

Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: January 7, 2020

Meeting Location: Benton's in Port Neches

- **President—Pat Francis**

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. He then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & New Members: We had no guests and no new members voted in at this meeting.

Sponsors: Pat shared that our sponsors add to our club's success and he wanted to thank each one of our sponsors and reminded everyone to support our sponsors.

Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC- Cadillac of Silsbee
Gulf Federal Credit Union
Bradley's Collision Center
TWFG Insurance Services
Triangle Air Care Inc.
Elite Auto Shield

Toys for Children by Salvation Army: Pat thanked everyone who donated toys for the Salvation Army's Toy Drive. On December 6, 2019 the TCCC members met at Mike & Willa's home and loaded 13 Corvettes with the toys that we had collected. Then they drove as a group to Channel 6 News to deliver the toys for the toy drive. Channel 6 news team interviewed the TCCC members and filmed the 13 Corvettes unloading all the toys that were donated. Plus, Mike White and Pat Francis presented a check of \$100 to be donated to the toy drive. Pat shared that he was very proud of our TCCC for being so gracious in donating toys and money to make this event a success.

Name Tags: Pat asked all members who were not wearing their names tags to please donate .25 cents to the Food Bank funds. If you need a name tag, please see Patty.

Sad News: Pat shared that Cecelia Mouton was operated on last week to remove an area of cancer. Please keep Cecelia in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat thanked Walter Shivers, Activity Director, for setting up the different Corvette rides and arranging a meeting place for lunch or dinner for our members to enjoy.

Buckner's Children Christmas Party: Buckner's Christmas Party on December 7, 2019 was a huge success! It was a very heartwarming experience and the kids had a great time taking rides in the Corvettes. TCCC sponsors the Buckner Christmas Party every year by donating \$1,000 to assist the foster parents to purchase toys for the kids.

- ⇒ Walter Shivers shared that you really see the rewards when you drive the children in the Corvettes and see their smiles.
- ⇒ Rod Johnstone shared that while driving one of the little girls, he asked her what she wanted for Christmas from Santa. She said, "I don't believe in Santa."
Then she said, "I always wanted to ride in a Corvette."
Rod said, as he drove her in his Corvette, "So you don't believe in Santa?"
Just Remember: The little things make the biggest difference in someone's life.

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- **Vice-President—John Berry**

John Berry presented the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January 2020.

John thanked everyone for the great year we had in 2019. He is so proud of how all the members stepped up and were involved in every event or project that the TCCC hosted. Even the new members joined in to help as well as the old members who volunteered. John recognized that our group efforts is what makes the TCCC such a success.

John shared that he would host a meeting soon for all the members who volunteered to be judges for the TCCC Annual Car Show. He shared that he created a new and simple judging work sheet. He will explain how to use the judging work sheets at the meeting.

Pat thanked John for all his hard work and shared that John is the best VP.

- **Treasurer—Willa White**

Glinda presented the Financial Report in behalf of Willa White since she was losing her voice. Glinda read what the expenses and deposits were for the month of December. The TCCC is in good standing with our account for the project events for the year. Glinda audited the monthly statements for December and found them to be accurate.

- **Secretary—Glinda Pareso**

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

Thank You Notes & Greeting Cards:

Joel & Juanita Judkins sent a thank you note to thank everyone for the wonderful gift of a money tree and all the gift cards they received. They said this gift was very generous and it will definitely help with their expenses while Joel is going through his next phase of chemo treatments in Houston. They felt blessed with all the donations, and they were very appreciative of our thoughts, prayers, and support while they are going through this journey.

The Humane Society of Southeast Texas sent a thank you letter for our generosity and kindness in bestowing a donation to their organization. Also, the Board of Directors informed us that the new building that they were projecting to build on Major Drive was not going to be feasible since that area flooded and the land would have to be raised 9 feet, at a cost of \$1.2M. The Board of Directors wanted to share that they will be building a new facility at their current location.

Southeast Texas Food Bank sent a thank you note expressing their gratitude for the TCCC's generosity to the Food Bank through a gift of \$33 and the donation of 238 pounds of food for December 2019.

The Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont sent a Christmas greeting card. They shared that they are looking forward to serving us for our upcoming TCCC Annual Car Show for 2020.

The Buckner International Family sent a Christmas greeting card thanking TCCC for our support and generous donations.

- **Membership Director—Bryan Serafino**

Bryan shared information about the upcoming events. These events are also listed on our website. Just click on the Event Tab to pull up the upcoming events.

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Upcoming Events:

TCCC Annual Banquet: Andrea Johnson read the names of members that were registered to attend the banquet. Andrea went around the room to sign up any additional members. The banquet will be held Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Benton's Restaurant. Dress is business casual. The social is at 6:00pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm.

Foster Prom Project: Bryan Serafino shared that the Foster Prom Project will be Sunday, February 29, 2020. More information to follow by email.

TCCC Carnival Cruise: Bryan Serafino shared that there are openings available if anyone else would like to join the five-day cruise to Cozumel. The cruise starts Monday February 17, 2020 and ends Saturday, February 22, 2020. Contact Bryan for additional information.

