



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

JULY 4th, 2022



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

Tom Limroth	July 3
Billy Rogers	July 15
Christine Copeland	July 14
Jan Hulett	July 12
Nita Vaughn	July 20

Anniversaries

Rick & Janice Price July 13

JULY 2023

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**WORDS
FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**



If you attend the parade, please be sure to take a picture(s) of us and send to Jim Hill for the next newsletter. Thanks to all of you participating in the parade. Always a fun and hot event. However, the number of people that watch the parade for a town this size is something else.

We have a lunch cruise on July 12th to be led by Bob and Susie Williams to Thurber for lunch at Smokestack and a museum visit. On July 22nd, we are planning to go to the Texas Civil War Museum and have lunch. This will be led by Billy and Vinceen Parks. I hope you can join one or both cruises. More information with a RSVP request will be sent prior. Just mark your calendars for now.

Calling all cruise leads...We have cruises set up for July and a lunch cruise for August, however we need cruise leads.

At our June meeting we voted on two more members. This brings our membership to 97 paid members. We welcome:

John and Bianca Gallagher – They drive 2015 convertible Corvette metallic red.
John and Bianca, welcome to the club.

I look forward to seeing you at our July 6th 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 some great cruises with our beautiful corvettes.

All the best,

Becky Stags





**BRCC Meeting Minutes
for June 1, 2023
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**

Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

42 members and 3 guests were present.

Evening Prayer was led by Rick Walker.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Cooper

Member update:

- Total members to date – 95
- Guests
 - Ed and Jackie Amos have a black 2013 Grand Sport Coupe

New members:

- John and Bianca Gallagher have a Maroon 2015 C7 Coupe

Motion – Jim Morris
Seconded – Charles Curtis
All in favor/None opposed

We're at 97 members.

- 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.
 - The target is 100 members this year! Getting close.

Minutes: Accept May 4, 2023 minutes? Jim took the minutes as a backup and Becky sent via email and the minutes were posted in the June newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion – WJ Gourley
Seconded – Larry DeYoung
All in favor/none opposed



Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford

Total Treasury report:

Cash balance at beginning of period: \$862.11

Income:

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

Expenses:

Fourth of July Parade	\$ 50.00
Merchandise	\$194.04
<u>NCCC</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$289.04</u>

Cash balance at end of period: \$768.07

Motion to accept – Charles Curtis

Seconded – Cindy Morris

All in favor/None opposed

Car show update (October 14, 2023): Theresa Halford with Bob Halford Charity: Tolar VFD with Charity lead Alan Palmer

Theresa shared they had committee meeting at their home. Those that attended the meeting who were present tonight stood and shared updates.

Jim Morris (Judging) shared he will be asking for volunteers. Need 24 total.

Pat Cooper (50/50) shared she will need 2 volunteers and to start asking for donations.

Tom McElroy (Live Auction) shared he needs help getting donations for live auction.

Becky Skaggs (Member cars on display) shared that she'd like to fill up the square with members' cars and will need rotation of volunteers to help watch over them.

Theresa Halford (Registration) shared she has two volunteers, Sid and John.

Poster has been updated by Jim Hill and was shared at the meeting..

Bob Mishel was asked to check with NCM Magazine to see if we can get our posted in the magazine. He agreed to check into it.



June, July and August – emails with registration, poster, save-the-date letter along with tips with preparing car for judging will be prepared. In July, volunteers will get together at the Halford's home and stuff envelopes to go to approximately 330 past participants. In August another gathering to put labels on wine bottles.

Theresa also spoke about the Field of Flags event. She was told by Gail Joyce, Gold Star Mom, who started Field of Flags in 2012 that if not for all of the volunteers, it would not be what it is today. She mentioned our club is not any different. For it to be what we all want it to be, and for the car show to be what it can be, we need volunteers.

Drivexotic Package Charity donation from Jim and Linda Gresham update:

- Update – Charles Curtis bought the donated certificate for \$400
- The raffle is still something we would like to do for a 2023 Drivexotic certificate
 - Jan Price and Vinceen Parks leading how this would work

Committee Reports:

Member Care: Jan Walker – no cards. All is well.

Webmaster: Sandy Varner – no update

Email Distribution list update: Pat Cooper – no updates. Still a couple to add.

Club Merchandise: Pat Cooper – owes badges. Will have at next meeting

National Corvette Museum: Bob Mischel – car show is on calendar on website. Next year is 30th anniversary of the museum. Had printed information about caravans available.

NCCC: Robert Williams – Current votes is “all-or-nothing” instead of individual. Those will be split. Will be in Ardmore next weekend for Governors Meeting.

