



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter



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2022 BRCC Officers

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| President | Becky Skaggs |
| Vice President | Vinceen Parks |
| Secretary | Tiffany Sprong |
| Treasurer | Theresa Halford |

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| Ambassador | |
| NCCC Governor | Robert Williams |
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| Web Master | Sandy Varner |

Happy Birthday

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| Robert Williams | Feb 3 |
| Bob Cooper | Feb 9 |
| Beth Batista | Feb 11 |
| Larry Sharp | Feb 17 |
| Libby McHaney | Feb 18 |
| Sammie Williams | Feb 23 |

Anniversaries

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|------------------------|--------|
| Steve & Karen LoBue | Feb 11 |
| Robert & Paula Mischel | Feb 18 |

Happy Anniversary!!

Membership Meetings

General membership meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, exceptions are posted on the web site and members notified via group email.

Meetings are held at Spring Creek BBQ, Granbury TX, begin at 6:00 PM for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00 PM and usually over before 9:00 PM.



2021
BRCC PRESIDENT
BECKY SKAGGS

We have had a quiet start to the year with one cruise to Italy so far. A separate trip report has been included in this newsletter. I am planning to lead a cruise on February 26th assuming the weather is good. I will provide more trip detail later as I am still working that out. It is time to get those Corvettes out on the road.

Since we did not have the January meeting due to COVID numbers, our agenda that we had planned will move to our February 3rd meeting. There will be three main focuses for this meeting. First, we will be providing a check to People Helping People from the money we raised at the car show this past October. Second, we need to select our charity for 2022 and 2023. I understand that we select a charity for two years, so it is that time again. Please bring your ideas and if you have someone from the charity that can join and do a short talk on it that would be great. Third, we will inaugurate our new officers. We will get other updates as appropriate from our various committees as well. I hope you can attend as it is

important to have lots of input regarding which charity that we will select for the next two years. We may take more than one meeting to complete the charity selection.

I have collaborated with our committee leads and here are the current leads for each area for 2022:

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We have two new leads above with Jan Walker and Pat Cooper. Thanks to both of you for stepping up to lead these areas. I cannot thank Arlene DeYoung and Larry Sharp enough for their contributions as they step away from leading a committee. Sandy thanks for continuing in the role as Web Master as you transfer the Email Group Manager to Pat. Donna, Bob H, Theresa, Bob W, Jim, Bob M, Robert, and Sandy thanks for your continued contribution to a committee as it takes people like you to keep the club moving forward.

I hope to see you soon at our February 3rd meeting, which will start at 7pm. We have reservations for the first Thursday of the month at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy. 377 for the year. If you cannot make this meeting, then I hope to see you at our next cruise.

All the best,

Becky Skaggs



BRCC 2022 CALENDAR

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 15 | Cruise to Italy Tx & lunch at La Hacienda | Allan Kettlehut |
| Feb 26 | Road Cruise & Lunch | Becky Skaggs |
| July | 4th of July Granbury Parade | Becky Skaggs |
| Oct 8 | 15TH BRCC Car Show | Halfords 432-413-3099 |
| Oct 15 | Cowtown Annual Car Show | |
| Dec | Christmas Party | |



Rick Hendrick Wins First Retail 2023 Corvette Z06 for \$3.6 Million at Barrett-Jackson

By Keith Cornett - Jan 29, 2022

Chevrolet offered the first retail 2023 Corvette Z06 on Saturday evening at Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale auction and it hammered sold for \$3.6 million with the proceeds going to charity. The winning bidder was Chevrolet dealer and NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick who will add the VIN 001 C8 Z06 to his impressive collection of VIN 001 Corvettes.



The Corvette Z06 on the Barrett-Jackson auction block was represented by an Accelerate Yellow Z06 Coupe, outfitted in the Z07 performance package that also featured the two-pedestal high wing and visible carbon fiber wheels. Knowing that Hendrick has a thing for Black Corvettes, we fully expect VIN 001 to be a Black Z07 Coupe, but who knows as the 70th Anniversary package opens up the new Carbon Flash Metallic Black for the first time since 2012.

Hendrick purchased the VIN 001 2020 Corvette Stingray for \$3 million at the 2020 Scottsdale auction.

The proceeds from the sale of the 2023 Corvette Z06 benefits Operation Homefront. Brigadier General John Pray Jr. USAF (Ret) was on hand and thanked Chevrolet and Barrett-Jackson on behalf of their military families.



Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0TbYBTOlis>



Corvette Convertible Accounts For Nearly Half Of Corvette Orders

BY VINCE BROWN — JAN 30, 2022

The Chevy Corvette Convertible is continuing to gain in popularity, as the drop-top accounted for nearly half of C8 Corvette Stingray orders in December 2021 and in January 2022, GM Authority has learned.

Specifically, 49 percent of Corvette C8 orders were for the 2022 Chevy Corvette drop-top. That's up from 42 percent of sales in September 2021, 41 percent in April 2021 for the 2021 Chevy Corvette, and 17 percent of sales of the 2020 Chevy Corvette in June of 2020.

