

February 2023



# Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter



Happy  
**Valentine's**  
Day



**Brazos River Corvette Club**

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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

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

Robert & Paula Mischel Feb 18

FEBRUARY							2023
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Presidents' Day						
26	27	28					



**WORDS  
FROM  
THE  
PRESIDENT**



The January weather has been fairly mild and we were able to have a lunch cruise in January on the 19th to Mingus. Be sure to read the included report as we had a great time. I am looking for people to sign up to lead either a Saturday cruise or a weekday shorter lunch cruise for 2023. Just sign up for the month! You can plan the where to later. We have a Saturday cruise planned for both February and March, which we will hear about at our February meeting.

In January, we voted for Charles Curtis as a new member who has a 2020 black C8 with tan interior. A big welcome to Charles! We are at 83 members and an updated member list was sent out. I have received two more applications from two of our guests at the January meeting who attended the Mingus cruise. There were three other cars on our 19th cruise who are indicating that they would like to join as well. Let's all get out there and when we see a corvette with an opportunity to talk to them then let's invite them to join our fun club.

Hope to see you at the February 2nd meeting. If that day is not the best weather, then drive something else, otherwise I am looking forward to seeing your beautiful corvette at the Spring Creek BBQ on 377. The meeting starts at 7pm, however get there early for dinner and to socialize.

This is a great club, and you all make it so. Thanks for all you do.

All the best,

*Becky Skags*





**BRCC Meeting Minutes  
for January 5, 2023  
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**

Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

36 members and 8 guests were present.

**Evening Prayer** was led by Billy Parks.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Gary Sheppard.

**2022 Charity update:** The Big Check for \$12,000 was presented to Ned Tipton of the Lipan VFD. Jim Hill took pictures and Becky will submit to Hood County Newspaper.

Ned Tipton thanked the club for the donation. He shared that most of it will go toward the purchase of new turnout gear since they ordered a “gob”. He also shared they may purchase tires to replace those lost in Big L fire and that they now have 10 trucks online.

**Member update:**

- Total members to date –82
- Guests
  - Sid Fikes and his wife Judy have a C3 convertible, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary “aggie red”
  - David Montgomery and his wife Kathy have a C7 coupe, 2019 White
- New member voting
  - Charles Curtis shared has a 2020 C8 black with tan interior. Attended October car show and the last two meetings.

Motion – Tiffany Sprong  
Seconded – Jim Morris  
All in favor/None opposed

- Recruiting reminder that if you see other Corvette owners invite them to one of our meetings or events or leave a BRCC business card on their windshield. If anyone needs business cards, please see me at a meeting or on a cruise.
  - Let’s target 100 members this year!

**Inauguration of new officers for 2023** (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)

- Led by Terry Varner
  
- Voted at November meeting:
  - President: Becky Skaggs (was past year 2022)
  - Vice President: Vinceen Parks (was past year 2022)
  - Secretary: Tiffany Sprong (was past year 2022)
  - Treasurer: Theresa Halford (was past year 2022)
  
- Inauguration

**Minutes:** Accept November 3, 2022 minutes? Tiffany sent on email and the minutes were posted in the December newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion – Nin Hulett  
Seconded – Cynthia Sandler  
All in favor/None opposed

**Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford**

Total Treasury report: Started November with \$11,704.47. After income of \$2,505 and expenses of \$9,892.46, ended with \$4,617.01.

December started with \$4,617.01. After income of \$465 and expenses of \$4,698.90, ended with \$383.11.

For transparency, Becky shared that an extra expense was an additional prime rib at Christmas party (\$300) and also recommended we wait until January 2024 before deciding how much to give to selected charity so that all income and expenses are finalized by then.

Motion to accept – Nin Hulett  
Seconded – Cynthia Sandler  
All in favor/None opposed

**Committee Reports:**

**Member Care:** Jan Walker – no update

**Webmaster:** Sandy Varner – no update

**Email Distribution list update:** Pat Cooper – no update

**Club Merchandise:** Pat Cooper – no update

**National Corvette Museum:** Bob Mischel – no update

**NCCC:** Robert Williams

Passwords changed for members for both NCCC and Regional offices. He offered handout with updated information for members.

