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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## Glinda Pareso

July 2022

**Meeting:** The Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) July's monthly meeting was held at Texas Star Bar & Grill in Beaumont, Texas on July 5, 2022.

I appreciate all the members who attended our July meeting and being open to try a new location at Texas Star Bar & Grill at the Brentwood Golf Course. We had an excellent turnout for the meeting with 55 members and one guest in attendance.

I also would like to thank Lisa Coon for hosting our meeting at the Texas Star Bar & Grill. They did a great job hosting us. If you get a chance, please try the Texas Star Bar & Grill for their Steak Night on Friday night or their Brunch Buffet on Sunday.



We have an excellent team of Officers and Board Members who are ready to work hard for each of our members. I look forward to having a great year and working with all of them to improve the club in positive ways and being more active to enjoy our social gatherings and fellowship.

President: Glinda Pareso
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Board Member: John Decker Board Member: Michael Merideth

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Past President: Mike White

Our newest member is Doug Devaugh, and we would like to welcome Doug to the Tri-City Corvette Club.

I know we went over quite a few business items, but that's a good thing that we're getting items addressed, business taken care of and out of the way so that we can enjoy the rest of the year with different activities.

(President's Message continued)

We are going to try Texas Star Bar & Grill for our meeting on August 2, 2022. This time we will try the buffet to better serve all of us in a shorter time frame.

Our next general membership meeting will be held on August 2, 2022, at Texas Star Bar & Grill at the Brentwood Golf Course with social beginning at 6pm and the meeting to begin at 7pm. We are working on the buffet menu, and we will send the menu out with the cost once it is finalized.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

A Sincere Thank You,

Glinda Pareso
President
Tri-City Corvette Club

## VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

## Roger Ross

#### .My TCCC Friends:

Growth is the key to survival, so I want to start by welcoming our new members that were just voted in at the last meeting. Ron Barger, who is the owner of a black 2015 C7 Z06 convertible, and Doug DeVaugh, who is the owner of a blue 2022 C8 convertible, are our newest members. I have known Doug for many years and Ron for about 6 months. I can tell you that they are both great guys and will be excellent additions to the club. Welcome aboard brothers!

The new club officers and board members took a firm hold of the club reins in June. All of them are excited about their new positions and want to continue to lead the club in a positive direction. I look forward to serving out my VP term over the next year working with these folks and offering whatever insight I can.

Now let's talk about some past events! In case you missed them, here are some highlights.

June 10th - 12th, Sixteen club members took eleven Corvettes up to Fort Worth to participate in the 32nd Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic and boy did they represent the TCCC well. Despite the heat, which reached



106 degrees, these folks cleaned and showed off their cars with good old southeast Texas pride. Their efforts led to eight (8) Best In Class and three (3) Class Excellence Awards. On top of that two of the cars were selected for the Judge's Choice Award and the Best Exterior Award. If that's not enough, the Tri City Corvette Club also took home the Club Participation Award. Now, that's what I call cleaning up! Special thanks to anybody who brought a canopy. The shade was a lifesaver! On a personal note, I did choose to participate in the optional parade laps on the Texas Motor Speedway Track. Although the speed (85ish MPH) was nowhere near fast enough, and we were limited to only three laps each, it was pretty cool to put my authentic NASCAR Pace Car on a real banked NASCAR oval track. So if you choose to make the trip to Fort Worth next year and you have not ever driven on the TMS track, just do it. You may never get another chance.

Fifteen TCCC member's cars participated in the Calder Woods Retirement Community parade and classic car show for the senior residents on the 17th. Community residents chose their favorites and lunch was shared by all. Watching the smiles on the faces of the folks that have given so much of their lives to their friends and families sure made the day worth it!

On June 18th, five members chose to cruise over to Twin Peaks for the Head Turners Car Meet. Although there wasn't much participation in the event, we enjoyed hanging out with each other, and we had a good lunch.

