

Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 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. He then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Pat welcomed two guests, [Kyle Gernentz](#), who has a new 2020 on order and is a prior member of the club. He also welcomed Empress Davenport who has a 2019 Stingray and is the Assistant Coach for the Lamar Girls Basketball Team.

New Member: No new members were voted in at the 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 if possible.

Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC- Cadillac of Silsbee

Gulf Credit Union

Bradley's Collision Center

TWFG Insurance Services

Triangle Air Care Inc.

***Our newest Sponsor: Elite Auto Shield**

Name Tags: Pat asked all members to please wear their name tags at the meetings and all events. If you need a name tag, please see Patty.

Sad News: Prayers for Joel Judkins. Joel has cancer in his nasal passages. Prayers for him and his family.

Also, prayers for Donald Mouton, who fell and broke his right femur bone. He had surgery and is in rehab and working toward recovery.

Pat asked for prayers for those members of the club whose homes flooded and those who lost cars and household items. Our deepest sympathies go out to them and their families. If there is anything the club can do for you, please let us know.

Homecoming Parades: Pat wanted to thank the members who attended the Homecoming Parades and provided rides for all the dignitaries in their Corvettes.

Westbrook High School – We had 15 corvettes attending.

Lamar University Homecoming – We had 19 corvettes attending.

Note: Thanks to Cathy Long for being our point of contact with Lamar University and the constant follow-up to ensure the club was well informed on the Lamar parade and events.

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- **President – Pat Francis (continued)**

Next Homecoming Event is for the Orangefield High School on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5:30pm. They need a minimum of 11 Corvettes, and more if possible.

Up Coming Events:

Metz Beach Run: Brad shared that the Metz Beach Run is Saturday, October 12, 2019. Everyone will meet at Pappadeaux's Seafood Restaurant in Beaumont, and we will leave at 9:30am as a caravan. There will be plenty of food. Just bring drinks, chairs, and plenty of bug spray for mosquitoes.

Cool Autumn Nites Car Show: The car show will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 on Crockett Street in Beaumont. Pat recommended that the club pay for the entry fees for any of our members who are attending the car show and pay for one of the trophies. A motion was made, and the club members voted and approved paying for the trophy and the entry fees of our members attending.

30th Annual Bayou State Corvette Club Car Show: The car show will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at Cajun Harley Davidson I-10, Lafayette LA. The Bayou State Corvette Club always donates to our charity, so Pat recommended that we donate \$100 to their charity on behalf of the TCCC and to purchase a trophy. A motion was made, and the club members voted and approved paying for the trophy and donating \$100 to their charity.

TCCC License Plate Holder: Pat shared that we have TCCC License Plate Holders for sale for \$25.00.

Prom for the Foster Kids: Pat shared that TCCC normally sponsors the Foster Prom Project for the foster kids of Southeast Texas. The TCCC provides Corvette rides for the boys, and then takes them to the prom event. Pat explained that the dresses and accessories were ruined in the Imelda flooding and wanted to see if the club would like to donate to help with the replacement cost. A motion was made to donate \$300 to assist in buying dresses for the foster kids to attend the prom. The members voted and approved the motion to donate \$300 to foster kids for their prom event.

- **Vice President/Activities Director**

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

TCCC Cups: John shared that we only have a few TCCC cups left for sale.

C-8 Convertible: On Thursday, October 3, 2019, the reveal of the C-8 Hard Top Convertible will be released so everyone can see what the C-8 Convertible will look like for 2020.

Silsbee Homecoming: John shared that Silsbee High School requested two convertible Corvettes for their homecoming parade. Please see John after the meeting to volunteer. Bryan welcomed our newest member Charles LaRocca into the club.

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- **Vice-President/Activities Director - John Berry (continued)**

Corvette Trivia on C-1: John had several trivia questions on C-1 Corvettes.

How many C-1 Corvettes were made? *Answer: 300*

How many C-1 Corvettes were sold in the first year? *Answer: Zero, they gave away 100 C-1 Corvettes for promotional buildup of the C-1.*

What two colors were the C-1 Corvette? *Answer: White on White*

What was the top speed of the C-1 Corvette? *Answer: Top Speed was 110 MPH, The C-1 could from 0 to 60 in 11 seconds.*

Did you know that the C-1 Corvette is the longest running car being produced with no breaks in production, then finally in 1983 they stop making the C-1 Corvettes?