Events Coordinator: Becky Skaggs



- Completed in May
 - 5/19-5/20: Lonestar Corvette Classic 33rd Annual Event at Texas Motor Speedway. Lonestar supports our car show, so anyone that can attend from BRCC would be great. None at tonight's meeting had attended.
 - May 20th, Saturday cruise– Billy and Vinceen to lead to Possum Kingdom with lunch at Hemmingways Craft House
 - May 26th, Friday social at Assisted Living & Memory Care' give back from 10:30 – 2:30. With GCC and BRCC present, we had a great turn-out and the Director was very pleased.
 - 5/27: Field of Flags 2023: Memorial Day Weekend 27-29 from 10am - 1pm+. Social to show our support of Veterans remembering those that gave their life and honoring those that served. We had 17 cars, which is the largest turn-out in the last 4 years.
- Planned for June:
 - June 27, Tuesday cruise
 - Led by Becky and Earl Skaggs
 - Save the date on your calendar.
 - Specifics will be sent by June 10 on email
 - Just need to test drive and restaurant before finalizing.
- Planned for July:
 - July 4th Granbury Parade for July 4th now announced.
 - Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2023
 - Time: In place no later than 7:30am; Parade 9:00am-11:30am
 - Location start: Granbury High School, 2000 West Pearl St., about 4 miles to the Granbury square and back
 - Fee: \$50 paid
 - Volunteer cars for parade
 - 1 - Morris
 - 2 - Palmer
 - 3 - Parks
 - 4 - Skaggs
 - 5 - Halfords
 - 6 - Batista
 - 7 - Hokanson
 - 8 – Zach Tompkins (guest)
 - 9 – Gourley
 - 10 – Price
 - Backups: Angelica Villareal, Lorie Naylor
 - July ?, Saturday cruise
 - Led by Billy and Vinceen Parks
 - Texas Civil War Museum and lunch TBD
 - Bob Williams will lead lunch cruise



- Just sent out an updated activity list on May 31st via email
- Reminder: Need other cruises (Saturday or weekday lunch) on the calendar for summer on. Any volunteers for a month? Details can be worked out later.
 - June Saturday cruise needed
 - July lunch cruise needed
 - August lunch cruise needed
 - August Saturday cruise needed
 - September – November cruises needed as well

New Business

- Bill Compton in attendance. Cynthia is preparing for Grand Opening event Thursday at 4pm. Bill had printed information available for all members who are interested in attending.
- Alan Palmer lost his Red C5 convertible. It caught fire and is a total loss.

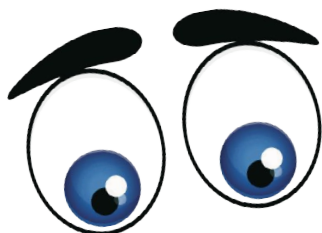
50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams
Collection amount - \$90

Winner of \$45 is Pat Cooper

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Charles Curtis
Seconded – John Gallagher
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

- 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 ?** **Cruise to Texas Civil War Museum & Lunch** **Parks**
- 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**





They Destroyed the First Chevy Corvette's Wooden Body Bucks and We're Still Mourning Them

These works of art should have been saved for a museum instead.

BY KRISTIN V. SHAW | UPDATED JAN 9, 2021 11:36 AM EST

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Molded Fiber Glass Companies founder Robert Morrison is largely hailed as the father of the molded fiberglass body of the **Chevrolet** Corvette. Based in Ashtabula, Ohio, Morrison was known as a highly competitive go-getter who convinced GM to build the new roadster in fiberglass instead of the usual steel. Fiberglass was an intense hand-built process back then, and as the 'Vette started rolling off the line, the company used these wooden body bucks in order to create the mirror-image molds to shape the curves of the sports car.

But these weren't your typical body bucks made from any old wood. No, the **Corvette** body bucks were carved from exquisite Polynesian mahogany, and the pictures show that they were also standalone works of art. The craftsmen who build these sculptures were very skilled, and the body bucks should be in a museum somewhere we can all gaze in wonder. Unfortunately, all we have left are these photos.





Chevrolet didn't know that the sleek roadster would cause so much buzz when they brought it to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for Motorama in 1953. Crafted in fiberglass and equipped with a six-cylinder engine, Chevy named it Corvette after a class of small warships. Perfectly timed to appeal to both soldiers returning home from World War II and the recovering nation, the Corvette stood apart from the rest of the lineup in the Chevrolet fleet.

As the story goes, the brand made the decision to construct the Corvette in steel instead of fiberglass. Before they could begin, however, they had a change of heart, and Morrison received a middle-of-the-night call. Waking his family, the Morrises toasted the Corvette, which became their primary source of income for many years. In fact, the Morrises' basement became Ground Zero for the vehicle in the beginning stages; GM engineers worked next to MFG staff on a makeshift workspace on a ping-pong table.

