



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

2020 Corvette and a Miata Collide on Tail of the Dragon



Tail of the Dragon is one of the most well-known “driving roads” for car and motorcyclist enthusiasts in the Eastern USA as it features no less than 318 curves over an 11 mile stretch of two-lane road that winds through the Appalachian mountains on the Tennessee-North Carolina border. In 2013 twenty six BRCC members drove this challenging stretch *without incident*.

The Miata hit the C8, pictured above, Miata driver on the right. The Miata came in with too much speed, understeered, and aimed it at the rear of the car instead of the front. Took the rear wheel right off the C8 and airbags deployed in the Miata. Everybody is okay, although both cars are totalled.



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2023 BRCC Officers

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

Anniversaries

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| Robert & Susie Williams | May 2 |
| John Kleber & Annette | May 5 |
| Earl & Becky Skaggs | May 7 |
| Rusty & Glenda Stricker | May 29 |

| MAY | | | | | | | 2023 |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| 28 | 29 <small>Memorial Day</small> | 30 | 31 | | | | |



**WORDS
FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**



This is a special month with Memorial Day weekend as we honor those who died in service to our country. Each year BRCC has a social showing our corvettes at 'The Field of Flags' on 377 and we will do this again this year on May 27th from 10am – 1pm. I hope you will come out and join us for fellowship and in support of this holiday. This is a come and go, so if you can only stay for part of the time that is fine. We would enjoy seeing a large turn-out. Another tradition is that BRCC purchases two flags in honor for two of our members who have served in the military. This year we are honoring:

- Jim Morris, Air Force, Staff Sargent
- Michael Hokanson, Army, Captain

Thanks to both of you for your service.

We have a cruise planned for May 20th to Possum Kingdom. This should be another fun cruise. This will be led by Billy and Vinceen Parks, so mark your calendars for this event. More details will be shared at the meeting as well as a future email.

At our April meeting we voted for 2 more corvette drivers totaling four members. This brings our membership to 93 paid members. We welcome:

- Mark and Marilyn Pohly – C8, 2023 Silver coupe.
- Rob and Carolyn Reeves – C7, 2016 Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic.

I look forward to seeing you at our May 4th 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 fun with our corvettes.

All the best,

Becky Stags





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

Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

36 members and 2 guests were present.

Evening Prayer was led by Jackie Vaughn

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sid Fikes

Member update:

- Total members to date –89
- Guests
 - Bob & Jill Brown have a 60th Anniversary 2013 White C6

New members:

- Mark and Marilyn Pohly submitted their application. They have a C8 2023 Silver Coupe. Lives in Joshua.
 - Attended the March 9th meeting and tonight's meeting

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

- Rob and Carolyn Reeves have a 2016 Daytona Sunrise Orange C7.
 - Attended the Hico cruise and two meetings

Motion – WJ Gourley
Seconded – Cindy 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.
 - The target is 100 members this year!



Minutes: Accept March 9, 2023 minutes? Tiffany sent via email and the minutes were posted in the April newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion – Charles Curtis
Seconded – Larry DeYoung
All in favor/None opposed

Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford

Total Treasury report:

Cash balance at beginning of period: \$332.11

Income:

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| Dues | \$360 |
| <u>50/50</u> | <u>\$100</u> |
| Total | \$460 |

Expenses:

NCCC \$160

Cash balance at end of period: \$717.11

Motion to accept – Vinceen Parks
Seconded – WJ Gourley
All in favor/None opposed

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

Save the date email was sent to 320 past participants.

Past staff – same jobs

Jim Morris – Judging
Terry Varner – Parking
Sandy Varner – Silent Auction
Registration – Larry and Pam Sharp
Pat Cooper – 50/50

Bob and Theresa will go to Hood County News next week to meet with Debbie Schneider regarding Car Show coverage.

Becky mentioned charity picture not yet published by Hood County News. Had issues with contact and corrected/resent about two weeks ago.

**Charity donation from Jim and Linda Gresham:**

- At the 2022 BRCC car show, he bought the Drive Exotic package:
 - 3 car package – 4 laps per car for total 12 laps
 - With 1 premium upgrade (either Lamborghini Huracan or Ferrari 358 Italia)
 - Video (forward facing and driver facing camera used)
 - Admission to Farr's Movie Cars Museum – Collection of real and replica movie cars from across the years.
- They are moving to Lake Fork for family and personal reasons. Selling home in Pecan Plantation.
- He wants to donate this certificate to the club to raise money for our charity.
- Discuss options:
 - Someone in the club buys it out right
 - Have club member rally with money
 - Collect May – September
 - Drawing at October meeting
 - Other options/ideas?
 - Special Raffle
 - Raffle at end of car show (start selling now)

Final Decision:

- Start selling raffle tickets and have drawing at Car Show; do not have to be present to win.
- Janice and Vinceen will coordinate getting special raffle tickets printed for club members to sell for \$10 each.
- Notify other clubs

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

Sent a couple cards

Webmaster: Sandy Varner

Asked if any trouble with new website. None reported.

