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CHECK PRESENTATION



The Brazos River Corvette Club recently presented a \$14,000 check to Mary Cepak, executive director of People Helping People in Granbury. The local nonprofit agency helps those in need of clothing, food and household items. Pictured during the check presentation are, from left: Bob Halford and Theresa Halford, BRCC Car Show directors; Becky Skaggs, BRCC president; Sammie Gay Williams, BRCC; Cepak, Antone Cepak, president of the Board for People Helping People; and Larry DeYoung, BRCC treasurer. The Corvette Club raises money at its yearly car show on the square in October to donate to a nonprofit organization in Hood County. The next BRCC car show is scheduled for Oct. 8.

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2022 BRCC Officers

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

Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Donna Poe
Car Show Directors	Bob & Theresa Halford
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Jan Walker
Merchandise	Pat Cooper
National Corvette Museum	Bob Mischel
Ambassador	
NCCC Governor	Robert Williams
Email Group Manager	Pat Cooper
Web Master	Sandy Varner

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.

Happy Birthday

Tom McElory	May 7
Ed Pultorak	May 16

Anniversaries

Robert & Susie Williams	May 2
Earl & Becky Skaggs	May 7

Happy Anniversary!!



2022

BRCC PRESIDENT

BECKY SKAGGS

Spring is here with cooler temperatures and a great need for rain. The temperature and lack of rain is contributing to late blooming Irises and bluebonnets that are not as tall. Let us hope this is not a dry summer. No matter what we will have some great events for our Corvette's, so plan to join as many as you can. On May 14th, we will have a cruise with lunch to West Texas led by Bob and Susie Williams. On May 28th, please come out to the 'Field of Flags' on 377 to celebrate our veterans and military. This is a come and go event and we would like to see a considerable number of corvettes representing us. See the activity update for more detail and future emails regarding both events.

We have our first overnight cruise from June 16-18 to Alpine Texas led by Billy and Vin-
ceen Parks. They have some great activities planned. It is important that you reserve your hotel room by May 15th.

We had two fun events in April. The combined GCC (Granbury Car Club) and BRCC picnic at Bob Stephen's ranch, which was a tremendous success. We had a wildflower cruise with lunch to Lampasas. See the detailed report for more information on both activities with pictures.

At the last April meeting, we selected the Hood County Volunteer Fire Department as the focus of our charity for the next two years and that we will select a specific VFD for each year to make our donation too. On the May 5th meeting, we will primarily focus on selecting which fire department in Hood County will receive our donation in 2022 as well as an update on our October 8th car show. We have one membership application to vote on as well. There will be normal agenda items to cover as always.

We have 81 members as of the April meeting. This has occurred because many of you are reaching out. Please keep promoting our club by passing out our business cards to corvette owners. We have a lot of corvettes in this county. Our membership goal is one hundred members by end of the year which is only about nine more cars. This number of members will give us the depth to support our car show, having leaders for our club, and leads for the committees.

We have one of the best clubs. Lots of great people, great fellowship, and gorgeous corvettes we love to drive. I hope to see you soon at our May 5th meeting and the other activities for the month.

All the best, *Becky Skaggs*



BRCC Meeting Minutes April 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by President Becky Skaggs at Spring Creek BBQ. Steve Crawford led the evening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Becky Skaggs. There were 41 in attendance at the meeting.

Announcements

Member Update: Current membership stands at 76. Three guests were in attendance – Bill and Julie Witham who own a 1997 Red Coupe and William Compton who owns a 2010 Red Convertible.

Becky reported that there are two new C8 “babies” in the fold: Jim and Cindy Morris just received their 2022 Accelerate Yellow Metallic Coupe and Bob Stevens bought a 2022 Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic Convertible!

New Member Applications:

Rusty and Glenda Stricker – C8 Hypersonic Gray

A motion to approve their application was made by Bob Williams and seconded by Larry DeYoung. The motion passed.

Col. (retired) Jackie Vaughn and wife Nita – 1988 35th Anniversary Edition White Coupe. A motion to approve their application was made by Larry Sharp and seconded by Ron Poe. The motion passed.

Steve Crawford – 2009 Yellow Convertible. A motion to approve their application was made by Bob Williams and seconded by Arlene DeYoung. The motion passed.

