



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

Granbury's July 4th Parade with BRCC Club Cars

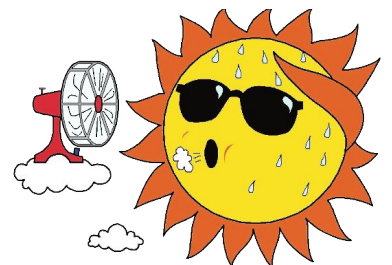


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2023 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	Vinceen Parks
Secretary	Tiffany Sprong
Treasurer	Theresa Halford
Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Alan Palmer
Car Show Directors	Theresa Halford, Lead Bob Halford, Support
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Jan Walker
Merchandise	Pat Cooper
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Bob Mischel
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

Michael Hokanson	Aug 1
Larry DeYoung	Aug 6
Garry Sheppard	Aug 7
John Daly	Aug 9
Suzi Johnson	Aug 16
Jana Dorr	Aug 19
Jim Hill	Aug 24

Anniversaries

Tim & Gina Page Aug 8

AUGUST						2023
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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**WORDS
FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**



We really need more people to step up to lead cruises. Please seriously consider leading a cruise. If you need ideas and assistance to lead a cruise just let me know.

Another activity that we had in July was the July 4th parade. We had an awesome time with ten corvettes representing the club. We also made the Hood County pictures with one of our corvettes featured.

At our July meeting we voted on two more members. This brings our membership to ninety-nine paid members. We welcome:

Ed and Jackie Amos – They drive a 2013 Black Grand sport.

Ed and Jackie, welcome to the club.

I am proud of our club in reaching ninety-nine members. We just have one more member to reach our goal of one hundred members for 2023. This is a special club that we all should be proud to be part of and it shows in our growth. I appreciate the efforts by others to recruit members, lead cruises, lead committees, chair the car show, and participate in the car show. We could not do what we do without a team effort.

I look forward to seeing you at our August 3rd meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ restaurant on 377. The meeting starts at 7pm, however get there early for dinner and to socialize.

Let's have great fellowship and enjoyment of our beautiful corvettes.

All the best,

Becky Stags

I hope everyone is surviving this dry summer. Where is the rain? The counties along the Red River and east of Dallas are so lucky to get all that rain.

Despite the lack of rain, we had a great lunch cruise to Thurber led by Bob and Susie Williams. See the separate report with pictures for more detail.

We had another slower activity month in July with the lunch cruise. We have another lunch cruise on August 8th, so watch your email for the RSVP that will come out soon.





**BRCC Meeting Minutes
for July 6, 2023
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**

Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

40 members and 2 guests were present.

Evening Prayer led by Donny Lawson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Hokanson.

Member update:

- Total members to date – 97
- Guests
 - Lisa Delashaw and her daughter Jasmine. Lisa has a 2015 White Stingray Coupe

New Members:

- Ed and Jackie Amos with a 2013 Black Grand Sport corvette. They attended the June meeting and are here tonight.

Motion – Jim Morris
Seconded – Terry Varner
All in favor/None opposed

We're now at 99 members.

Minutes: Accept June 1, 2023 minutes. Tiffany took the minutes and sent via email. The minutes were posted in the June newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion – Cynthia Sadler
Seconded – Pat Cooper
All in favor/None opposed



Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford

MAY REPORT CORRECTIONS: The 4th of July Parade fee was reported in May as an expense. The payment posted in June.

MAY TREASURY REPORT REVISED:

Cash balance at beginning of period: \$862.11

Income:

New Members	\$ 95.00
<u>50/50</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$195.00

Expenses:

Merchandise	\$194.04
<u>NCCC</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Total	\$239.04

Cash balance at end of period: \$818.07

JUNE Treasury report:

Cash balance at beginning of period: \$ 818.07

Income

Sold Drive Exotic	\$400.00
<u>50/50</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
Total	\$445.00

Expenses

Field of Flags	\$ 60.00
<u>4th of July Parade</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total	\$ 60.00

Cash balance at end of period: \$1,153.07

Motion to accept – Larry DeYoung
 Seconded – Arlene DeYoung
 All in favor/None opposed

**Car show update (October 14, 2023):** Theresa Halford with Bob Halford

- Posters are here – please take and help distribute
- Bob Mischel checked on placing ad in NCM Magazine. It's too late to get ad in for this year. Cost would be \$375. We are on the calendar, but it may not be worth the cost to place ad.
- Tuesday, July 11th at 5pm – looking for 10 volunteers to help stuff envelopes for the big mail out. Will be at Halford's residence with good snacks. Email, text or let her know tonight if you can be there to help.

Committee Reports:**Member Care:** Jan Walker

No cards sent.

Found out about Vinceen's knee surgery and will be sending card.

Webmaster: Sandy Varner

No update.

Email Distribution list update: Pat Cooper

No update.

Club Merchandise: Pat Cooper

Distributed badges for new members.

Has decals - \$3

Has t-shirts from past shows - \$10

Brought two samples of ladies shirts if any are interested.

Shared that we could get ballcaps for \$14.95ea with order of 6 minimum.