Email Distribution list update: Pat Cooper

No update

Badges at next meeting

Club Merchandise: Pat Cooper

No update

**National Corvette Museum: Bob Mischel**

No update

NCCC: Robert Williams

- New rosters going out. Be sure to check for any errors.
- Attended Southwest Regional Governors meeting. At the meeting, insurance coverage was discussed. Our club is good. Only thing we need to change is at cruise sign-in we'll have to sign individually instead of multiple people per line.
- NCCC realized not good idea to lump all changes in one line item for vote and will break down in categories going forward.

Events Coordinator: Becky Skaggs

- Completed in March:
 - March 9, Thursday – Becky and Earl led lunch cruise to Cranfills Gap to have lunch at Horny Toad Bar & Grill.
 - March 25, Saturday – Charles Curtis led cruise to Hico to eat at the Koffee Cup and shop at the Wiseman Chocolate store.
- Planned April
 - Terry and Sandy Varner to lead Saturday cruise on April 8 with to Gatesville area for lunch at The Feedmill.
 - All information on website – map and directions
 - Terry reminded all to “be safe”
 - Billy and Vinceen to lead lunch cruise with date and details TBD. Considering The Cliffs restaurant at PK Lake.
- Planned May
 - May cruise TBD – Billy and Vinceen to lead Saturday cruise with date and details TBD.
 - Vinceen asked if any interested in overnight cruise to San Antonio area. Considering Natural Bridge Caverns
 - May lunch cruise – Need lead
 - May 26th, Friday social at Assisted Living & Memory Care' give back from 10:30 – 2:30
 - Invited by Karyn Murillo, Memory Care Director
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- FYI – Granbury Car Club has been invited as well
- Field of Flags – Christina Copeland shared flags are \$30
 - At same location as last year
 - Opening ceremony is 5/16 at 5pm
- Planned June
 - Billy Rogers with Becky and Earl Skaggs cruise with tentative date of June 17th.
 - Wichita Falls – about 110 miles
 - Skaggs lead to Wichita Falls, Billy Rogers will host us and arrange for lunch to be delivered to the auto restoration shop.
 - Ruben’s House of Classics – Auto restoration service with full service
 - BBQ lunch will be bought and everyone will pay Billy for their part.
 - July 4th Granbury Parade for July 4th now announced.
 - Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2023
 - Time: In place by 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
 - Cars have to be decorated
- Becky recently sent out activity list on email and will send out update this month.
- 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.
 - May lunch cruise needed
 - June lunch cruise needed
 - July on Saturday cruise and lunch cruises needed

New Business

- Charles Curtis shared an event suggestion – Laps for Charity at TMS.
 - He will send details to Becky and she will email all members with information for RSVP
- Mike Hokanson shared information about the 70th Anniversary Event in Bowling Green June 24 – June 30
 - He and Gloria will be attending.
 - If anyone interested in going as well, let him know.



- Alan Palmer is planning a cam swap on his corvette April 28 to May 2.
 - Mentioned if anyone could offer advice or assist, he's interested.
- Tom McElroy spoke about Car Keys Anytime (Anytime Car Keys) out of Weatherford.
 - He has keys and fobs and could be a good resource for members.
 - He's in Granbury frequently as he works with local dealers.

Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford

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

Winner of \$45 is Jim Hill

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Vinceen Parks
Seconded – Charles Curtis
All in favor/None opposed



Key Highlights for May

5/19-5/20: Lonestar Corvette Classic 33rd Annual Event Lonestar supports our car show, so anyone that can attend from BRCC would be great.

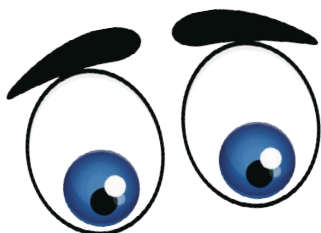
5/20: Saturday cruise to Possum Kingdom area for lunch. Led by Billy and Vinceen Parks. This is a great drive.