Reports

A motion to approve the March 3rd meeting minutes was made by Pat Cooper and seconded by Rebecca Van Buren. Members approved the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Theresa Halford reported that we started the month with \$2,594.81 and currently there is \$2,817.06 in the bank. A motion to accept the report was made by Larry Sharp and seconded by Jim Hill. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Events Coordinator

There was a March 5th cruise to Cross Plains to visit Woody’s Classic Car/Baseball Museum led by Becky and Earl Skaggs.

There was a March 29th cruise to Stephenville to have lunch at Hard 8 BBQ led by Jim and Cindy Morris. This was the first weekday cruise held in a while with plans to do more.

On April 23rd, there will be a joint picnic with the Granbury Car Club at Bob Stevens Ranch. His address is 1805 Charlie Ct., Granbury. It starts 11am and you are encouraged to bring your own chairs and BYOB. Hot Dogs, soft drinks and bottled water will be provided and paid for by both clubs. Watch for an email early next week with more details and a request for a head count.

There will be an overnight wildflower cruise April 30-May 1. We’ll meet at Racetrack on Hwy 144 at 9:30am and leave at 10:00am. Lunch will be at Inman’s Kitchen BBQ in Llano at 12:30pm. We’ll then drive the Willow City Loop and on to Johnson City for dinner (details not yet available) and our motel which is the Best Western Johnson City Inn located at 107 S US Hwy 281.

The rates are:

\$189.99 Standard rate

\$162.19 Rewards member rate

\$149.99 Group rate if we have 10 or more rooms sign up.

Sunday options are:

1 – Fredericksburg for brunch and visit downtown, returning to Granbury with 1 – 2 stops, or



T2- Marble Falls for breakfast (approx. 30 minutes from Johnson City), after which we'd cruise one of the wildflower routes between Marble Falls and Burnet. There are 4 drives all approx. 1 – 1.5 hours to Burnet. Then on to Granbury (2.5 hours) with a lunch stop along the way.

RSVP asap to Pat Cooper at 817-781-1224 or patcooper04@att.net as the motel may sell out quickly.

We need more cruises signed up for, so please contact Becky with when you would lead. Becky will be sending an updated event calendar in about a week.

Newsletter

Jim Hill is reminding us to get bio information and pictures of your cars to him so he can update the directory.

Member Care

Jan Walker let us know that Billy Parks is out of the hospital and fully recovered!

National Corvette Museum

Bob Mischel stated that our car show is the only one listed on the NCM Calendar. Right now tours of Bowling Green are closed with no date yet when they will reopen. Build sheets and window stickers for your Corvette if assembled there are still available from NCM.

Charity

Becky led a discussion on which charity should be selected to receive the clubs' donation this year. Earl suggested one of the Hood County Volunteer Fire Departments be consider and the idea was very well received. She will research which Fire Department is most in need of funding and report back next month.

A motion to move forward with the research was made by Bob Williams and seconded by Jim Morris. The motion passed. The plan is to support a different VFD the second year. A vote to select the charity is scheduled for our next meeting.

Car Show

Bob Halford reported that we are on schedule for the 16th Annual Car Show scheduled for Saturday October 8, 2022. The city has approved the event and all paperwork has been completed. The first email to previous participants will be going out very soon.

Bob also said that all of the volunteer leaders from last year are returning again this year. Our MC this year will be Bob Williams. Rebecca Van Buren volunteered to assist with the awards.

New Business

Christine Copeland led a discussion on the 'Field of Flags' that is held on Memorial Day Weekend. Flags can still be purchased for \$40 and custom 18" x 36" 'Hero Banners' are available for \$150. The club will honor two of our veteran members by purchasing flags in their name. Those selections will be announced later.

Becky mentioned that we need a much larger turnout to this event so please plan to bring your Corvette this year. Watch for an email with details.

FYI only – Colton Garner (801) 879-1424 has car storage via 'Airbnb of car storage'. They connect those needing car storage with those that have available garages, covered parking and lots.
<https://www.neighbor.com/locations/texas/granbury/car-storage>



Larry DeYoung called for a motion for the club to donate \$500 to the high school ROTC Golf Tournament fund raiser. Bob Williams made the notion and it was seconded by Sammie Gaye Williams. The motion passed.

Jim Hill suggested the club honor Earl and Carol Harris as one of the clubs' founding couples with a lifetime free membership. Larry DeYoung made the motion and Earl Skaggs seconded. It passed.

