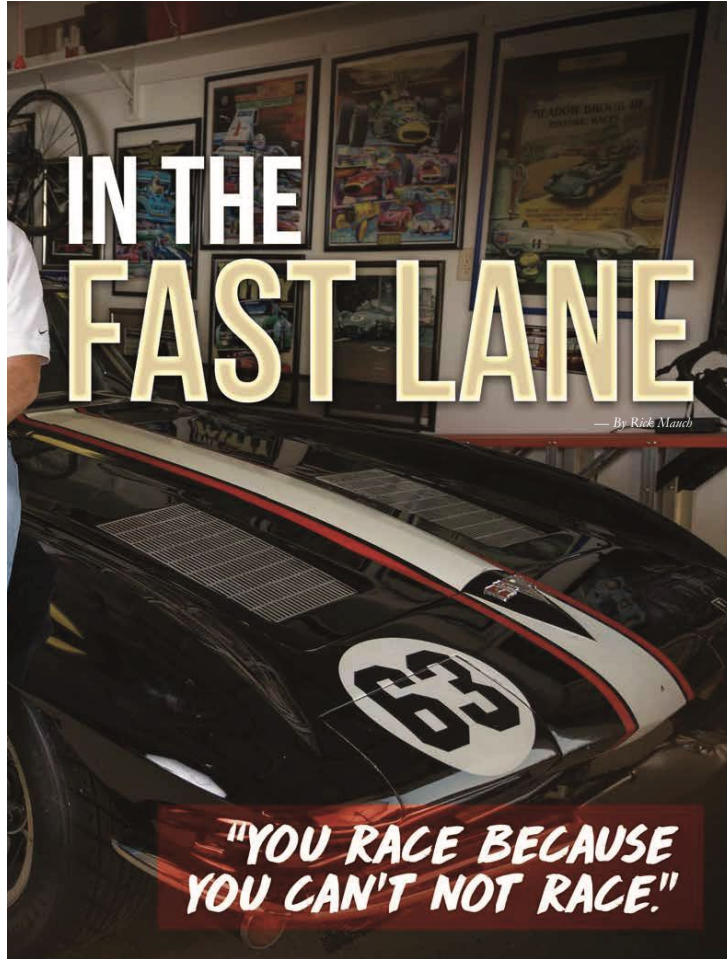




Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

Garrett Waddell 1941-2019 (Past BRCC Member) Corvette Racing History

Found this interesting article in a past "Granbury Now Magazine" dated October 2017



Article on pg 13



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2024 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	WJ Gourley
Secretary	Jill Brown
Treasurer	Robert Williams
Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs (acting)
BRCC Charity	Kerri Lawson (acting)
Car Show Directors	Theresa Halford, Lead Bob Halford, Support
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Jan Walker
Merchandise	Nin Hulett
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Michael Hokanson
NCCC Governor	Robert Williams (acting)
Email Group Manager	Judy Fikes
Web Master	Bill Mozingo

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

Nin Hulett	April 1
Davis Cooper	April 5
Carolyn Reeves	April 30

Anniversaries

None that I'm aware of.



**WORDS
FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**



Happy spring! So far, we are getting good spring rain. We may have to reschedule events, but I am for the rain getting priority, so we have an easier summer.

Cruises are an important part of this club and I know we enjoy driving our corvettes to explore the countryside, museums, and restaurants. I am looking for people to manage lunch cruises over the next few months through the summer. Please seriously consider leading one.

I have some ideas if you need any. We have a Saturday cruise currently planned each month from now through the summer. Thank you to those that stepped up to lead those.

For April 6th, we have a coffee and donuts planned with Granbury Chevrolet who was our largest donator for this last year's charity. We would like to have a great turn out from 9am-11am to show our appreciation. So, come on out and join us. I will continue to send out RSVP reminders as we need an approximate count for parking, coffee, and donuts. Tom McElroy is leading this activity and will reschedule if the weather is not favorable.

We completed a March lunch cruise to Meridian to eat at Cactus Grill. See the detailed report included in this newsletter.

We are still looking for a lead for the NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs) committee to replace Robert Williams who is now our Treasurer. Please seriously consider this role. Please talk to Robert about what is involved.

Be sure to attend our April 4th meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ on 377. The meeting starts at 7pm, however get there early for dinner and to socialize.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting as well as the coffee and donuts social at Granbury Chevrolet. Let us get out and enjoy our wonderful club and fabulous corvettes.