The wooden **body bucks** were used for the very first Corvette at the Motorama auto show and for some time after. They were carefully and meticulously hewn from mahogany, which is often chosen because it is less likely to warp, shrink, or swell than other woods. The fact that it's a rich, beautiful color is a side benefit. During that period of time, sheet steel or aluminum were often hammered over body bucks to create panels for vehicles.

Sadly, every one of the mahogany body bucks destroyed when Chevrolet didn't need them any longer. At least we have a shiny new mid-engine **C8** to distract us.



Mahogany Works of Art Are Body Dies for the 1953 Corvettes



OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART



* WHEN INTERPETING ANTIQUE CAR ADS *

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare Model
 Older Restoration
 Needs Engine Work
 Used Oil
 No Rust
 Rough
 One Owner
 No Time to Complete
 Need Interior
 May Run
 Low Mileage
 Many New Parts
 29 Coats Hand-rubbed Paint
 Clean
 Best Offer
 Always Driven Slowly
 Prize Winner
 Stored 25 Years
 Real Show Stopper
 Easy Restoration
 Ready To Show
 Top Good
 Good Investment

Nobody liked them when new either
 Can't tell it's been restored
 It's been frozen for 30 years
 Just throws it out
 Body and fenders missing
 It's too bad to lie about
 Never been able to sell
 Can't find parts anywhere
 Seats are gone
 But it never has
 Third time around
 Keeps braking down
 Needed that much to cover rust
 It sat out in the rain yesterday
 About what I expect to get
 Won't go any faster
 Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
 Under a tree
 Orange with purple fenders
 Parts will come off in your hand
 Just washed it
 Only leaks when it rains
 Can't depreciate any more





June 27, 2023, Cleburne Lunch Cruise

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

We had sixteen corvettes on this cruise to Cleburne for which one corvette joined us in Cleburne as this was his home area. Becky and Earl Skaggs led the lunch cruise with Steve Hamilton leading us to the ice cream stop.

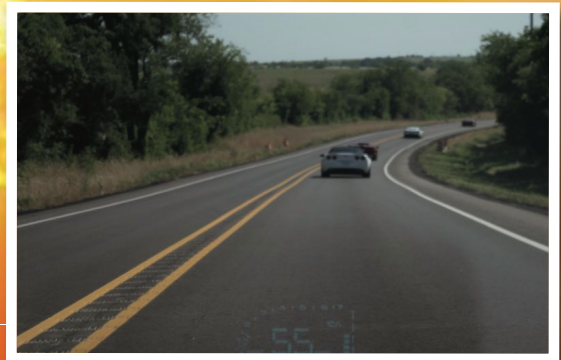
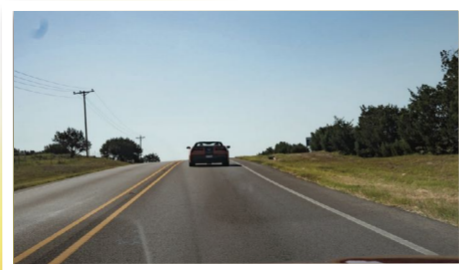
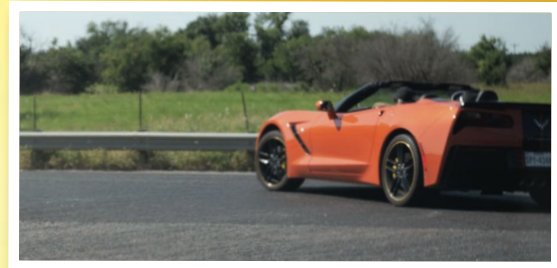
We traveled FM 4 from the Kroger parking lot taking 2331 then left on 67, then right 21/1434 loop, then right on 67 business into town. Unfortunately, the loop had about 2/3 under construction so we had to keep to about 50 mph. This was a nice drive though and when the construction is finished, it will be a great route to open the corvettes a little more. 😊 Cleburne was a little challenging with all the lights and traffic, however we made it work and all arrived at the restaurant.

The restaurant, La Cima Mexican Cuisine was on the right side of Main Street going north. Overall, they did a great job with the food, and they served us fairly quickly for such a large group of 31 people They had a large menu including a lunch menu section.

After lunch, we headed over to the Dillon Depot for our ice cream. The owner makes the ice cream himself. He had several flavors to choose from. This was way more than an ice cream shop. They had the largest electric model train setup I have seen. They had another one that was in process of being set up. In addition, they had several rooms with antiques for sale. This was a welcome stop given how hot the day was. If you are in the Cleburne area, I would recommend you have a stop to see and to try the ice cream.

The route back was north on Main Street taking FM 4 all the way back to Granbury.

Thanks to Jim and Cindy Morris for being the tail car. Thanks to Jim and Linda Gresham for being the middle relay.





Cleburne Lunch Cruise





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 July 6th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*

