

TCCC Charities

Mike shared the list of charities and provided an explanation about each charity that receives a donation at our annual Car Show.

100 Club

Buckner Children and Family Services

Humane Society of Southeast Texas

Lamar University Scholarships

Jefferson County Child Welfare

Texas Military Honors Team

The American Cancer Society

Vice-President: Roger Ross

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Roger recognized the members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries for the month of July 2021.

Past Events: Roger Ross provided an overview of past events.

Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"

- ♦ Mike and Roger thanked Andrea Johnson & Kim Merideth for hosting the TCCC Annual Banquet on June 5.
- ♦ Moore Chevrolet Appreciation Day, Saturday, June 12. We had an awesome showing of 41 Corvettes.
- Corvette Owners Club of Houston Charity Car Show, June 12. We had several members attend this car show.
- ♦ Journey Church Car Show, June 12. John said thank you to the members who attended the car show.
- ♦ Calder Wood Parade, June 18
- Smoking Hot Car Show in Livingston, Saturday, June 26

Upcoming Events: Roger Ross shared information about our upcoming events.

- ♦ Journey Community Church Show & Shine, Saturday, July 10 from 4:00pm 6:30pm
- Corvette Invasion, July 16-18, Bastrop Convention Center
- ♦ Hot Summer Nights Car Show, August 14, from 6:00pm 10:00pm at Classic SE Texas Car Dealer in Beaumont
- Brazos River Corvette Club 15th Annual Corvette Car Show, September 11 at 7:30am, Historic Granbury Square, 201
 E. Pearl Street, #C101, Granbury, Texas
- ♦ Port Neches KC Car Show, September 11 from 8:00am 2:00pm, 700 Central Drive. Port Neches
- ♦ Cecil Atkisson Toyota, September 11 from 10:00am 4:00pm, 2500 I-10 West, Orange Texas
- ♦ The Big Boyz Toys Corvette Club 8th Annual Car Show, September 25, Reel Cajun Restaurant
- ♦ Elite Auto Shield 3rd Annual Car Show, Tyrrell Park, October 30

<u>Treasurer: Willa White</u>

Willa provided an overview of the finance report. She explained some of our expenses; of renewing our web page, the cost of the annual banquet, and providing for the lady's transfers.

• Secretary: Glinda Pareso

Glinda read the minutes from the Officers and Board members meeting that was held June 15, 2021. These topics are covered in new business.

Board Members: John Berry

John asked the members to join the TCCC Facebook Page. The reason is that we put a lot of information about upcoming events or short notice events. Also, if any members see an event, that they would like to attend they can put a message on the TCCC FB page. Please go on Facebook and join the TCCC FB page.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

Board Member: Coach Burgess

Coach hoped everyone had a good Father's Day. Dave and Chrissy Pareso bought him a Father's Day gift. It is a nice sign stating: "Because Coach Said So.". He said the sign fits him well.

Coach shared that he presented a check for \$ 168.00 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. Coach thanked all the members for their generosity. The Food Bank was very appreciative of our donation.

Board Member: Rod Johnstone

Rod shared that we do a lot for our sponsors and charities, and we would like to do something for our members. Rod explained that the club is going to purchase every member a jacket with the TCCC Logo embroidered on the jacket. Rod and Roger brought some jackets to show as samples.

Rod shared that the poker run will be held in April 2022.

Newsletter: Jane Barron

Jane is looking at a laptop to purchase for the car show registration. Michael Frye donated a printer which can be used.

• Membership Director: Cathy Long

Cathy explained that previously the club would receive the scholarship applications from the seniors, review them, and select a recipient of the scholarship. This was time consuming and extremely hard to select the recipients. Now we provide the funds directly to Lamar University Scholarship Community, and they make the selection for the scholarship. Cathy shared that years ago we started an Endowment Scholarship Program with Lamar University. Lamar takes the funds and invests it for the Endowment Program. As of May 31, 2021 there was \$21,722 in the Endowment Program. After reconsolidation, the funds and interest as of June 1, 2021 total \$26,314 to be used for many scholarships.

• National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Glenn Johnson

Glenn shared that the NCM has narrowed the selection to four individuals for the new position as President/CEO for the NCM.

Glenn shared that he has decals coming from the NCM and will have them at the next meeting.

Split the Pot: \$131 won by Kathi Richardson

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National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report:

Glenn Johnson was introduced by Mike White as the one of the Board Member Chairs for the NCM. Glenn shared that the previous President for the NCM is no longer with the NCM and they now have a new President at the NCM. There is new management overseeing the Motor Sports Park. Also, Andy Pilgrim a previous professional race car driver will be offering a one day driving lesson course for Corvette owners.

Members Comments:

Andrea Johnson shared that the club will provide the setup fee at Cotton Cargo for our TCCC emblem to be placed on shirts for the ladies in the club. The ladies will provide their own shirts to have the TCCC emblem placed on the shirts. At the next meeting, please bring any shirt you would like the emblem on and \$10 to cover the emblem cost. The club will pay to have the emblem put on the shirts.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson, TCCC NCM Ambassador

July 2021

NCM News

News – National Corvette Museum

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NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org

2021 NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration Thursday September 2nd – Saturday September 4th

In the 2 plus decades since the Museum opened, the scope of the vision has blossomed to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full-service store, interactive exhibits and a full Motorsports park.

Every year around the Labor Day weekend we celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year we mark the 27th Anniversary milestone and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more during this event in honor of your help and support!

A FULL Seminar schedule is COMING SOON. We are working with each presenter to determine their ability to travel and availability. Presentations will be a mixture of in person and Virtual. Several presentations WILL BE VIRTUAL ONLY.

Anniversary registration is \$20 for Lifetime members, \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and the dead-line for online registration is 5:00pm central time, Friday, August 14th, 2020. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

VIRTUAL Anniversary Registration is \$20 per household. Virtual registration does not get you into ANY onsite activities or the Museum during the event weekend. Virtual registration will provide access to the virtual feed of seminars and presentations Thursday September 2nd & Friday September 3rd.

• Follow this link for more information:

http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/anniversary-celebration/?instance id=357

National Corvette Museum Corvette Cave-In

The Skydome Sinkhole Experience

The National Corvette Museum made international news headlines on February 12, 2014 when a sinkhole collapsed in the Skydome of the Museum in the wee hours of the morning. Thankfully, no one was in the building when it happened, but security cameras were rolling to catch the incident on camera. Museum visitation skyrocketed that same year as people from around the world were drawn to witness for themselves the destruction Mother Nature had caused. Though the sinkhole has since been filled, the story continues to draw attention.

A new exhibit opened February 12, 2016 (the two-year anniversary of the sinkhole) to tell the story of what happened that day, why it happened, what cars were affected, how they were recovered, what karst land-scapes and caves are, how the building was fixed, and much more. Learn more about the elements of our exhibit!

You can experience the NCM Corvette Cave-in by following this link:

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The National Corvette Museum, located in Bowling Green, KY, is a world class facility that showcases the world famous sports car called the Corvette. My purpose, as your NCM Ambassador, is to provide our club with a two way communication link to the NCM. My mission will be that of receiving and disseminating the most current and correct information from the NCM and to convey that information to our club. I will be acting as the Museum representative and will be promoting and soliciting support for the NCM through promotional activities and encouraging other club members to join the NCM. Finally, I will serve as the voice of our Corvette club to the NCM Communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions our club may have to the NCM.