**Events Coordinator:** Becky Skaggs

- December 1, 2022 Christmas Party
  - Feedback? Jim Hill shared food was best ever this year.
  - Cindy Morris made motion to have at same location next year. Ron Poe seconded. All in favor/none opposed.
  
  - 2023 – Okay with same location or try something different?
    - Cindy Morris made motion to have at same location next year.
    - Ron Poe seconded.
    - All in favor/none opposed.
  
- January 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Larry and Arlene DeYoung leading
  - Lunch run to cruise to Mel's Diner in Mingus.
  - 1 hour 15 minute drive
  - Many at meeting interested
  - Meet at Shell on 51 at 9:45 or so and leave at 10:15.
  - If weather is bad, won't go
  - Becky to send out RSVP email to members
  
- Need other cruises (Saturday or weekday lunch) on the calendar. Any volunteers for a month? Details can be worked out later. Can text, call, email and even whisper that interested.



**New Business**

- No new business

**Visitor pop-in**

- Visitor popped in toward end of meeting. Dave Cooper drives a Amplify Orange C8. He shared that Calloway's is putting out a supercharger and he's in.
- Becky told him she'd visit with him after the meeting and that we're glad to have him.

**50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams**

\$110 collected

Winner is Vinceen Parks (\$55)

**Motion to adjourn:**

Motion – Vinceen Parks  
Seconded – Cynthia Sandler  
All in favor/None opposed

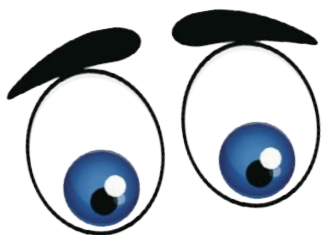


# BRCC 2023 Calendar

## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Jan 19**      **Mingus Lunch Cruise**      **DeYoung's**
  
- May**      **Field of Flags**
  
- July 4**      **4th of July Granbury Parade**
  
- Sept**      **Annual BRCC Picnic**
  
- Oct 14**      **17<sup>TH</sup> BRCC Car Show**  
                         **Halfords 432-413-3099**
  
- Oct 21**      **Cowtown Annual Car Show**
  
- Nov 12**      **Veterans Parade by Visit Granbury.**
  
- Dec**      **Christmas Party**



*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.*







# 2006 C6 Modified Corvette \$29,000

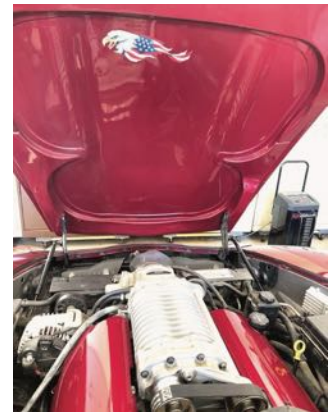
This beautiful Corvette started life as a 2006 C-6. It quickly was modified by M.T.I. In Houston with a High Performance package that included a Callaway Super Charger, headers, high flow exhaust, wide body kit to accept 345 tires and rims, and a new hood to accept the super charger.

M.T.I. was an affiliate of Callaway High Performance. It has 55,000 miles on it and has been kept under cover and garaged its entire life. It has never been driven in the rain and had service every 3,000 miles. Gently driven and has never been to the race track. Good 345 tires, chrome aluminum wheels, magnetic selective ride control, Am/FM/CD with nav., 6 speed formula1 paddle shift auto transmission, premium monterey red paint, clear bra on hood and front fenders, custom ordered cashmere interior. Never been wrecked.