Twelve club members then ventured up to the Journey Community Church Monthly Show & Shine in Lumberton to support John Decker and their charitable efforts. John said that they had 37 total cars participate! Besides serving some delicious Zummo links, boudain, chips and drinks, the church also had a drawing for a free gift basket! It was a good evening of cars and fellowship. This event is sponsored by one of our own TCCC members, and I think it is very important that we show up and support each other whenever we can.

The 18th was a busy day for events, because later that evening several members drove out to Mid-County to participate in the Nederland Drag. This event always brings back memories for me of spending every Friday and Saturday night in the late 70's cruising the tires off our cars on 11th Street in Beaumont. Although we don't cruise as much now, it is good to go hang out, visit and relive our youth a bit.

(Vice-President's Message continued)

June 25th saw nine club members team up with members of the Wild Horse Mustang Club to set up a Show & Shine in support of the Children's Miracle Network Festival at the Walmart in Lumberton. About 40 cars in total were on display to draw attention to this wonderful cause. The Lumberton Fire Department even came out to show off their new fire engine. It was hot, but it's never too hot to help kids in need. Everybody had a great time!

As you can see, last month was loaded with fun opportunities for you to enjoy your car and your club! Now if you missed those events, be sure to check out the club's Facebook and Events pages (https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events), because there are several more opportunities in the near future for you to join in. Now......if you don't use Facebook, e-mail or the internet, you can always call me directly at (409) 673-5447 and ask me personally what's happening in our area. I will tell you what I know. Here's a few upcoming events for your calendars.......

Wednesday, July 6th - Arbys' Car Meet

- Arbys Restaurant in Lumberton
- Starts at 7PM

Saturday, July 9th - TCCC Hurricane Tita's Drive & Dine

- Meet at Fuzzy's Taco Shop in Beaumont at 9AM, depart at 9:30AM
- Eat lunch and then cruise back to Beaumont
- Club contact: John Berry

July 15th - 17th - 2022 Corvette Invasion, Bastrop Convention Center

- 350+ Corvettes on display
- Track laps offered at Circuit of the Americas Formula I track
- Club contact: Roger Ross

Saturday, July 16th - Head Turners Car Meet

- Buffalo Wild Wings at Parkdale Mall in Beaumont
- 11AM 4PM

Saturday, July 16th - Journey Community Church's Monthly Show & Shine

- Journey Community Church in Lumberton, 4PM 6PM
- Food and drinks provided at no cost, but charitable donations are welcomed
- Club contact: John Decker

Saturday, July 16th - The Nederland Drag

- Nederland Avenue in Nederland
- 7PM 11PM
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TheNederlandDRAG

There you have it! If you learn of any other events that are not listed here that might interest the club, please contact John Berry or myself and let us know about them.

Be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them out and about this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

## Roger M. Ross

Vice President Tri City Corvette Club

(Vice-President's Message continued)

#### July Birthdays

Phyllis Burgess
John Kupper
Tom Nichols
David Watson
Juan Juarez
Liz Hanley
Cecelia Mouton
Ronnie Woods
Gene A. Van Meter Jr.

#### July Anniversaries

Deanna & Dwight Courts LeeAnn & John Decker Jeanine & Carter Bidwell Patricia & Jerry McCulley

## LONE STAR CORVETTE CLASSIC CAR SHOW, FORT WORTH JUNE 11, 2022







## **CALDER WOODS CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

**JUNE 17, 2022** 





## **CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK CAR SHOW**

**JUNE 25, 2022** 





## **Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes**

July, 5, 2022

PRESIDENT, Glinda PARESO, called the meeting to order. She requested everyone stand and observe a moment
of silence to honor all who serve and have served in uniform. John Decker offered a prayer to open the meeting.
The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president welcomed all members (55 present) and one guest. She recognized Doug DeVaugh, and asked the membership to vote him into the club as he has satisfied all of the criteria for membership. He was voted in unanimously.