All the best,

Becky Stags





**MINUTES
FROM
THE
SECRETARY**

**BRCC Meeting
March 7, 2024**

Meeting called to order: 6:48pm

Evening Prayer – Led by Steve Crawford

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Becky Skaggs

Member update:

- Total members to date: 95 renewed for 2024.
- Welcome new guests:
 - Ray and Ellen Horn with a C8 (2024 Riptide Blue)
 - Bill and Deidra Conn (2000 Red convertible-black top)

Minutes: Minutes with corrections were read. No other amendments were made.

Motion: Bob Hokanson

Seconded: " Jim Hill

Motion to accept minutes was passed unanimously

Treasures Report: Robert Williams

Treasurer's Report for 1 Feb. 2024 through 29 Feb.2024

Cash Balance at beginning of period: \$11,160.12

Income:

- 50/50: \$47.00
- Hats: \$60.00
- ACB Donation, Jerry's Chevrolet: \$3,000.00

Subtotal: \$3,107.00

Expenses paid and checks cashed:

- Name Tags (2/1/2024): \$206.97



- Ordered Checks (2/2/2024): \$99.46
- BRCC web site (2/29/2024): \$199.95

Subtotal: \$506.38

NOTE: Checks written, but not yet cashed by recipient:

- Tolar Fire Department (2/1/2024): \$7,500.00
- Merchandise Frames (2/1/2024): \$58.39

Subtotal: \$7,558.35

**Cash Balance at End of Period Including Uncashed Checks:
\$6,202.35**

Motion to accept: Ed Amos

Seconded: Jim Hill

Motion to accept treasurer's report passed unanimously

Car show update(October 12, 2024): Theresa Halford with Bob Halford

- Charity Donation to Tolar Volunteer Fire Department was provided to them at the February meeting for \$12,750.00. We moved forward with the donation as we still hadn't received one outstanding donation and decided we couldn't wait any longer. We have now received the check from Granbury Chevrolet for another \$3,000.00, which is larger than we were originally told they would donate. Just want to share this with you before we provide the \$3000.00 to Tolar VFD, which will make a total donation of **\$15,750.00**.
- Discussion of Coffee & Donuts at Granbury Chevrolet when we get to events.
- Charity selected for 2024 – 2025: Mission Granbury
 - We need a committee lead: Thank you to Cindy LaRusso and Vicki Lawrence for stepping up to lead this.



Committee Reports:

- **Member Care:** Jan Walker
 - sent a card to Sid Fikes
- **Webmaster:** Bill Mozingo
 - no update given
- **Email Distribution list update:** Judy Fike
 - no update given
- **Club Merchandise:** Nin Hulett
 - no update given
- **National Corvette Museum:** Michael Hokanson
 - researched caravans going to NCM this summer 29-30th of August
 - northern routes going through OKC
 - southern route caravan will be having lunch/stop at Buckee's in Royce City
 - Bricks - several locations where you can buy a brick to memorialize someone (varied pricing) - all on website
 - suggestion: to have a brick in BRCC name - Jim Hill said BRCC already has a brick there
 - info on insurance - he has flyers
- **NCCC:** Robert Williams **(to be replaced)**
 - there have been a few changes but only for those clubs that do competitions - does not affect our club
- **Events Coordinator:** Becky Skaggs **(to be replaced)**
- **Christmas Party:** Friday December 6th - Mark your calendars
 - Location: Harbor Lakes Country Club
 - 6:00pm-10:00pm
 - Gift exchange
 - More details to come



- Completed in February:

- February 7, Wednesday lunch cruise led by Bob and Jill Brown
 - Lunch at Rattlesnake Roadhouse in Walnut Springs
- February 24, Saturday cruise led by David & Kathy Montgomery
 - Lunch at Granny Clark's in Dublin

- **March**

- March 16th: Saturday-Revolver Brewery
 - 12 noon to 3pm—Get there around 11:30
 - Our own member: Sonny Morgan will be playing/singer and would appreciate our support.
 - Those in attendance agreed this would be a fun activity to participate in.
 - Will be rescheduled due to weather
- March 20, Wednesday lunch cruise with Steve Hamilton and Suzi Johnson leading. planned
 - Lunch at Cactus Grill in Meridian
- Discussion by Bob Halford for a cruise to Grapevine to visit Gateway Classic Cars. Bob said at this point is time this will not be feasible as the only roads would be highway - not making for a good cruise.