50/50 Raffle

Julie Witham won \$110 and donated it back to the club!

Motion to Adjourn came at 8:03pm by Larry DeYoung. Donny Lawson seconded the motion.

Submitted by Jim Morris filling in for Tiffany Sprong, Secretary.

BRCC Sponsored ROTC Golf Tournament



Gary Sheppard, Robert Williams, Larry DeYoung and W J Gourley BRCC participated.



BRCC 2022 CALENDAR

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15	Cruise to Italy Tx & lunch at La Hacienda	Allan Kettlehut
March 5	Cross Plains with visit at Woody's Classic Car	Becky Skaggs
March 29	Lunch cruise to Stephenville & Hard 8	Jim & Cindy Morris
April 23	Social @Bob Stevens Ranch & Food	Bob Stevens
April 30	Day Wildflower Lampasas Lunch cruise	Tiffany Sprong
May 14	Day cruise to West with lunch planned	
May 28	Field of Flags @ Revolver Brewery	Christine Copeland
June 10-11 Lonestar Corvette Classic @ Texas Motor Speedway		
June 16-18 Overnight to alpine, Marfa lights, mcDonald Observatory FT Davis		
July 4	4th of July Granbury Parade	Becky Skaggs
Sept 24	Annual BRCC Lawson Picnic	Lawsons
Oct 8	16TH BRCC Car Show	Halfords 432-413-3099
Oct 15	Cowtown Annual Car Show	
Nov 12	Vets for Vets @ Rooster's BBQ	Becky Skaggs
Non 26	Parade of Lights Christmas Parade	Becky Skaggs
Dec 1or2	Christmas Party	



Chevy Corvette AWD hybrid coming next year electric version to follow

Reporter: Joel Stocksdale

After years of spy photos and speculation, president of GM Mark Reuss has finally confirmed plans for both a hybrid Chevy Corvette C8 and a full-electric model. He even dropped a launch window for the hybrid. All this comes with a trailer that reveals the hybrid is all-wheel-drive.

The most information we have is on the hybrid. The trailer shows the car skidding about in the snow, but the clip of it launching from a standstill is what makes the all-wheel drive very obvious. It's all in slow-motion, and it sure seems the front wheels get going more quickly than the rears, which makes us think the front wheels are powered by an electric motor rather than being mechanically connected to the engine. That's consistent with previous reports, too.

We won't have long to wait for the hybrid either. Reuss said it should launch early next year. It doesn't have a name yet, but GM has

been holding on to the trademark for the "E-Ray" name for a while. Power is also unclear, but the latest reports have it somewhere above 600 horsepower combined. It will likely come in below 670 horsepower, though, in order to maintain the Z06's position at the top of the Corvette hierarchy.

As for the full electric, Reuss didn't offer much. He simply said that it's coming, and will definitely be after the hybrid Corvette. Details around the car are scarce. It would certainly use the electric car technology used in most of GM's new electric cars, named "Ultium." Some reports have suggested an electric crossover SUV could be possible.

We'll just have to wait and see how it all plays out with the full-electric Corvette. And in the meantime, we'll be looking forward to more about the hybrid.





April 30th Cruise to Lampasas for Sightseeing and Lunch

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

This cruise was led by Tiffany Sprong and her daughter Savannah to view the wildflowers on the way to and from Lampasas. This was Tiffany's first cruise to lead, and she did a fantastic job! The weather was nice, and we had a scenic cruise. We started the cruise at the Racetrack gas station on 144 leaving at 10:00am with eight corvettes. We took a different route going to Lampasas and coming home. We primarily drove 281 to Lampasas and 16 returning home.

At our pit stop in Hamilton, a Porsche driver was nice enough to hold up the traffic allowing the corvettes to get out of the gas station. How nice of him!