Glinda thanked all those present for "trying out" a new location and asked for a show of hands if membership was happy with location and food, etc. The majority liked the change. Glinda informed us that Lisa Coon had waived the \$500.00 fee for the room this time and there was an option of a buffet for future meetings. The board will discuss this further at their next meeting.

Glinda recognized each past officer and board member who served in 2021-2022. She thanked those members who were willing to serve and had put their names forward. We had our election at the last meeting and the president introduced newly elected officers and board members.

#### **GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS**

Glinda asked that we keep Charlie Barron in our prayers as he is having a heart procedure. Also Artie Tucker and Isaac Barbosa as they each battle cancer. Charlie Larocca is healing and improving from his recent heart surgery. (The club sent cards to each of these members). Coach Burgess is waiting on doctors to formulate a plan to address his health issue, and Andrea Johnson continues to improve from her knee surgery.

The president shared that Larry Fiedler, a new member of the club, donated three \$25.00 gift cards to be given to our sick members and that the board voted to match those funds for gift cards to help with meals, gas, etc. The cards were sent to Isaac and Artie. Glinda asked if there were any other members that needed our prayers, No additional names were mentioned.

#### OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **SECRETARY**: Liz reported that thank you letters had been received from Lamar University and Buckner Children and Family Services for our \$1,000.00 donation, and she read the letter from Lamar University to the membership. No other news to report.
- **TREASURER**: Mona reported that she and Willa had met, and that she was learning "the ropes". She gave an overview of the finances, and reported we had a bank balance of \$17,387.21. She also told the membership that she would have a budget to present shortly.
- **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**: John Berry stated that he was looking forward to the upcoming trip on July 9, 2022, to Hurricane Tita's. He is going to try and have some type of activity planned every six weeks or so. He asked that members share with him any ideas they may have for activities,. He suggested bowling, putt-putt, or game night.
- BOARD MEMBER: Mike Burgess reported that the membership had collected and given \$110.00 to the Southeast
  Texas Food Bank last month and that the food bank was so appreciative of our ongoing support. He informed the
  club members that the CEO at the food bank had resigned and the new CEO was Harvey Zermiel. Mr. Zermeil is
  looking forward to our continued relationship. The Vice-President is the same, and Coach and he are having a video produced to highlight the services the food bank provides to the community.
- BOARD MEMBER: John Decker had no news to report.
- BOARD MEMBER: Dave Pareso had no news to report.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

PAST PRESIDENT: Mike White informed club members that he had designed a membership packet for new members which includes a welcome letter, stickers for their car, TCCC pens (those will also be given to all members) which are on order, website information, information on NCM, and what is available to them as club members. Mike is working on the history of club members to determine how many years they have been members so that the club can recognize them at 5-10-15 years and so forth.

- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**: Jane Barron was unable to attend meeting.
- WEB EVENTS MEMBER: Bryan Serafino had no news.
- NCM AMBASSADOR: Glenn Johnson had no news. Glinda asked him if the NCM dues were being increased. Glenn said yes but that TCCC had been grandfathered. The NCM yearly dues cover membership from 9-1 to 9-1.
- SCHOLARSHIP MEMBER: Cathy Long stated that we should get the name of our recipient in early fall.
- POKER RUN CHAIR: Rod Johnstone stated that the next poker run will probably be in early April, 2023.
- ANNUAL BANQUET MEMBER: Andrea Johnson had no news at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

If any members did not receive a plaque for the past car show, please see Mike White. He has extra ones. Glinda told members she had several pictures from the car show, and invited members to take any they may want,

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The president handed out a current roster of all the newly elected officers, board members, support staff as identified in the by-laws, committees as identified in our by-laws, and assigned committees. Rod Johnstone asked the president where she would like to see this club in the future. She answered stating she would like to see the car show grow, the club membership grow, and increase club fellowship thru activities. She also suggested that it might be good to have someone give facts and information on vettes at each of the membership meetings.