- **April**

- April 4/26-4/27, overnight cruise to Salado, Texas led by Terry and Sandy Varner
 - Hotel: Inn on the Creek in Salado, Texas
 - Rooms reserved need to make reservations soon
 - Dinner: TBD
 - This has been cancelled per email from Sandy Varner sent after the meeting.

- **May**

- May 4th - Possum Kingdom led by Charles Curtis with ore details to be provided

- **July**

- July 4th Parade
 - Theme: 50 Golden Years of Stars and Stripes



- Cars must be decorated
 - Thursday July 4th
 - Parade starts at 9am at Granbury High School
 - Decorate 6am-7:30
 - Be there no later 7:30am - Pass gate to get in place with decorated cars
 - **Have a limit of 4 car
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- Need other cruises (Saturday or weekday lunch) on the calendar. Any volunteers for a month? Details can be worked out later.
 - Near term need leads for:
 - May lunch cruise
 - June lunch cruise
 - July lunch and Saturday cruises
 - August lunch and Saturday cruises

Tech Talk: Cancelled due to weather threat as we wanted to complete the meeting at an earlier time

New Business

1. Do we want to consider an alternative or alternate monthly meeting location
 - Wings, Etc.?
 - GCC is having their monthly at this location now and I attended this past Tuesday
 - Easily hold 100+ people
 - They will block off an area for cars if we tell them how many
 - They have draft beer and other alcoholic drinks and a fairly large menu
 - They have a sound system in place
 - Typically they charge to use the room, but given we will be buying food and drinks they may wave that as they do for GCC.
 - If interest, then I can look into this and see if our meeting date/time works for them.



- Becky will look into this given the interest in the meeting.
2. Jim Hill via a previous member John Boyd donated a light featuring Club logo
 - Bob Brown donated \$150 for the light - money will go to club charity - Mission Granbury
 3. Tom McElroy discussed Jerry's Chevrolet for further donation to charity - Mission Granbury -another \$3000.00
 - Jim Hill suggested we can put their logo on our newsletter as a sponsor
 4. Discussed Cars and Coffee -April 6
 - Coffee & Donuts will be provided by Granbury Chevrolet
 - 9am-11am
 - Need to have a large turnout - at least 20 corvettes given the donation and possible donation this year.
 - Those in attendance were in favor of this activity.

Entertainment: Ed Amos shares a joke

50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams

Update on collection amount: \$65.00

Winner: Donny Lawson who donated back to our charity.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Sonny Morgan

Seconded: Ed Amos

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at: 7:31pm

Jill Brown



BRCC 2024 Calendar

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS



- Feb 7** Rattlesnake Roadhouse Lunch - Walnut Springs
Bob & Jill Brown
- Feb 24** Granny Clark's - Dublin Montgomery's and Sikes
- March 20** Wednesday Lunch Cruise Meridian Tx Steve Hamilton
& Suzi Johnson
- April 6** Granbury Chevrolet 9 - 11:00 coffee & donuts
- May 5** Overnight to San Saba-Salado Terry & Sandy Varner
May 27 Field of Flags
- July 4** 4th of July Granbury Parade
- Oct 12** 18TH BRCC Car Show Halfords 432-413-3099
Oct 19 Cowtown Annual Car Show
Oct Annual BRCC Picnic
- Nov 25** Granbury Christmas Parade
- Dec 6** Christmas Party Gift Exchange



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.





March 20, 2024, Cactus Grill, Meridian Weekday Cruise

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

On March 20th, we took off from Racetrack on 144 for a weekday lunch cruise to Meridian. Steve Hamilton and Suzie Johnson led their first BRCC cruise with seven corvettes. They did a wonderful job. We could not ask for better weather and a nicer drive. We drove two of our favorite roads in route to Meridian, which are FM 51 and FM 203.



The Cactus Grill is a wonderful 'hole in the wall' restaurant. The menu selection had a good variety. Everyone indicated their meal was good from salads, to burgers, to catfish, to pasta, to Mexican food. Service was good as well. They were very attentive and did not take a long time to serve us. The restaurant was not busy this Wednesday with just a few other patrons. The interior was rustic as well as the sign outside as you can see in the pictures. I heard several say they would return, so if you are out that way and get a chance stop in to have a meal.