5/26: Friday social at Assisted Living & Memory Care give back from 10:30 – 2:30. The residents appreciate us doing this as it is a big deal for them to view our cars. GCC has been invited as well. Bring your chairs for great fellowship. You can leave early as needed. Let's show our support and have a great turnout.

5/27: Field of Flags 2023: Memorial Day Weekend 27-29 from 10am - 1pm+. You can leave early as needed. Social to show our support of Veterans remembering those that gave their life and honoring those that served. Let's make a great show. Bring your ice chest with drinks and your chairs for great fellowship.



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 Chocolats** **C Curtis**
- April 8 **Cruise to Gatesville & Feed Mill** **Terry & Sandy Varner**
- May 19-20 Lonstar 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 ? **Wichita Falls Cruise Lunch & Retro Classics** **Billy Rogers**
- July 4 **4th of July Granbury Parade**
- 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**





33rd Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic



May 19-20, 2023

Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle

3300 Champions Circle Ft. Worth, TX 817.961.0800

Friday May 19

Friday Afternoon – Parade Laps at Eagles Canyon Raceway Come join us for parade laps and lunch at Eagles Canyon Raceway just outside Slidell and North of Decatur, TX. The track is 2.7 miles long, 15 turns with 200 feet of elevation change per lap and has a main straight close to ½ mile long. Lunch will be available to purchase at the café.

No helmets required and you may have a right seat passenger when on the track. Parade laps will be at highway speeds; no passing allowed.

Sign in is at 11am, All drivers and passengers MUST sign track waver prior to laps.

Track Laps: \$20 per car

Drivers meeting 11:30am

Lineup for laps at 11:45am

Parade Laps from 12:00-12:30pm

Friday night – Party at the Paddock – 6:30pm -8:30pm

The evening will include made to order grilled Angus burgers with Irish cheddar and all the trimmings. Choice of mashed potatoes, French fries, roasted vegetables, or grilled asparagus. We are pleased to offer an open hospitality bar which includes house wine, beer, soft drinks, tea, and water.

While you are enjoying the party, our judges will be searching the parking lot for the “Beauties”. They will choose 10 cool cars to be recognized. At 8:30pm we will continue the party in the parking lot with the “Friday Night Lights” show. Winners of the “Beauties” and the “Friday Night Lights” show will be awarded at 9pm

Saturday May 20

There are 4 divisions - Member Show N Shine, Non-Member Show N Shine, Member Judged, and Non-Member judged. While the car show is going on there is plenty of other activities going on. There will be a Silent Auction, Vendor Fair, Raffles, and Merchandise to purchase.

Saturday Evening

The festivities do not end after the car show. Happy Hour will start at 5:00pm with a cash bar. Enjoy dinner followed by a spirited Live Auction that features last year’s highly entertaining David Dean. We will end our night with the 2023 Lone Star Corvette Classic car show awards presentation.

To Register & Additional Information -

https://lscClassic.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=874533&item_id=1912296&event_date_id=255



April 9, Gatesville Cruise

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

We had a fabulous cruise to Gatesville, Texas. This was led by Terry and Sandy Varner with 13 corvettes. Donny and Kerri Lawson showed off their special 70th anniversary white corvette which is our first in the club. Very nice! We had anywhere from a C5 to C8's represented on this run.

Terry and Sandy laid out a great route going and returning home. We traveled 51, then taking routes through Duffau into Hico. At Hico, we had a brief rest stop. From there we traveled through Jonesboro into Gatesville. Yes, we did pass by the prison area on our way into town where the restaurant was just off the square. Gatesville is the county seat for Coryell County, and it is a very pretty courthouse.

The trip was not only enjoyable for the route, but the wildflowers were out. We saw fields of various wildflowers as well as along the roads.

In town, is a restaurant called 'The Feedmill' which is where we had lunch. Very good food and a large selection. This is a very rustic place with lots of antiques as part of their decorations, which brought back a lot of memories and then some things I haven't seen before.

On the way back, we drove through --- Gap with a brief rest stop, then onto Iredell and Walnut Springs. We couldn't miss taking the 51 back with the curves, which is always fun to drive in our corvettes.

A special call out to Gary and Kim Sheppard for handling the tail car. I handled the middle relay messages.

