

December 2023



# Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



**Brazos River Corvette Club**

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## 2024 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	Vinceen Parks
Secretary	Jill Brown
Treasurer	Robert Williams
Cruise Coordinator	Vinceen Parks
BRCC Charity	Kerri Lawson
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



Cindy LeRusso	Dec 4
John Gallagher	Dec 16
Jeanne Limroth	Dec 19
Annette Worthington	Dec 23

## Anniversaries

Bill & Eoun Mozingo Dec 18



DECEMBER						2023
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<small>Christmas Day</small>					

**WORDS  
FROM  
THE  
PRESIDENT**



We voted in nine new members at the November meeting, so a BIG WELCOME to Sonny and Karin Morgan, Robert and Kathleen Kurz, Cindy LaRusso, Larry and Rebekah Gatti, and Vince and Gayle Penar.

On December 8th, we will have our Christmas Party. We have sixty-seven members planning to attend, so we have great attendance this year. We are returning to the Harbor Lake Clubhouse as they have done a wonderful job last two years. A big thank-you to Nin Hulett and Jan Caldwell for sponsoring us. Be sure to be at the Harbor Lake clubhouse about 6pm for pre-dinner drinks with dinner at 7pm and the gift exchange about 8pm. We should have a fun time seeing what will be brought to the gift exchange.

We elected officers for 2024 with: Myself returning as President. Vinceen Parks will be the Vice-President, Jill Brown will be the Secretary, and Robert Williams will be the Treasurer. Outgoing is Tiffany Sprong who served two years as Secretary and Theresa Halford who served two years as Treasurer. Thanks to those accepting the positions for 2024 and those exiting as officers for 2023. I also want to thank Theresa Halford with Bob Halford for their leadership with the car show.

If I do not see you at the Christmas Party on December 8th, I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

All the best,

*Becky Skags*

Our year was fun filled with many activities consisting of our successful car show, six Saturday cruises, six lunch cruises, two parades, the member picnic, a Field of Flags social event, an Assisted Living social event, and the Christmas Party planned this month.

We ended the year with 111 members, so congratulations on getting our club to the 100-member goal. With normal attrition and after dues collection, we will be around ninety. All good, we will work to get back to the 100+ mark.







**BRCC Meeting Minutes  
for November 2, 2023  
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**



Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

49 members and 10 guests were present. 9 of the 10 guests were voted in as members during the meeting.

**Evening Prayer** led by Billy Parks.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Ed Amos.

**Member update:**

- Total members to date – 102
- Welcome and introductions for guests and new member voting:

- Cindy LaRusso
  - Corvette – 2003 Burgandy convertible corvette
  - Was at the car show and tonight's meeting

Motion: Ed Amos  
Second: Terry Varner  
All in favor/None opposed

- Bob and Kathy Kurz
  - Corvette – C6 2005 Black body/top convertible
  - Was at the car show and tonight's meeting

Motion: Rick Price  
Second: Charles Curtis  
All in favor/None opposed

- Larry and Rebekah Gatti
  - Corvette –2021 Torch Red
  - Was at October meeting and the picnic

Motion: Charles Curtis  
Second: Robert Van Cleave  
All in favor/None opposed



- Sonny and Karin Morgan
  - Corvette – 1996 C4 Torch Red Convertible
  - Were at the car show and the picnic

Motion: Ed Amos  
 Second: Jim Hill  
 All in favor/None opposed

- Vince and Gayle Penar
  - Corvette – 2017 C7 White Coupe
  - Attended October meeting and the picnic

Motion: Charles Curtis  
 Seconded: Sandy Varner  
 All in favor/None opposed

**Minutes:** Accept October 5, 2023 minutes. Tiffany took the minutes and sent via email. The minutes were posted in the November newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion: Pat Cooper  
 Seconded: Vinceen Parks  
 All in favor/None opposed

**Treasures Report:** Was not presented at the meeting due to communication error. It will be sent separately to members via email.