Valentine's Hill Country Cruise: Lynn Snowden shared that the cruise will be on Saturday, February 15, 2020 and everyone will meet between 8:30am and 9:30am at Walmart in Boerne, Texas. The group will cruise to Mark Motors to browse the beautiful luxury and high-performance cars, followed by a road trip to Bandera for dinner at Three Sister's Restaurant.

Moore Appreciation Day for TCCC: The appreciation day will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020. More information to follow.

TCCC's Poker Run: Rod Johnstone shared that the Poker Run will be held Saturday, April 18, 2020. Please get with Rod, if you have any recommendation on which restaurants you would like to visit on the poker run.

72nd Annual Parade for Port Neches: Walter Shivers reported the parade will be April 24, 2020 and wanted to know if the TCCC would like to participate in the parade. We will have to reply with the names of who will be attending by March 4, 2020. Walter will send out an email for the members to register for the parade.

- **Show & Shine Car Show for the Humane Society of Southeast TX—David Dominguez**

David Dominguez shared that the TCCC had a great showing of 24 Corvettes for the Show and Shine Car Show held at PetSmart in Beaumont. The TCCC collected almost 1300 pounds of dog and cat food to be donated to the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. David wanted to thank all the members who donated pet food and those who assisted in setting up the event, and thanked everyone who participated in the car show.

Pat thanked David Dominguez for being the project manager for the Show and Shine Car Show for the Humane Society hosted on Saturday December 14, 2019. Pat shared that it was really gratifying to see the TCCC members giving unselfishly to another one of our charities, and wanted to thank all those members who attended and donated pet food.

- **Marketing Committee Report—Brad Metz**

Sponsors: Brad received a \$1500.00 check from Bradley's Collision Center.

The Morning Show: Brad shared that Moore Chevrolet & the TCCC will be on The Morning Show on Friday, April 24, 2020. This is two weeks before our TCCC's Annual Car Show which is great advertising for us. The Morning Show will air at 6:45am, 7:45am, & 8:45am. Please arrive early and be there by 6:15am.

Gulf Credit Union graciously provided 2020 pocket calendars for our members at this meeting. They will also be recognizing the TCCC at their next business meeting.

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- **Board Member—Coach Burgess**

Coach thanked everyone for their support and donating food items and cash for the Southeast Texas Food Bank. He presented a \$33 check and 238 pounds of food to the Food Bank for December 2019. The Food Bank was very appreciative of our donations and wanted to say “Thank You.”

- **Activities Director—Walter Shivers**

Walter reported that the TCCC has the option to rent a private racetrack for 6 hours. If we have 20 cars sign up, it will cost \$100 per car. There will be a photographer to take pictures and after the rental of the track, they will complete a test and tune on the cars, then park all the cars for a car show. Additional information will be sent out by email.

Pat thanked Walter for setting up the lunch fun runs for the club.

- * December 8, 2019, Walter set up another well-planned trip from Fuzzy's to Cedar Tree in Jasper. The food was good and the company great! We had 14 Corvettes attending, plus, we celebrated Dwight's birthday.
- * Walter and Julie hosted a Sunday fun day run on January 5, 2020. We met at Fuzzy's Taco in Beaumont, and had a fun and curvy road trip to the Bluebird Fish Camp in Orange. We had a great time with good food.

Walter and Julie wanted to thank everyone that attended their 3rd Annual New Year's party on December 28, 2019. We had a good turnout with great chicken & sausage gumbo, and the fireworks display was awesome.

- **Board Member—Mike White**

Mike shared that there will be a scheduled meeting for the officers, board members and key members on the TCCC's Annual Car Show . The upcoming meeting is to prepare for our annual car show.

Mike White expressed how proud he is of the TCCC and thanked the Officers, Board Members and all the TCCC members for stepping up to make this club a success.

- **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report—Glenn Johnson**

Glenn shared that he officially took over the Board for the NCM. Glenn also shared that the President & CEO of the NCM, Dr. Sean Preston, has brought in additional donors, donations, and support to make the NCM even better.

Glenn shared that its time to order banners again for the NCM. The cost for the banner is \$500, and asked if the TCCC is interested in having a banner at the NCM.

Glenn also wanted to share that if anyone plans on going to Bowling Green in April 2020, please contact he or Andrea, and they will be glad to assist with hotel arrangements.

- **Newsletter: Jane Barron:** Jane shared if you have any pictures of club events to please forward the pictures to her so that she can add them to the newsletter.

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- **Members Comments:**

Liz Hanley would like to make a recommendation of taking the funds the club uses to pay the entry fee for the Beaumont Car Show and use those funds to donate to a military organization of some kind. We will bring this up at the next board meeting.

It was also mentioned to have a TCCC's Ladies Driving Day or ladies gathering for lunch.

Matilda is spending some time with Bill and Sharlene Hammond.

Members Attendance: We had 60 members attend the December 2019 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. Joe Vargas won \$159.00 on split the pot.

Next TCCC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2019

Social at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

Benton's in Port Neches, TX

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