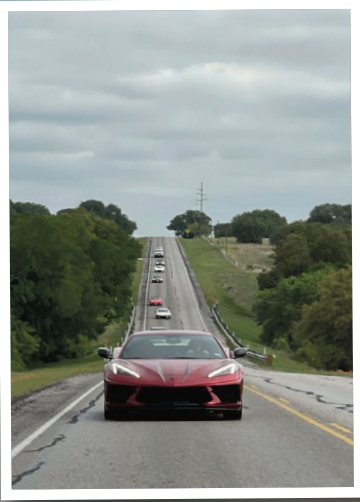
Don't be shy, we need cruise leads. Give it a try!



More Pictures Continued



Gatesville Cruise continued





This 1994 Corvette Still Running Strong After 429,000 Miles: Readers' Rides

BY JONATHAN LOPEZ – APR 16, 2023



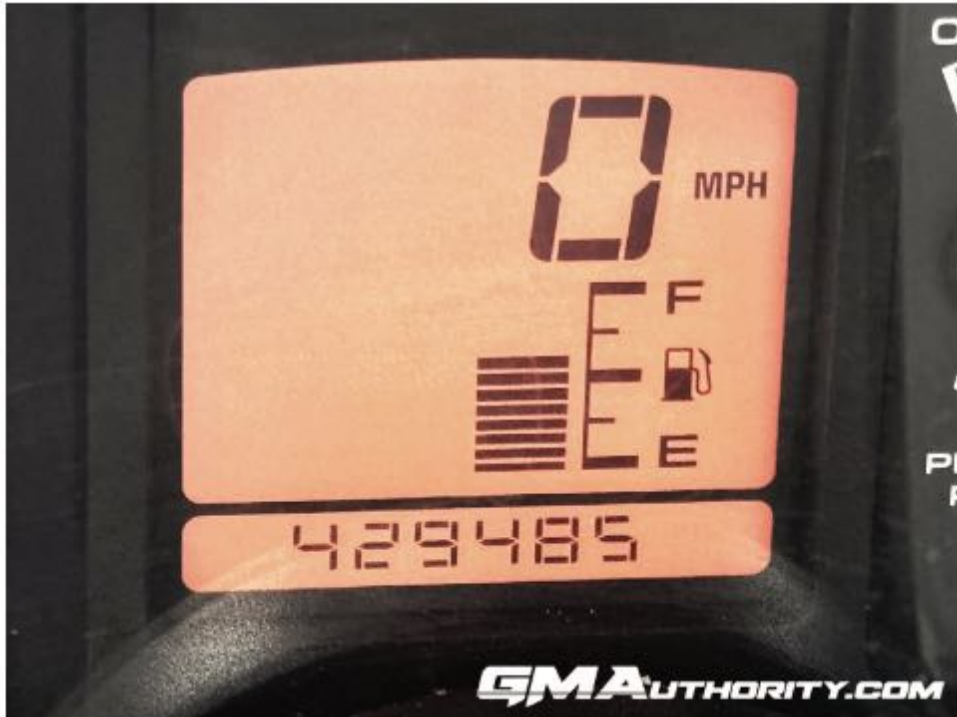
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It's too often that something that could be serviced for continued use gets tossed in favor of something totally new. That definitely applies to the car world, where the latest and greatest often gets shoved to the front, while everything else is shipped off to the junkyard. Luckily, not everyone has that sort of mentality, including the owner of this 1994 [Chevy Corvette](#). As it turns out, this C4 Corvette is still running strong after an astounding 429,000 miles, as featured here in a segment we like to call *GM Authority Readers' Rides*.



This C4 Chevy Corvette was sent to us from *GM Authority* reader Dan T., who serves as President at Corvettes of Auburn in Auburn, Washington. According to Dan, this C4 Corvette belongs to Corvettes of Auburn customer Carol F., who has been bringing her sports car to the shop for service for the last two decades.

Dan and Corvettes of Auburn have attended National Corvette Restores Society (NCRS) events, as well as Bloomington Gold events, so suffice to say, they've seen some pretty sweet rides in their time. Still, there's something to be said about a C4 daily driver on its way to half a million miles on the clock.



According to Dan, Carol drives her 1994 Corvette every day, covering roughly 40 miles each way to work and back home again, and critically, the car is still equipped with its original LT1 V8 engine and automatic transmission. The engine has had about seven OPTI sparks, and many, *many* oil changes. The transmission has been rebuilt three times. As evidenced by the photos the paint is peeling a little bit, but remains original.

While not exactly in concours condition, we love seeing a [Chevy Corvette](#) that's used and enjoyed on a daily basis. While there are certainly faster Corvettes out there, Carol's C4 has a unique story all its own.



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BRCC Logo Merchandise



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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 May 4th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*