**Car show update(October 14, 2023):** Becky shared in Theresa and Bob’s absence.

Update on donations:

- \$3250.00 checks will be given to Kerri Lawson to delivery to Tolar VFD now as these are made out to them.
- \$8093.00 member donations, registrations, raffle, auction, Visit Granbury additional funds.
  - Note: This brings us to a total \$11,343.00 without expenses removed.
- Still need to have all expenses complete this year to determine final amount that we will donate. If you have any expenses, please get them in to Theresa as soon as you can.
  - \$1401.65 check paid for T-shirts
- Special donations that saved expenses:
  - Trophies \$1059.90 donated by Jim and Sharon Hill’s son





- Sound system \$800.00 donated via New Mexico condo from member, Bill Rogers for a week stay in early February for the vendor.
- January meeting - We can provide the final total after all expenses are in. Will make recommendations at that meeting for voting on the donation amount.
- February meeting will present check to Tolar VFD.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Webmaster:** Bill Mozingo – Website has been updated

**Email Distribution list update:** Pat Cooper – missing paperwork for new member that Becky will forward to her for processing. Robert Williams will start sending email changes as they happen instead of waiting.

**Club Merchandise:** Pat Cooper – has t-shirts left from car show if anyone is interested in purchasing

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

**NCCC:** Robert Williams: Finalizing roster and still needs updates. Will stay a few minutes after the meeting so members can verify their information in person instead of emailing.

**Events Coordinator:** Becky Skaggs

- Completed in October:
  - October 14<sup>th</sup> – BRCC Car Show
    - Pat Cooper shared raffle items that didn't go so that people who donated could take back
    - Jim Hill shared that it was his grandson that was shaking hands with winners
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> – Cowtown Car Show
    - Jim Hill won a award.
  - October 28<sup>th</sup> – BRCC Member Potluck Picnic at the Halfords
- Other key dates to mark your calendars for:
  - November 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday lunch cruise run
    - Cruise led by Billy and Vinceen Parks
    - To Rough Creek Lodge in Glenrose area.
    - Will meet at RaceTrac on 144 likely at 10am
    - An email will go out confirming meet time
  - November 25<sup>th</sup> – Granbury Christmas parade





- Becky has been contacted requesting us to be in the parade. I will send details after the meeting to those volunteering, however meeting in the large parking lot just the other side of Mama's Pizza, cruise from there to around the square. Must be decorated with lights.
- **Schedule:**
  - 4:30-5pm – check in at Hannaford @ Bridge St.
  - 5pm-6pm complete decoration/lights
  - 5:10pm – judging (we are not being judged)
  - 6:00pm – parade begins
- We need 8 corvettes decorated with lights. Volunteers are:
  1. Parks
  2. Gourley
  3. Morris
  4. Van Buren
  5. Lawson
  6. open
  7. open
  8. open

They've added the requirement of carrying a sign and walking in front of the group. Becky and Tiffany will volunteer for that if it's a definite requirement.

Note: The Varner's have lights for anyone who wants to be in the parade that may not have decorations.

- **December 8<sup>th</sup> – BRCC Christmas Party**  
**Sponsor: Nin Hulett**  
**Date:** December 8, 2022, Friday  
**Time:** 6pm start, see below for full schedule

**Location:** Harbor Lakes Golf Club  
 2100 Clubhouse Drive  
 Granbury, TX 76048

**The plans for the evening are:**

- 6pm-7pm – Drinks and Social
  - We paid for a cash bar so drinks are \$6 each, which is the same as last year. You settle with them as you go or at the end if you run a tab.
- 7pm – Dinner (Please remember your selection as there is only enough entrees for what was ordered)
  - Prime Rib
  - Herb Roasted Chicken in crème sauce





