

## Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 3, 2019

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

- **President**

President, Pat Francis 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. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guest:** Welcome Christy & Josh Bridges from Elite Auto Shield

**New Members:** No new members voted in at this meeting.

**Sponsor:** Pat shared that our sponsors add to our clubs success and he wanted to thank each one of our sponsors and reminded everyone to support our sponsors.

**Food Donations:** Pat thanked everyone for bringing food items, The monetary donations collected will be given to Southeast Texas Food Bank.

**Gifts for Children by Salvation Army:** Pat thanked everyone for bringing toys to the meeting. The toys will be given to the Salvation Army and distributed to the children and families in need. We will be delivering the toys to the Annual Toy Drive hosted by Channels 4 & 6 news. Our time to drive through is 8am on December 6, 2019. We will meet at Mike and Willa's, 3855 Kenwood in Beaumont at 7:15am, load the toys in the Corvettes, and leave for the station at 7:45am.

**Name Tags:** Pat sent out an e-mail prior to the meeting and asked all members to please wear their name tags at the December meeting and all upcoming events. Those who did not have their names tags on at the meeting donated .25 to the Food Bank funds. If you need a name tag, please see Patty.

**Joel & Juanita Judkins:** Deanna Courts recommended that the club members collect gift cards or funds for Joel & Juanita to assist with the cost to stay in Houston for Joel's chemo treatments and to assist with their expenses. Pat sent out an email requesting the club help by bringing any gift cards to the meeting. Pat and Deanna wanted to say thank you to all those members who brought gift cards or donated funds to the money tree that was made for Joel and Juanita. They really appreciate our support while they are going through this trying time.

**Sad News:** One of our older club members, Jack Cannon, passed away.

**Plant Explosion:** Pat asked everyone to keep the members of the club who had damage to their home and those who had to evacuate right before Thanksgiving due to the plant explosion in their prayers. He was proud to hear how our club members helped those who needed assistance due to the damage.

**Tours of Beaumont mentions The Tri City Corvette Club in Newsletter:** Pat shared that Tours of Beaumont recognized the Tri-City Corvette Club as a business that generates \$30,000 in income for the city of Beaumont just by us hosting our Annual Car Show. You can check out the article at: <http://www.beaumontcvb.com/blog/post/smerf-market-and-why-it-matters-to-beaumont-business/>

**Bruno & George Winery Annual Bonfire:** Pat thanked Shawn & Misha Bruno for hosting the Bruno & George Winery Annual Bonfire on November 23, 2019. Shawn thanked all the TCCC members who attended the annual bonfire. Shawn also thanked Mike White who volunteered as the cook and served BBQ, which was excellent. Shawn also had his Bruno wine that was available. The bonfire topped off an enjoyable evening with the gathering of friends, which made it the best evening ever.

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- **Vice-President/Activities Director - John Berry**

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

John also shared a story about when he first joined the TCCC 14 years ago and remembered when he attended his first car show and saw Mike and Shawn getting out of their cars dressed up as gangsters.

He thought what did I get myself into by joining this club. But fast forward to today; John said he is very proud to be a TCCC member and proud of how the club members are always willing to help each other and support our many charities.

- **Treasurer**

Willa White presented the Financial Report and shared what our expenses and deposits were for the month. The TCCC is in good standing with our account for the project events for the year. Glinda audited the monthly statements and found them to be accurate with no errors.

**Thank You Note from Child Protective Services:** Willa read the thank you note from the Jefferson County Child Welfare Board. They appreciate our donation of \$300 to support the children that they serve that are living in the Foster Care System. The funds will assist in replacing the clothes for the teen prom, since the prom clothes were destroyed in the flood.

- **Secretary**

**Thank you letters:** We received two thank you letters from Southeast Food Bank, thanking us for the funds donated for October and November.

**Minutes:** The monthly minutes are on the TCCC website under minutes and in the newsletter.

- **Membership Director**

Bryan shared information about the upcoming events. These events are also listed on our website.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Buckner's Children Christmas Party**

The Buckner's Children Christmas Party is one of the charities the TCCC sponsors each year by donating \$1,000 to assist the foster parents in purchasing toys for the kids. On December 7, we will line up on Manion Drive at West Brook School at 9:15am. The Christmas Party will last until approximately 2pm. Please make sure you sign up as a toy run participant at [www.buckner.org/volunteer](http://www.buckner.org/volunteer). POC (409) 755-3735.