The Corvette's first-ever folding hardtop roof is proving quite popular with consumers, yet GM

can't build the Corvette C8 fast to enough to meet demand since its introduction. It can be argued that the hardtop configuration delivers the best of both worlds: the one-touch drop-top experience of a true convertible plus the noise, vibration, and harshness (NVH) characteristics of a fixed-roof vehicle. The only downside, one could argue, is the added weight and complexity of a hardtop convertible configuration. In the case of the Corvette C8 Stingray, the Convertible weighs 101 pounds more than the Coupe. Even so, the Corvette Stingray Convertible weighs in at a very respectable 3,467 pounds.





Can anyone give the proper name for this 1954 Corvette blue?

1954 Corvette Factory Options

| CODE | DESCRIPTION | QUANTITY | PRICE |
|------|------------------------|----------|------------|
| 2934 | Base Corvette | 3,640 | \$2,774.00 |
| 100 | Directional Signal | 3,640 | 16.75 |
| 101A | Heater | 3,640 | 91.40 |
| 102A | AM Radio, sig. seeking | 3,640 | 145.15 |
| 290B | Whitewall Tires, | 3,640 | 26.90 |
| 313M | Powerglide Trans | 3,640 | 178.35 |
| 420A | Parking Brake Alarm | 3,640 | 5.65 |
| 421A | Courtesy Lights | 3,640 | 4.05 |
| 422A | Windshield Washer | 3,640 | 11.85 |

Directional Signal (100)

Also known as a turn signal, it is a switch-controlled light that indicates when a car is about to turn.

Heater (101A)

An interior space/.cockpit heater. (A standard option included on all 3,640 1954 Corvettes.)

The heater was not a fresh air type heater. The heater only recirculated interior cockpit air.

AM Radio, signal seeking (102A)

A standard Delco, signal seeking AM radio with conventional volume and tuning dials.

The 1954 signal-seeking AM radio was the same as the unit put into the 1953 Corvette, except all but early 1954 radios had 640-kilocycle and 1240-kilocycle Conelrad national defense emergency markings. Radio antennas were standard in all 1954 Corvettes. The antenna consists of a wire mesh screen fibreglassed into the interior lining of the trunk lid. Because fiberglass is electrically inert, this solution provided a way of concealing the antenna without creating radio interference.

Whitewall Tires (290B)

Original tires were either U.S. Royal Air Ride, B.G. Goodrich Silvertown or Firestone Deluxe Champion.

All tires were wide-whitewall type, with whitewall widths varying from 2.5 to 3 inches.

Tires were changed late in 1954 production from tube type to tubeless, though it is believed that both types were available (and used) for a limited time period.

Powerglide Automatic Transmission (313M)

An “optional” two-speed automatic transmission developed by GM.

By listing the Powerglide automatic transmission as an option, it was implied that a manual transmission was included as standard equipment. This is not true.

Every 1954 Corvette had an “optional” Powerglide transmission installed (and was added to the sales price of the “base” model Corvette.)

Parking Brake Alarm (420A)

A warning light that illuminates/ indicates when the parking brake is applied.

Courtesy Lights (421A)

Interior lights mounted on the interior of the car to aid in visibility when outside lighting is unavailable.

Windshield Washers (422A)

A washer pump and dispensing nozzle mechanism that dispenses cleaner onto the windshield.

The windshield washer systems of the 1954 Corvette were vacuum-operated.



The color is “elub tnanneP” spelled backwards.



January 15, 2022, BRCC Cruise to Italy with lunch

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

Allan Kettlehut led a six-car cruise on January 15th to Italy. Unfortunately, not Italy as in Europe, but Italy Texas. Of course, we would have had to fly there and would not have our corvettes. Italy Texas was still a fun drive and best of all we were able to drive the corvettes. We had a cold and very windy day; however, the sun was out in full force. So, while we were in our corvettes with the heater on all was great!

We left the Kroger parking lot traveling through Acton via a route to Cleburne, then Grandview and onto Italy. The drive was a great drive with light traffic getting there. We stopped in Italy at the La Hacienda and had particularly good Mexican food. The restaurant did not have too many people I am guessing due to the weather and football playoffs, so I thought we would be fairly COVID safe. However, you may have heard someone on the cruise had COVID, which we found out about Sunday. Quarantine time! For this cruise, we all drove back however we wanted.

The next cruise will be led by Becky Skaggs so please be sure to reserve February 26. I am still working out exactly where and the route, however I will share it as soon as I know.





BRCC Logo Merchandise

Pat Cooper has lots of great merchandise for sale with the BRCC logo on them. Here is a sampling of most of our items. *We are open to additional item upon request.*

Pat Cooper
Merchandise
817-781-12242
patcooper4@att.net



Nike Polo Shirts 363-807\$ 30.00

Many colors, Yellow, Light Blue, Med Blue, Varsity Red, White, Black, Pink & Others



Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover\$35.00

Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL

Mens: Black, Charcoal Grey, Navy Blue Med Blue, Forest Green Maroon

Ladies: Black Charcoal Grey, Med Blue Dust Rose, Pink Rush, Navy Blue, White



Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00

Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall
Black, White, Vintage Heather, Graphite Heather, Light Heather, Forest Green, Dark Pink, Pink, Maroon True Red, True Navy, True Royal



Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 \$25.00

Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
All colors

Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies\$35.00

Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
XS-6XL and Long



ADD \$3.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

Name Tags\$9.00





Next Club Meeting February 3rd Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*