- Vegetarian dish  
Comes with salad, green beans, roasted potatoes, dessert, tea, water.
- 8pm – Any announcements and gift exchange (\$30 gift, women bring a gift for a woman, men bring a gift for a man)
  - We will have tables set up front labeled ‘Women’s gift’ and ‘Men’s gift’ so please place each gift on the correct table when you arrive.
- Recommendation on cost: \$25 per person for Christmas party. Note: Cost is \$54.42.
  - Assume 70 people
  - \$1750 contributed by members.
  - Club will take care of the rest paying \$2059.39 so total cost is \$3,809.39.
    - Note: Each person beyond 70 adds about \$7.55 per person for the club to pay.
  - Cost summary - key items: (Estimation based on 70 with 70/20 split on prime rib vs chicken/veg. More prime rib and average meal cost will go up.)
    - Room - \$230.95 – same as last year
    - Cash bar \$110 went down \$50 – Drinks still at \$6 per. Settle your tab at end.
    - \$25.00 per meal, which went up \$2 per meal – Includes: Tea, water, green beans, roasted potatoes, dessert
    - \$650 for Prime Rib extra with carver. We will have over 50 for prime rib so \$325 cost is twice. This is \$50 more than last year.
    - Tax (8.25%)+ 18% gratuity
- \$20 per member would cost club \$2409.39
- Motion: Bob Williams for \$25 per person  
Seconded: Vinceen Parks  
All in favor/None opposed
- Must submit #'s and food selection choice to Harbor Lakes no later than November 27<sup>th</sup>, so need to have money and selection in from members by November 25<sup>th</sup> EOD. Becky will email after the meeting to the full club this information.
  - Pay tonight at the meeting
  - OR
  - Mail check to:
    - BRCC







- PO Box 2251
- Granbury, TX 76048

### New Business

- Membership dues must be in no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Renewing: Single \$75, Couple \$85
  - New member(s): Single \$85, Couple \$95
  - Check or cash to BRCC
  - Pay at this meeting or mail into BRCC, PO Box 2251, Granbury, TX 76048
  
- Reminder Election process for 2024:
  - Led by Terry Varner
  
  - Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Car Show Director
    - Note: Other committee leads to be worked and confirmed by 2024 President.
  - Nominations:
    - President – Becky Skaggs. This assumes someone is taking over the Event Coordinator position. (Vinceen volunteered to take that position.)
      - Other nominations: None
      - Vote:
        - All in favor/None opposed
  
    - Vice-President – WJ Gourley
      - Other nominations: Vinceen Parks
      - Vote: by show of hands
        - Vinceen Parks will serve another year as Vice President
  
    - Secretary – Tiffany Sprong
      - Other nominations: Jill Brown. Given Tiffany prefers to not be in the position for a third year if we can find someone else she will step back from the nomination. Tiffany stepped out of the race.
      - Vote:
        - All in favor/None opposed
  
    - Treasurer – Robert Williams
      - Other nominations: None
      - Vote:
        - All in favor/None opposed





- Car Show Director
  - Nominations: No nominations
  - Becky shared that Theresa would be willing to have someone shadow her this year so that they're comfortable taking over next year.

**Summary of Election Results:**

- President – Becky Skaggs
- Vice President – Vinceen Parks
- Secretary – Jill Brown
- Treasurer – Robert Williams

**Entertainment – Joke by Ed Amos** (Funny as always)

**50/50 Raffle** – Robert Williams  
Collected \$70  
Winner Vickie Lawrence \$35

We now have 111 members!