We drove back 144 all the way to Granbury. We made good time on our return. Thanks to Bob and Susie Williams for being the tail car.





Dealership Drops, Smashes Brand New Corvette Z06 Before Delivery

These days, car deliveries can be delayed for all kinds of reasons. Maybe your new ride is held up because the ship carrying it bursts into flames, or production of it might be pushed back due to parts shortages. Now, one very unlucky Corvette shopper is looking at lengthy delay for their delivery after their 2023 Z06 was dropped by the dealership.



But how do you drop a Corvette, I hear you ask. Well, security footage shared online shows a gleaming red Z06 propped precariously on an inspection lift in a U.S. dealership. For a few seconds, the Corvette balances still, before its rear end plummets to the ground.



The footage, which was first brought to our attention by CarScoops, shows the lift arm gouge into the passenger side of the Corvette. In the process, it ripped through the side skirt, door, rear quarter panel and side window.

To add insult to injury, the rear end of the car slammed to the ground with a heavy-looking landing. It then slid along the floor, no doubt causing all kinds of damage to the underside. It's a pretty tough sight to watch.

The footage, which was uploaded to YouTube by Jason Grubb, lacks sound. But I'm sure we can all imagine the kinds of awful grating and crashing sounds that are going on during the fall.

It's a pretty big fall, with most inspection lifts holding cars about five to six feet off the ground. And while the Z06 has some pretty impressive suspension, I don't think it's designed to withstand drops like this.



As such, CarScoops suggests that the fall probably resulted in the "Corvette being declared as totaled." This will leave the unfortunate owner with a long wait for a replacement, especially as some sites report that current lead times on the Z06 are between 12 and 24 months.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7Nlcyvmx-Q>

ENERGY

There's old, and there's vintage. Garrett Waddell knows the difference, because he is the difference. He and the type of auto racing he loves are the latter. "What were the coolest cars in your graduating class?" asked Garrett, a vintage auto racer. "I couldn't afford to race a Ferrari if they gave it to me for free. My Porsche almost broke me. With my Corvette, I can go down to a Chevy dealer, and they have whatever I need in stock."

Inside Garrett's garage is his pride and joy, a black and white 1963 Corvette Z06 with fuel injection and a 327 CID (cubic inch displacement) engine. It has the number 63 on the sides, and he's owned it for 42 years. There's another ('04) Z06 Corvette parked in his driveway.

Throughout his garage are posters and photos of many cars and racing events. He participated in all the races represented by the posters and has gone up against most of the cars, including one of the rarest, a 1963 Grand Sport Corvette. Only five were believed to be built. "The last one changed hands for about \$5 million," he said. "I've never dreamed of owning one, but I've raced with them."

It all began with the previously mentioned Porsche. He bought it in 1960, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, with money he saved from being in the Air Force. "I started going to races to run flags," he said. "It was never my goal to become a career race car driver. I was more of a gentleman racer."

Gentleman, yes, but also a tough foe on the race track. Garrett, now 76, experienced plenty of success over his many decades of racing. This includes racing extensively at Texas World Speedway in College Station, numerous times at the prestigious Sears Point Raceway in California, the inaugural Dallas Grand Prix in 1984 and three times at the legendary Monterey Historic Races (now the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion) in 2005, 2009 and 2013. "I never thought I'd get invited there. That was so special," Garrett said.

Garrett even raced on the oval at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the Indy 500, perhaps the world's most famous race. He reached a peak speed of 160 miles per hour, surpassed only by the time he reached 180 at Talladega in Alabama. "To do that, I had to run the motor at 7,200 RPM (revolutions per minute).

BRCC Logo Merchandise



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 Merchandise
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Nin Hulett 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.

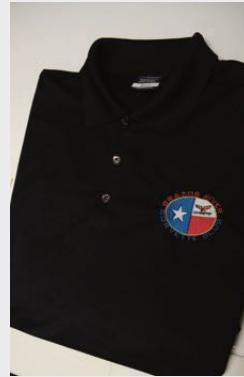
ADD \$6.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

Name Tags\$12.95

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

Tote Bags \$20.00

Key Chains \$10.00





Next Club Meeting April 4th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*