**Seller: Jim Gresham 713-822-6951 Granbury Tx.**  
**Email [gresham10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gresham10@sbcglobal.net)**



**Contact Jim Gresham(713-822-6951)for a showing.**





## January 19th, Mingus Mel's Diner Lunch

The lunch cruise on the 19th was planned and led by Larry and Arlene DeYoung to Mel's Diner in Mingus for lunch. We had a beautiful day, which started off a little cool with a breeze, however when we came out from lunch the breeze was gone with the sun providing lots of warmth. We left the Shell station at the corner of Hwy 51 and loop 567 about 10am for about 50 miles. We drove to Lipan, then took 1189, to 1188, to 108 which led us to the diner. The cruise route was very enjoyable. As you will see in a picture, we parked in a large lot next to it with the 14 corvettes that took the cruise. We had 5 guest cars on this trip. Since I have been a member this is the largest number of cars on

a lunch cruise and the largest number of guest corvettes on a cruise.

Mel's Diner was very good. The lunch took a couple of hours as normal due to the large group, however this allowed us time to visit and catch up.

Becky and Earl led the cruise back along the route planned by Larry and Arlene as they had to head back early for a plumber visit to their home.

Thanks also to Jim and Cindy Morris for being the tail car and WJ Gourley for handling the middle on the return trip. This really helps to relay messages.



[More Pictures Continued](#)



# Mingus Mel's Diner Lunch Continued





# First Hybrid Corvette E-Ray is Here and It Still Has a V-8

**Bryan Hood**

Tue, January 17, 2023 at 8:00 AM CST



After years of [rumors](#) and [teases](#), the first electrified [Chevrolet Corvette](#) is finally here.

On Tuesday morning, 70 years to the day after America's sports car debuted at the 1953 GM Motorama, the Detroit giant unveiled a [hybrid](#) variant of its most iconic nameplate called the E-Ray. Better yet, the automaker managed to electrify its halo vehicle without getting rid of its trademark small-block V-8.

It's not even four years old at this point, but the [Corvette's eighth generation](#) is likely to go down as its most revolutionary. First, there was the shift to a mid-engine layout, putting the vehicle more in line with the best sports cars coming out of Europe. Now, though, Chevy has taken things up a notch by adding an electric motor to the mix. You'll feel the difference, too, as the hybrid is now the quickest 'Vette in history.



## Corvette E-Ray Specs: The V-8 Stays in the Picture

Automakers like [Ferrari](#) or [McLaren](#) may have equipped their high-performance hybrids with twin-turbo V-6s, but not Chevy. The marque told us there was never any doubt about the choice—an eight-cylinder mill has been in every version since the 1950s—but that doesn't make it any less impressive. The third C8 is the only sports car that pairs a naturally aspirated V-8 with electric responsiveness.

The mill is a [6.2-liter LT2 V-8](#) just like in the Stingray and can make 495 hp and 470 ft lbs of torque. Meanwhile, the front-positioned electric motor, which is powered by a 1.9-kWh battery, produces an additional 160 hp and 125 ft lbs of torque. Combine the two and you get 655 horses and 595 ft lbs of twist, making the E-Ray one of the most powerful 'Vettes ever (it's only 15 hp less powerful than the [high-performance Z06](#)). But where it can't be matched is acceleration. The E-Ray can rocket from 0-to-60 mph in just 2.5 seconds and cover the quarter-mile in an equally impressive 10.5 seconds. There's no Corvette that gets there faster.

## The First All-Wheel Drive Corvette

The E-Ray's electric motor doesn't just add power, it delivers it to all four wheels, making the model the first all-wheel-drive 'Vette in history. You'll be able to feel the difference as soon as you put your foot on the gas, too. Thanks to the presence of the electric motor on the front axle the new variant launches forward with zero hesitation, which we experienced firsthand on a test ride.

The hybrid assist also changes the car's driving dynamic in interesting ways, making it as much a grand tourer as a sports car. Chevy says the car's intelligent eAWD system is constantly reading the road and making adjustments based on traction and driving conditions, including applying more power to the front wheels to increase stability. Combine this with the standard Magnetic Ride Control 4.0 and brand-new Michelin Pilot Sport all-season tires, and you're in for a driving experience that's designed to be both comfortable and thrilling in equal measure. The eAWD system also means you can use the E-Ray as your everyday driver, even in areas where the winter months come with their fair share of snow.