**Motion to adjourn:**

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



# BRCC 2023 Calendar

## 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     | Hard 8 BBQ in Stephenville  | John Kleber & Annette Worthington |
| Aug 26    | Thurber Cruise & NY Hill Restaurant Lunch   | Skaggs                            |
| Sept 12   | Lunch Cruise Oaxaca Mexican Restaurant in Weatherford   | Jim and Cindy Morris              |
| Oct 14    | 17 <sup>TH</sup> BRCC Car Show  | Halfords 432-413-3099             |
| Oct 21    | Cowtown Annual Car Show   |                                   |
| Oct 28    | Annual BRCC Picnic  | Halfords 432-413-3099             |
| Nov 18    | Lunch cruise to Rough Creek Lodge   | Vinceen Parks                     |
| Nov 25    | Granbury Christmass Parade  |                                   |
| Dec 8     | FRIDAY Christmas Party Gift Exchange  |                                   |



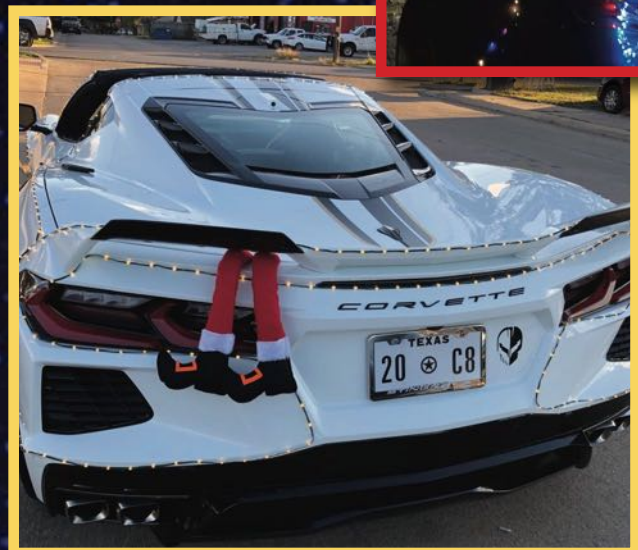
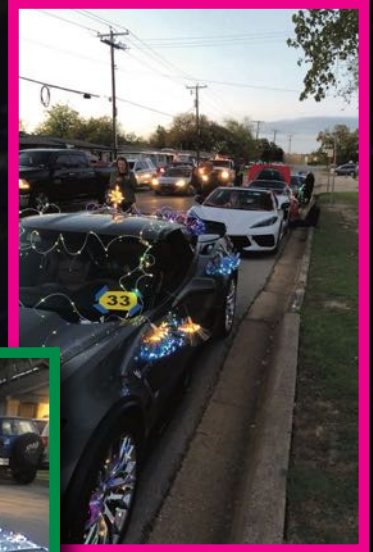




# BRCC IN GRANBURY'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

We participated in the 11/24/23 Granbury Christmas Parade on the square. The following are the nine corvette cars participating this year. Two of them drove dignitaries in the front of the parade. We were number 33 out of 43 entries in the parade.

- WJ Gourley driving Mayor Jim Jarrett
- Tom McElroy driving Judge Ron Massingill
- Bob and Theresa Halford
- Donny and Kerri Lawson
- Billy and Vinceen Parks
- Kelly and Rebecca Van Buren
- Rick and Jan Walker
- Lorri Naylor
- Jim and Cynthia Morris







# Rough Creek Lodge, Glenrose Cruise

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

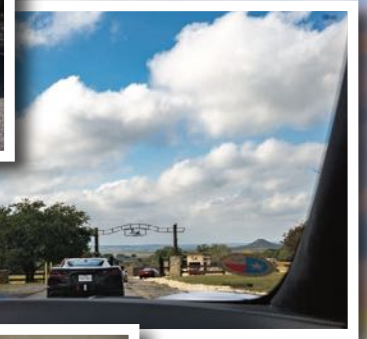
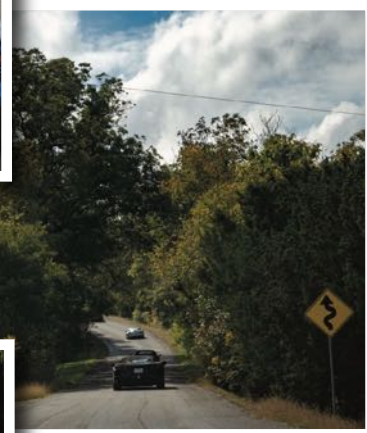
We left Racetrack on Hwy 144 about 11am on the route to Rough Creek Lodge which is southeast of the Glenrose area. Billy and Vinceen led a cruise with nineteen cars consisting of eighteen Corvettes and a Ferrari at the tail. We had thirty-five members and guests for lunch.