Journey Community Church Car Show: Also, John shared that the Journey Community Church in Lumberton is hosting an Open Car Show on October 5, 2019 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Free food and drinks for everyone. Bring the family since there will be music, bounce house, face painting & games.

- **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.

- **Secretary**

Minutes: The monthly minutes are on the TCCC website.

Thank You Note from Joe Vargas: We received a thank you note from Joe Vargas. He thanked the club for the beautiful flowers and the support that was provided to him and his family after his dad passed.

- **Membership Director**

Welcome Guest: Bryan welcomed our guest members, Kyle Gernentz and Empress Davenport.

Events: Bryan explained that you can go on the TCCC website to check out the events that are planned for the year. If you are attending one of the TCCC events, please take the time to register on the website so we can identify who and how many are attending each event.

- **Sponsorship/Marketing Committee Report**

Please sign up for the Metz Beach Run so we can have a good count of how many are attending to set up food arrangements. We will meet at Pappadeaux's Seafood Restaurant in Beaumont and we will leave at 9:30am as a caravan. A Galveston Police Officer will provide us an escort from High Island to the Metz's place.

Sponsors:

Triangle Air Care has sponsored us for six years. Brad received their sponsorship donation of \$1,500.

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- **Marketing Committee Report – Brad Metz (continued)**

Gulf Credit Union has sponsored us for ten years. Brad received their sponsorship donation of \$1,500. Gulf Credit Union also pays for all our trophies and plaques for our annual car show. Gulf Credit Union would like to do something extra special for the TCCC.

So, they will have 150 ball caps made with our TCCC logo and the Gulf Credit Union logo on the hats. These hats are to be placed in the goodie bags at our annual car show.

New Sponsor-Elite Auto: Brad shared that we have a new Grand Sport Convertible Sponsor, Josh Bridges from Elite Auto. Brad received their sponsorship donation of \$750. Plus, Josh Bridges is providing a gift certificate for services at Elite Auto to be used for the bucket list at our annual car show.

- **Scholarship/Charities Committee Report**

Cathy Long shared that the Lamar Scholarship donation is now at \$1,000. A thank you goes to Cathy Long for her dedication and involvement with the Lamar Scholarship program and keeping the TCCC updated on the scholarship program and the Lamar Homecoming Parade.

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

Coach Burgess shared that he dropped off 55 pounds of food to the Southeast Texas Food Bank that was collected at the last meeting. Plus, Coach presented a check of \$210 to the Food Bank. These funds were raised from the auction held at our last meeting. The Food Bank staff was ecstatic about the donation from the TCCC and they wanted to thank all of us for the funds donated.

Activities Director – Walter Shivers shared that he is just getting back into the groove since his recovery from being ill. He is looking at setting up a local run on October 20th or 27th. More information to follow. Also, Pat welcomed Walter back after his long battle of being ill. Pat said it was great to see him at the meeting and the Lamar event.

Annual Car Show - Mike White share that our annual car show will be held on May 2, 2020 at Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont. Mike shared that he is having our sponsors sign up and register on our website. Additional flyers for the TCCC Annual Car Show are being ordered so we can advertise about our event by putting the flyers in the cars at the upcoming car shows. Please, start thinking about and picking up items for door prizes and the larger items for the bucket list drawings. Hospitality Night: Brad is working on getting the food arrangements set up. Mike also explained the bucket list to our new members.

Car Show for the Humane Society - David Dominguez

No Report

- **National Corvette Museum Report – Glenn Johnson**

No Report

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- **Members Comments:**

Jane Barron – Newsletter: No Report.

Lynn Snowden shared that on October 26, 2019 a car show will be held at Sour Lake Motors from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Any donations and funds raised will be donated to Boys Haven. They will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat during the car show so bring plenty of candy to hand out for the kids.

Matilda TCCC Mascot: Matilda found a new home during the meeting. Matilda was passed from David Dominguez to Phyllis Burgess.

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. Willa and Lance called the numbers for the door prizes and split the pot. Walter Shivers won \$140.00 on split the pot.

Next TCCC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 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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