Did we see wildflowers? Yes, however in areas with even more drought than we have had the wildflowers were sparse and the fields had a lot of brown. I did not see any bluebonnets until we got close to home as being late April, and many are seeding. Also, when a drought is in progress some flower seeds will just wait until the next year to make. Mother nature is wonderful in that way! The wildflowers that I recognized as we drove along the highway were:

- Indian Blanket (These were flourishing along several areas)
- Wild Morning Glory (These were flourishing in many areas)
- Indian Paintbrush (Some)
- Wild dill (Scattered along in several areas)
- Golden Puccoon (Some in a couple of areas)
- Prairie Verbena (These flowers were scattered here and there in smaller groupings)

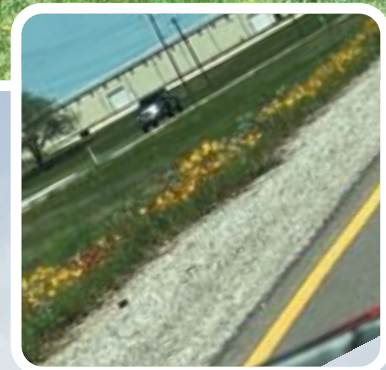
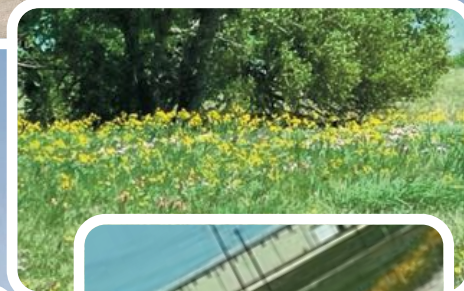
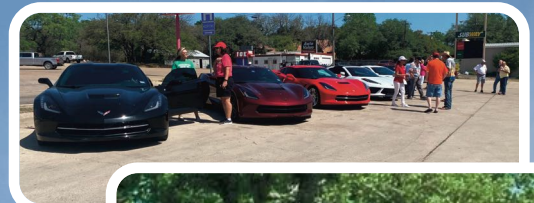
Some of you may have noticed others. I do not know the names for all of them and when you drive it is more difficult to catch everything.

We had lunch at Giovanni's in Lampasas. The Italian food was tasty, and the menu had a lot of choices. We had a particularly good waitress. I would recommend eating there should you have the opportunity. We were able to park in a flat grassy area at the back away from other cars.

We got back to Granbury around 3:30pm. What an enjoyable day to get our corvettes out and take in the countryside with wildflowers.

Thanks to Robert and Sammie Gay Williams for being the tail car.

Pictures provided by: Sammie Gay, Savannah, and Becky





Bob Stephens and Wife Beth, Hosted GCC & BRCC Picnic

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

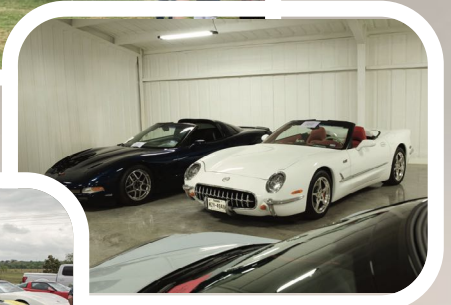
Bob Stephens and his wife Beth, hosted GCC (Granbury Car Club) and BRCC for a picnic on Saturday, April 23. We had a great turn out. BRCC had about 40 members and some guests. Our corvettes on the grassy area looked so impressive. The two clubs split the cost for the hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks. Some members brought desserts. Hopefully this time, I spelled desserts correctly. I seem to have a challenge with that word and have use desert instead in the past.

Bob's collection is up to 23 cars, and he has expanded his garage. Bob has dedicated the new section in the garage to the corvettes. Of course!

We played two games of corn hole with GCC against BRCC. Guess what? BRCC won! Yes, we won! Gloria Hokanson was the champion. I think she has been secretly practicing. Gloria and Vinceen were one team. Guest JC Sloan (and sons) and I were the other team. I have never played before, so I am guessing we had a bit of luck on our side. The wind gusts made the game more challenging. No matter what, we had fun.

Great fellowship and making new friends were a big focus of the day. We hope those that could not make it this time can join us next time.

Reporter: Becky Skaggs





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
817-781-1224
patcooper04@att.net



All prices are subject to change.

Nike Polo Shirts 363-807\$ 60.00
Color options subject to availability.

Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL
Color options subject to availability.

Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall
Color options subject to availability.

Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 \$25.00
Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
Color options subject to availability.

Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies\$35.00
Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
XS-6XL and Long
Color options subject to availability.

ADD \$6.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

Name Tags\$12.95

Caps \$16.00 - \$20.00
Color options subject to availability.

Tote Bags \$20.00

Key Chains \$10.00





Next Club Meeting May 5th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*