We drove the curvy FM 51. Then we turned left at FM 51 onto Hwy 67. We then took a quick turn right on County Road 2013. The only thing is only about eight cars made the turn. The rest of the group went down Hwy 67. We looked in our rear-view mirrors as they passed by. All good, Jim Morris our tail Corvette took off to round them up. He was able to gather them and bring them back to us on CR 2013. Hence, Jim has a new nickname 'The Wrangler.' Thank-you Jim, for a job well done in rounding them up.

This was a short cruise and we arrived at the Rough Creek Lodge for lunch. They seated us in an area together at various tables. We were most of the customers in the restaurant. Service was good for a group our size. They had unique menu items such as soft tacos with red snapper, beef pot pie with biscuits for the crust, and other delicious items.

As we left the ranch, we stopped to view and take photographs of the longhorn cattle. They were a little shy and walked farther away eyeing us as we got out of our cars. From there, we took the same route home with the sun shining and the day turning out nice.

Thanks to Billy and Vinceen Parks for leading the cruise. Thanks to 'The Wrangler' (Jim Morris) for being the tail car.







## CORVETTE PARTS & ACCESSORIES

This section for **Members recommending parts and accessories** they purchased and installed on their corvette.

### Jim Hill 2015 Z51 Convertable



Added some bling to his C7



Crossed Flags Alternator Cover  
**Americancarcraft.Com**



Vacuum Pump Actuator Cover  
High Polished Stainless Steel  
**Americancarcraft.Com**



Had trouble finding the front end of my C7 when parking my car in the garage. Want to walk in front of the car when parked. Bought this Stop sign that lights up when you hit it from Amazon. TUMAX Parking Garage Flashing Stop Sign



### Ed Amos 2013 Grand Sport

Changed cabin air filter in all our vehicles. The C6 with 13,700 needed the change the most. Looks like original filter was in there. C6 cabin air filter compartment is located behind battery. Three clips at the top of compartment door just flip up. Then the door can be removed. Be sure to insert the new filter with the arrow facing downward. Fresh air comes from behind the hood. Those wire clips are very strong so I inserted a flat piece of plastic between the battery and the compartment door. "The wire clips are NOT very strong"





## ***'Twas The Night Before Christmas'***

*The original 2005 version of the poem by author, Rick Tavel*

*'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,  
There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge.  
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,  
So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.*

*I popped the release and lifted the hood,  
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good."  
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,  
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!*

*We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,  
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?  
"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,  
"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"*

*His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,  
Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!"  
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,  
We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,*

*Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,  
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.  
The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise,  
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.*

*With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow,  
We headed on out to where the hot rodders go.  
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,  
With every shift up as I banged through the gears.*

*Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"  
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to  
drive.*

*Ole Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,  
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the  
knees!*

*The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!  
And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the  
ground!*

*Power shift into second, again into third!  
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,*

*Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,  
"Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"*







# BRCC Logo Merchandise



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*All prices are subject to change.*

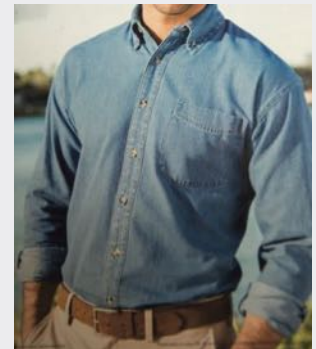
**Nike Polo Shirts 363-807 .....\$ 60.00**  
Color options subject to availability.



**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.







# Christmass Party Dec 8th Harbor Lakes Country Club



*That's All  
Folks*