## Tech: From Regenerative Braking to Stealth Mode

Like the [upcoming Porsche 911 hybrid](#), the E-Ray won't need to be plugged in for charging. Instead, the electric motor's battery is charged via regenerative energy generated by braking and coasting, as well as normal driving. There's also a Charge+ feature triggered by a button on the center console that maximizes the energy going to the battery.

The E-Ray's infotainment system also gives you access to a special performance app that allows you to monitor the hybrid-assisted powertrain in real-time. You can also use the system to select the hybrid's brand-new Stealth mode. The drive mode, which was first hinted at in last week's teaser footage, allows you to operate the car for a short amount of time using only electric power. Select it at startup if you want to pull out of your garage without waking up the neighbors in the morning.

## Exterior and Interior: No Makeover but 14 New Colors

The E-Ray sports the same aggressive look and stance that has marked the C8 [since its debut in the summer of 2019](#). Its angular body is almost identical to that of the Z06 (both variants are 3.6 inches wider than the Stingray). You'll be able to select from 14 different exterior colors, including the brand-new Riptide Blue, Seawolf Gray and Cacti, as well as an optional, model-specific Electric Blue stripe package. There's also special E-Ray badging, including a new logo on the trunk lid. The two-door rides on a set of staggered alloy wheels—20 inches up front, 21 inches in the rear—that feature a unique twisted five-spoke star design.

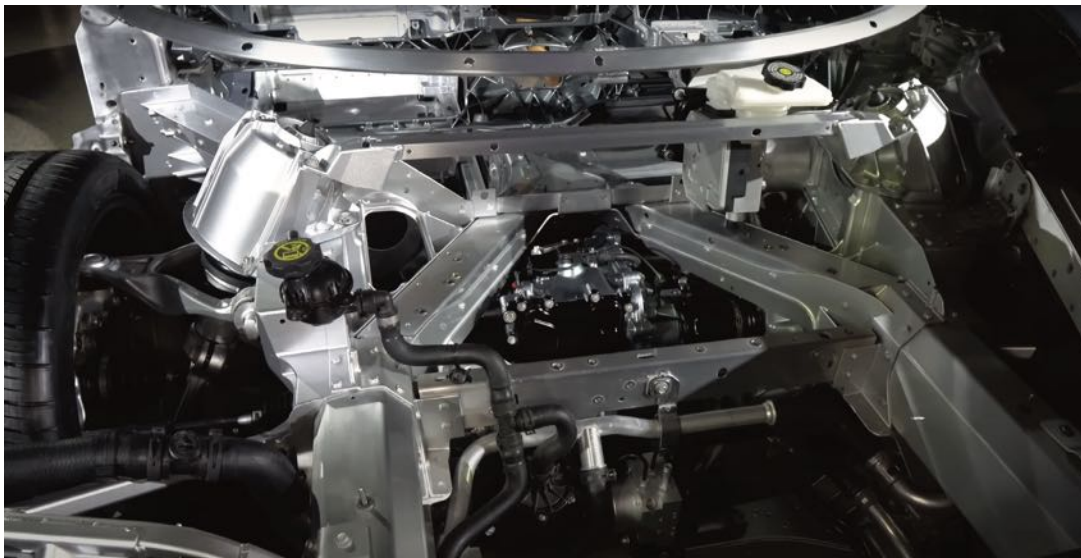
Inside, the car has the same jetfighter-style cockpit as other C8s. The new Artemis Dipped motif does separate the E-Ray from other C8s, adding deep green tones throughout the cabin. You can also customize the space with one of two carbon-fiber trim packages.

## Corvette E-Ray Price: How Much It Will Cost—and When You Can Buy It?



The E-Ray's extra motor doesn't come cheap. The coupé will start at \$104,295, or about \$40,000 more than a completely base-level Stingray, which starts at \$64,500, and \$1,000 less than the Z06, which starts at \$105,300. The convertible E-Ray, meanwhile, starts at \$111,295.

As for when you can buy it—that's still being worked out. Chevy says the vehicle will launch sometime in 2023 as part of the 2024 model year, though, so it shouldn't be too much of a wait.





# BRCC Logo Merchandise



Pat Cooper  
Merchandise  
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**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 February 2nd Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All  
Folks*