National Corvette Museum: Bob Mischel

As mentioned in car show update, it's too late to get ad in magazine but we are on the calendar. Cost to place ad is \$375.

NCCC: Robert Williams

No update.

**Events Coordinator: Becky Skaggs**

- Completed in June and early July.
 - June 27th, Tuesday a lunch cruise to Cleburne where we ate at La Cima Mexican Cuisine and had ice cream at the Dillon Depot which had a large model train layout and antiques.
 - July 4th parade. We had 10 corvettes included in our BRCC participation in the Granbury parade. An enjoyable parade with lots of people attending the parade as usual. There were 106 groups that were signed up for the parade.
- Planned for July and August so far:
 - July 12, Wednesday lunch cruise
 - Led by Bob and Susie Williams
 - Ghost town in Thurber to lunch at Smokestack and visit the museum. Museum cost \$4 per person.
 - July 22nd, Saturday cruise – moving to August since Vinceen had surgery
 - Led by Billy and Vinceen Parks
 - Texas Civil War Museum and lunch TBD
 - August 8, lunch cruise
 - Led by John Kleber and Annette Worthington
 - Lunch at Hard 8 BBQ
- Reminder: Need other cruises (Saturday or weekday lunch) on the calendar for. Any volunteers for a month? Details can be worked out later.
 - July Saturday cruise needed
 - September – November cruises needed as well
- If you have ideas, but don't want to lead, let Becky know

New Business

- Michael Hokanson shared his experience at 64th convention in Bowling Green.
 - Over 700 Corvettes there
 - Toured Production Plant
 - Museum Tour
 - Showboat in Nashville
 - Makers Mark Tour
 - Next year is in Joplin, MO

50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams
Collected \$70

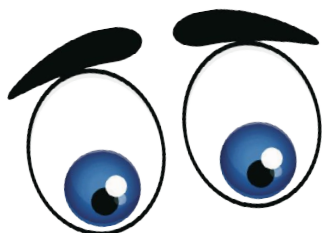
Winner of \$35 is Jill Brown.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – WJ Gourley
Seconded – John Kleber
All in favor/None opposed



BRCC 2023 Calendar



Always looking for volunteers to host a cruise. It can be a nice drive in the country then stop for lunch or a lunch with another interesting place to visit while on the way. Don't be shy, let Becky know you're interested in setting something up. She can help with suggestions.

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 19 | Mingus Lunch Cruise | DeYoungs |
| Feb 25 | Cruise Whitney & Lunch | Skaggs |
| Mar 9 | Lunch Horny Toad Cransfill Gap | Skaggs |
| Mar 25 | Hico Koffee Kup & Wiseman Chocolates | C Curtis |
| April 8 | Cruise to Gatesville & Feed Mill | Terry & Sandy Varner |
| May 19-20 Lonestar Corvette Car Show @ Marriott - Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle | | |
| May 20 | Lunch Cruise to Possum Kingdom | Parks |
| May 26 | Friday Social Assisted Living The Cove | Becky Skaggs |
| May 27 | Field of Flags | |
| June 27 | Cleburne Lunch Cruise | Becky Skaggs |
| July 4 | 4th of July Granbury Parade | |
| July 12 | Thurber Lunch Cruise | Bob & Susie Williams |
| Aug 8 | Lunch Cruise | |
| Oct 14 | 17TH BRCC Car Show | Halfords 432-413-3099 |
| Oct | Annual BRCC Picnic | Halfords 432-413-3099 |
| Oct 21 | Cowtown Annual Car Show | |
| Nov 12 | Veterans Parade by Visit Granbury. | |
| Dec | Christmas Party | |





The First Corvette Only Offered Two Options

While today's vehicles offer all of the bells and whistles you could possibly hope to have, this wasn't always the case. The 1953 Corvette came with only two options: add a heater for \$91, and an AM radio can be added for \$145. It used to be so simple, no?



The Corvette can Really Haul — in Reverse

The Guinness Book of World Records certainly has benchmarks for nearly everything, but what about top speed while driving in reverse? In 2014, the Corvette Stingray was clocked at a terrifying 53 mph driving in reverse, which we certainly don't suggest that you try at home.

First Corvette Price Adjusted for Inflation

The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!

Only One 1983 Corvette Is In Existence

If you visit the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, one of your most shocking discoveries may be the 1983 Chevrolet Corvette C4, which is the only existing one in the world. The white Corvette at the museum is one of 14 C4 prototypes and 43 "pilot cars" built in 1983. The pilot cars were built to validate production and engineering processes, and as standard practice, they would be destroyed after the completion of testing, since they can't be sold. But one 1983 Corvette C4 prototype somehow escaped the destruction that befell the others. General Motors donated the only surviving '83 Corvette C4 to the museum, which opened in 1994. So why was there no 1983 Corvette production car? A number of problems, from tooling up the plant to making the all-new car to meeting new CA emissions standards conspired to substantially delay production of the 1983 Corvette. So Chevrolet decided a later launch date (which meant skipping the 1983 model year) was the best way to go.





FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS, THE CORVETTE HAD NO TRUNK

From 1963 until 1982, the Chevrolet Corvette had no trunk or rear hatch. The car featured a cargo area behind the seats—which was small on the convertible models—accessed from inside the vehicle only. The 1982 Corvette Collector's Edition featured a hinged glass rear window that made it easier to toss luggage into the cargo area, and this design feature remained in place for more than 15 years. In 1998, the Corvette convertible featured a separate trunk with outside access—the first trunk on a 'Vette since the 1962 models.



A SUB-3-SECOND COR- VETTE IS NOTHING NEW

Chevrolet claims the 2015 Corvette Z06 can hit 60 mph in 2.95 seconds, and the recently announced 2023 Corvette Z06 has an advertised zero-to-60-mph time of 2.6 seconds. But GM knew how to build a sub-3-second Corvette way back in 1969. That's when engineers showed off a prototype with a 7.4-liter, LT-2 V8 that was estimated to produce 625 horsepower. According to MotorTrend testing, that car cleared 60 mph in just 2.8 seconds.





July 12, 2023, Thurber Lunch Cruise

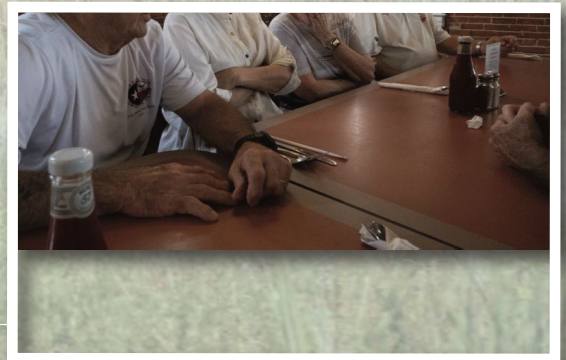
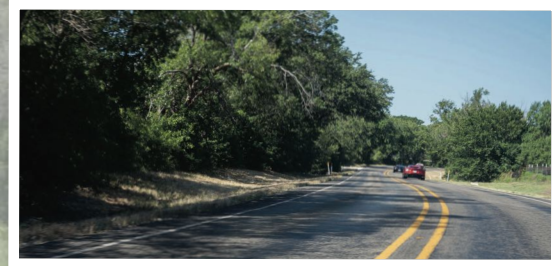
Reporter: Becky Skaggs

Bob and Susie Williams led a twelve-corvette cruise to Thurber. Bob and Susie took us on a very nice route through the countryside west of Granbury. A route well worth taking if you want to get your corvette out for a great drive. We started at Racetrack on 144 taking the backroads to the 567 loop off 377. We got to FM 4, we headed for Lipan. In Lipan, we took a left at the convenience store on 1189. We passed through Morgan Mill to 1188, then onto Hwy 108 where we took a right to Gordon. In Gordon, we took a left on Hwy 193 to Mingus, then another left on 108 to Thurber where we stopped for lunch at the Smokestack Restaurant. Plenty of parking space for us, that was nice and flat.

The Smokestack restaurant not only served great good, but the service was some of the best in taking our orders and getting the food out in a timely manner for a group our size. I would recommend you stop here for a meal. During our meal, unfortunately Bob received a call from the W.J. Gordon Museum for the History of Thurber that they had electricity issues and would be unable to manage our visit. They were very apologetic and hoped we would attend soon at their cost for the museum. So, from lunch we returned the more direct route down I-20 to FM 4 through Lipan to Granbury.

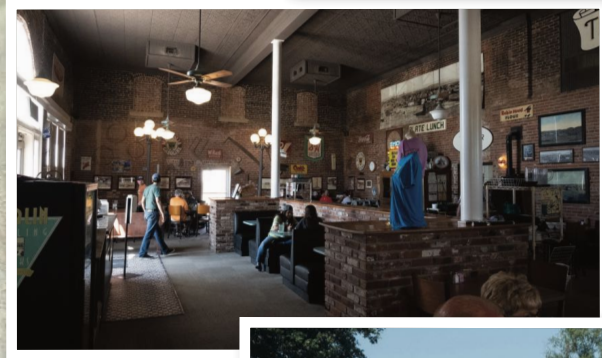
What a great lunch trip and great company for an outing with our corvettes.

A huge thank you to Bob and Susie for leading. Becky covered the tail.



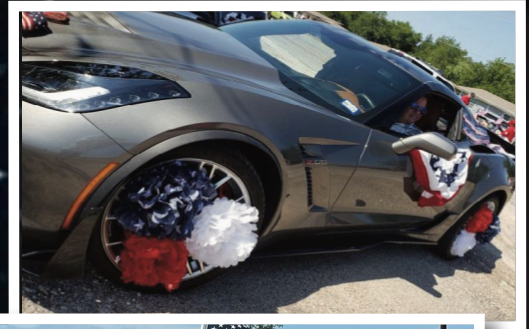


Thurber Lunch Cruise





Granbury Independence Day with BRCC Corvettes





BRCC Logo Merchandise



Pat Cooper
Merchandise
817-781-1224
patcooper04@att.net

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 items upon request.

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.





Next Club Meeting Aug 3th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*