She informed the membership that the board is reviewing the by-laws and will be discussing them at the next board meeting. She informed the membership that as per our by-laws she had comprised an inventory list of all assets belonging to the TCCC. That list has been shared with officers and board members.

Regarding board meetings, the board voted at the last meeting to have monthly board meetings that will be held on the last Tuesday of each month. The president addressed who should attend board meetings, executive members only-officers, board members and the past president.

She discussed how an assigned board member will contact the support staff and committee chair for a report prior to each upcoming board meeting. The support staff and committee chairperson will report to the membership at the membership meetings. She informed the membership that if any member of the club has a question, concern or any business they would like to speak with the board about, they can put their question or concern in writing and give to the president. She will put it on the board meeting agenda, if desired, and they can attend the board meeting, present their concerns and/or question and then excuse themselves for the remainder of the meeting.

Glinda then reported to the membership that officers had gone to the bank and updated who would have debit cards, who can sign checks etc.. Mona Berry has a debit card. Mona has the check book and Glinda Pareso, Mona Berry, Liz Hanley and past president Mike White can sign TCCC checks.

We will be working on re-validating our charities with the exception of Lamar University and NCM. The president gave the floor to our Vice-President, Roger Ross.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

• **VICE-PRESIDENT**: Roger Ross recognized our past secretary, Glinda Pareso for her past three years of service and for doing an outstanding job.

He reviewed our past events.

**June 10-12, 2022**- 32nd Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic had great representation with 11 corvettes and 16 members attending. Awards brought home included Club Participation Challenge, Judge's Choice, Best Exterior, 8 Best in Class and 3 Class Excellence.

**June 17, 2022**-Calder Woods Classic Car Show had 15 members cars, and it was a great day with lots of residents smiles. Hot.

**June 18, 2022**-Journey Church Show and Shine had 13 TCCC corvettes participating and 37 total cars at the event. Great food was served and all for a great cause. On the same date was Head Turners Show &Shine with 5 club members in attendance. Also on this same date the Nederland Drag topped off the day. Several members made the trip and had a good fellowship.

**June 25, 2022**-Children's Miracle Network Festival Show & Shine held at Lumberton Walmart was a success with 40 cars displayed including 9 TCCC corvettes. Hot.

Roger briefly mentioned the upcoming events. He informed the membership that all events are posted for all members to see. Corvettes only events are posted on the TCCC website only but if the event is not restricted to corvettes only, it is also posted on Facebook. He encouraged members to check the TCCC website and read the newsletter to check out all the club news as well as info on past and upcoming events. If you need information on events, give him a call.

Roger then recognized members with birthdays during the month of July and members with anniversaries. We had 9 birthdays and 4 anniversaries. Congratulations to all. Roger encouraged all members to go on the website and update their information. He then returned the floor to the president.

Glinda had gifts for any member that could name our sponsors and also our charities. Mike White told the membership that in 1994, he and Willa purchased and wrapped all the gifts for Buckners which is one of our charities. Glinda then had an envelope for any member that could name the birthday of the club and several trivia questions regarding the club. There were a lot of happy winners and fun was had by all. Glinda asked the membership if they were happy with Brentwood and a show of hands demonstrated that the majority was happy with the facility and the food. She suggested we may want to consider it for our annual banquet as well.

We had six raffle winners. John Decker, Bryan Serafino, Mike White, Dave Pareso, Judy Snowden and Cathy Knott. Cathy also won the half pot of \$110.00. Coach Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting and Gene VanMeter seconded. Meeting adjourned with a reminder that the next membership meeting will be 8-2-22, and location to be determined.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Texas Star Bar & Grill Brentwood Golf Club, 4201 S. Major Drive, Beaumont

6:00pm dinner

7:00pm meeting



## **NCM Corner**

Glenn Johnson, TCCC NCM Ambassador

## **July 2022**

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