#### **Show and Shine for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas**

Saturday, December 14 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Meet at 8:30am at PetSmart in Beaumont. TCCC will be collecting pet food for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas

#### **Vidor Christmas Cruise**

Saturday, December 14 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

141 Main Street in Vidor

#### **Coffee & Cars**

Saturday, December 28 at 8:30am

Sertinos Café in Beaumont

#### **TCCC Annual Banquet**

The banquet will be held January 18, 2020 at Benton's Restaurant. Dress is Business Casual. The social hour begins at 6:00pm with dinner served at 7:00pm.

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- **Marketing Committee Report**

Brad shared that he spoke with Moore Chevrolet in Silsbee (one of our sponsors). They shared that they still had one allocation for the 2020 C-8 Corvette. If anyone is interested in ordering a C-8, give them a call.

Brad shared that 14 years ago when the club was initially started that we did not have the support or sponsors that we have today. He just wanted to thank all the sponsors that we have today for their donations and our club members for all that they do to make the TCCC a success.

**Sponsors:** Brad received some of the sponsor donations.

**Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC-Cadillac of Silsbee** – a ZR-1 sponsor donates \$4,200 annually.

**Gulf Federal Credit Union**—a Z-06 sponsor donates \$1,500 annually. They also go above, providing additional funds of approximately \$3,000 to assist the TCCC with the purchasing of trophies for the TCCC Annual Car Show.

**Bradley's Collision Centers**—a Z-06 sponsor donates \$1,500 annually.

**Triangle Air Care**—a Z-06 sponsor donates \$1,500 annually.

**TWFG Insurance Services, Terry Cauthen** ( club member) and Grandsport Convertible sponsor—donates \$750 annually.

**Elite Auto Shield, Josh & Christy Bridges**—a Grandsport Convertible sponsor donates \$750 annually.

**Guest Sponsor: Elite Auto Shield:** Josh & Christy Bridges attended our meeting and they shared some information about their business. Elite Auto Shield provides ceramic window tinting, paint protection film, industrial coating, vinyl wraps, along with interior and exterior detailing services to the Beaumont area.

**Phone: 409-239-5566**

**Location: Elite Auto Shield, 11115 Eastex Freeway. Suite F, Beaumont**

- **Scholarship/Charities Committee Report**

No report

- **Various Committee Reports**

**Board Member - Coach Burgess**

Shared that he delivered the food and donation check collected at the last TCCC meeting to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. The food bank staff was ecstatic about the donations from the TCCC and wanted to thank all of us for the funds donated. Coach also thanked everyone for their support and the food and cash donations.

**Thank You Note:** Coach Burgess wanted to thank everyone for the support and flowers received for Phyllis's father who passed.

**Activities Director – Walter Shivers**

Walter arranged several corvette rides for the TCCC in November and wanted to thank everyone who attended the rides. Walter shared that Fuzzy's Taco management appreciates us meeting at Fuzzy's prior to our road trips.

On November 10, we met at Fuzzy's Tacos in Beaumont and had a great drive through the back roads to the Bluebird Café in Orange. Great food, awesome Cajun music and a good time was had by all.

On November 17, we started at Fuzzy's Taco and had a very scenic ride through Pleasure Island via the back roads by the beaches into Lake Charles, Louisiana, and stopped to eat at Walk-on Sports Bar. It was a great time enjoyed by everyone.

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- **Various Committee Reports (continued)**

- **Show and Shine for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas — David Dominguez**

- Saturday, December 14 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

- Please arrive for the car show at 8:30am

- Held at PetSmart, 4045 Dowlen Rd in Beaumont

- David shared that PetSmart will start the pet food drive campaign one week prior to our events to collect additional pet food for the food drive. All members attending the car show please bring in bags or cans of pet food. All items collected will be donated to the Humane Society of Southeast Texas.

- **Update on TCCC's Annual Car Show - Mike White**

- We had several more out of towners sign up for the TCCC Annual Car Show. Our Annual Car Show will be held on May 2, 2020 at Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont. Please, start thinking about and picking up items for door prizes and the larger items for the bucket list drawings.

- **John Berry** shared that he will be contacting the individuals who volunteered to be judges for the car show and setting up a meeting.

- **National Corvette Museum Report**

- No Report

- **Members Comments:**

- **Jane Barron – Newsletter:** No Report.

- **Lynn** shared that information will follow about the Valentine Cruise on February 15, 2020.

- **Members Attendance:** We had 61 members attend the December meeting.

- **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. Brad Metz won \$181.00 from split the pot.

**Next TCCC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2019**

Dinner at 6:00pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

Benton's in Port Neches, TX

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