

## 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and 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.

**Guests:** Pat welcomed any new guests that were present.

**New Member:** Pat made a recommendation to vote in Charles LaRocca as a new member to the TCCC. The club members voted and approved his membership.

**Sponsors:** Pat wanted to thank each one of our sponsors and reminded everyone to support our sponsors if possible.

**Gulf Credit Union**

**Fuzzy's Taco Shop**

**Bradley's Collision Center**

**Triangle Air Care Inc.**

**TWFG Insurance Services**

**Moore Chevrolet:** Pat spoke with Moore Chevrolet and they are going to host the Appreciation Gathering and Car Show for the TCCC on March 14, 2020.

**Homecoming Parades:** We still need volunteers to sign up for the three Homecoming Parades. Please sign up on the TCCC website.

Westbrook High School – September 23, 2019

Lamar University - September 28, 2019

Orangefield High School – October 11, 2019

**Pat shared** that he received items from the National Corvette Museum (NCM) trip; several decals, a 10-year plaque and a 10-year pin. He shared that he was going to present the 10-year plaque to one of our sponsors, Gulf Credit Union. The 10-year pin will be placed on Matilda.

**Southeast Texas Food Bank's Open House:** Pat was proud of how many members attended the Food Bank's Open House and Awards Ceremony. The Food Bank supports and provides food for eight counties in our area: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, and Tyler County. Also, they provide food bags for students to take home on weekends and in the summertime to ensure the students have enough nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle while the students are not in school.

Several of our members volunteered to put food bags together to help the Food Bank meet their goal of making 3,500 food bags for the students. The food bank can provide 3 meals in a school setting for every dollar that is donated. Pat suggested a cash donation box be placed at our meetings in addition to the food donations for the Food Bank. The members voted and approved taking cash donations at our meetings.

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- **Vice President/Activities Director**

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

John shared that we have a few TCCC cups available for sale.

John reported that the caravan to the National Corvette Museum was an excellent trip. Everyone in the group had a great time and everyone arrived there and back home safely.

John explained that we had individuals who were not members of the club advertising on our Facebook page. To eliminate non-members advertising on the Facebook page, some generic rules were developed for our website and Facebook page. See the rules on our website.

John visited Corvette World and noticed many banners on the wall of all the different Corvette Clubs of Southeast Texas and the banners identified when the clubs were established. He was very proud that the TCCC was established in 1976 and how involved our club has been in our communities. John just wanted to thank Mike & Shawn for taking the time to create the Tri-City Corvette Club in 1976.

Also, John shared that the Journey Community Church in Lumberton is hosting an Open Car Show on September 21, 2019 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. There will be free food and drinks for everyone. Bring the family as there will be music, a 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. Since an audit was completed on the account, the Finance Report was accepted and approved by the members.

- **Secretary**

Completed an audit on TCCC banking account and statement. I found that the account was in complete order with no errors.

Note: The monthly minutes are on the TCCC website.

- **Membership Director**

Bryan welcomed our newest member Charles LaRocca into the club.

Bryan provided an overview of all the events for September and October. He 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**

Brad thanked everyone who attended the Food Banks Open House and thanked those who brought food to the meeting to donate to the Food Bank Drive.

Brad shared that the Metz's Beach Run is set up for October 12, 2019 and we will meet at Pappadeaux's in Beaumont and cruise as a group to the Metz's place to be there about 11:00am.

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- **Sponsorship/Marketing Committee Report (continued)**

Brad thanked everyone who attended the Coushatta Run. He truly appreciated and wanted to thank everyone that helped make the arrangements and preparations for the run to the Coushatta Casino, including the steak dinner, and the Elvis Show. A great time was had by all. The manager of the Coushatta Casino invited the TCCC back anytime.

- **Scholarship/Charities Committee Report**

Lamar University will be hosting their scholarship awards on September 28, 2019 at 2:00pm. Also, the Lamar University Homecoming Parade is that day as well.

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

**Coach Burgess** shared that the TCCC will host a Show and Shine Car Show from 9:00am to 2:00pm on September 21 for the Southeast Texas Food Bank at Market Basket on Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 105. This date may change based on the availability of the Food Bank.

**Update on TCCC's Annual Car Show:** Mike White shared that we have extra blue bags left over from the car show for everyone to please fill with food for the Southeast Texas Food Bank and bring back to our next meeting.

Mike shared that everything is going well for our Annual Car show on May 2, 2020 at Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont.

**Car Show for the Humane Society:** David Dominguez shared that on December 14, 2019 there will be a Car Show and pet food collection for our charity, the Humane Society.

**Rod Johnstone presented a plaque to Mike White** on behalf of all the members who went on the caravan trip to the National Corvette Museum. They wanted to thank Mike White for being the captain of the caravan and appreciated all that he had done to ensure the trip was enjoyable and a success.

**Poker Run:** Rod Johnstone shared that the poker run will be held the last weekend in April 2020. If you have any suggestions on restaurants or activities, please get with Rod.

- **National Corvette Museum Report**

Glenn reported that everyone who went on the road trip and attended the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Corvette Invasion for 2019 had a great time. He said there were over 8000 Corvettes and 16,000 people who attended the Corvette Invasion.

Also, there were 18 new C8 Corvettes there to preview. Glenn had the honor of being able to ride in one of the new C8 Corvettes.

Glenn shared that at the NCM Banquet, those who had reserved tables were given some unique gift items; Special Glasses, Banquet Flyers, Event Programs and, best of all, Original NCM Tickets from the first Corvette gathering when the NCM first opened. These tickets were taken out of the NCM archive to be given out at this banquet.

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- **National Corvette Museum Report (continued)**

Glenn decided to bring some of these items back with him to be auctioned at our TCCC meeting with the proceeds going to one of our charities; the Southeast Texas Food Bank. The items that Glenn had to auction were a double-sided Corvette poster with all the Corvettes on the poster to include the C8. A pair of the Original NCM tickets and C8 Booklets. All three items were bundled together to be auctioned off and Pat McCulley won the auction at \$200.00 with the proceeds going to the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

- **Members Comments:**

**Jane Barron** shared that she now posts the minutes and Newsletter to our website. If you have pictures of any events, please send them to Jane so she can upload the pictures on the website. Group pictures from the caravan will be in the next newsletter.

**Lynn shared** that on October 26, a Car Show will be held at Sour Lake Motors from 10:00am to 4:00pm. They will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat during the car show so bring plenty of candy to hand out for the kids.

**Lynn shared** that the Circuit of the Americas, 2019 U.S. Vintage National Championship Car Racing will be held on October 2-6, 2019 in Austin Texas.

**For Sale:** A Convertible 2004 Corvette is for sale, if interested please email Shawn Bruno.

**Ray Long** shared that he received a donation of \$75.00 from a father for providing his daughter a ride in his Corvette. Ray asked if the donation could be donated to our charity, the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

**Ray Long** shared that on the road trip to Coushatta, we received a police escort through Louisiana. The members collected funds to provide to the police officers who provided us the escort. Since the police officers cannot take the money, Ray wrote a check to the Louisiana Police Association.

**Patty** provided the new members with TCCC name tags and asked for any other members who need a name tag to please see her after the 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. Dan Pareso won \$158.00 on split the pot.

**Next TCCC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

**Dinner at 6:00pm**

**Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Benton's in Port Neches**

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of the  
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