

April 2017

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

Newsletter

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2017 Club Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Terry Varner
Ed Pultorak
Kim Sheppard
Pam Click

2017 Appointments

Cruise Coordinator	Kelly Fulmer
BRCC Charity	Open
Car Show Directors	Jim & Sharon Hill
Charity Raffle	Larry DeYoung
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Pat Waddell
Merchandise	Larry Sharp
National Corvette Museum	Guy Mabee
Ambassador	
NCCC Governor	Neal Bellamy
Yahoo email Group Manager	Jim Hill
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 Yahoo mail.

Meetings are held at the Harbor Lakes Golf Club, Granbury TX (See web page for map), meeting begin at 6:00pm for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00pm and usually over before 9:00pm.

Birthdays



Randy McCoy	April 1
Noble Holbert	April 3
Nick Griffin	April 7
Gloria Holbert	April 11
Jane Bellamy	April 12
Tim Jacksy	April 13

Anniversaries

Debbie & Kelly Fulmer April 13

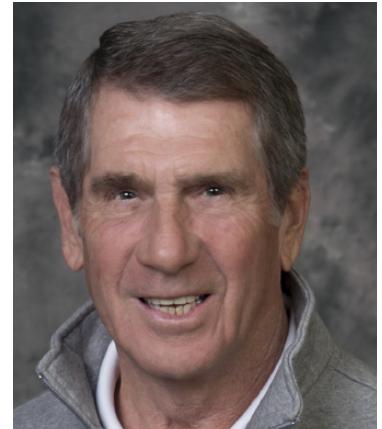


Happy Anniversary!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Varner

Here it is April already and Spring is springing and our events calendar is filling up. The cruise to the Railhead Smokehouse in Willow Park was well attended with twelve cars coming out for the run. Kelly and myself counted thirteen cars, but we were told by our spouse's that neither one of us could count, so I guess we had twelve cars. Beautiful sunny day for the drive. Our route took us north to make a circle around Lake Weatherford then to Willow Park and lunch at The Railhead Smokehouse. The food and the service was great. I didn't hear any complaints. After a leisure lunch with a lot of socializing we broke up and headed for home. We were joined on this trip by Beth Batista and her son Sam, whom we promptly got lost before we got out of Granbury, but we reeled him back in at Whiskey Flats, so all was good. Her husband Doug, joined us at the lunch and it was nice to meet them both. Fun Day. Thanks Sandy for arranging this cruise.



Check out the website calendar. We have a number of events scheduled. April 8th is the next cruise to Possum Kingdom Lake for Lunch. This cruise will be led by long time BRCC members John & Betty Boyd and should be a fun day so don't miss it. I would like to remind everyone to get your room reserved for both the Kerrville cruise and the trip to Ruidoso. We would like to have a head count, for both, to set up meals. There is a "RSVP" link on the Calendar page of the website for your convenience.

After last meeting, we narrowed down our choices for this years charity to three finalists. Hood County Children's Charity, Meals On Wheels and, Mission Granbury (directed to Veterans). I sent out an email with attachments that outlined the mission and goals of each one of the listed charities. I want to thank John Bratta for his work on researching the charities and providing this information so I could send it out to the club. We will have a ballot made up, and make our selection at the April meeting.

I have had a couple of meetings with the Food and Beverage people at Harbor Lakes about our dinners. They are very receptive to our concerns and requests. Let me briefly tell you what we discussed. We are going to have more say on what will be served. For example the April meeting they will provide meat Lasagna and chicken Alfredo. I'm told they will work on the quality and preparations of the meal. We will continue to have a two main courses, with salad, vegetables, when appropriate, and in addition we will get a desert. For those who requested it, the salad dressing will be on the side. If you have something you might want for dinner, let me know. Each month I will try to do something different based on the requests I get. For all these extra things plus a free meeting room, they have asked for a \$1.00 dollar increase to \$17.00 per person, which includes gratuity and tax. If this meets with the clubs approval, I will finalize the agreement.

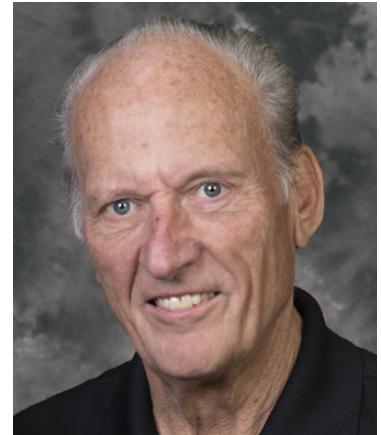
Keep up the good work on The RSVP's for dinner at our meeting. You don't have to email me if you are not planning on eating.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Terry Varner

MESSAGE FROM THE Vice PRESIDENT ED PULTORAK

March Madness is over and baseball opening day is upon us – Spring has sprung. What ever happened to March coming in like a lion and out like a lamb? Around here the latter part of March is the start of our storm season. We've already had two damaging winds and nearby tornados. None the less, we've done our Spring yardwork and will, hopefully, only have some minor cleanup after each storm blows through.



At our April meeting we will select our charity for our annual car show. Unfortunately, we are caught between a rock and a hard spot – if we select a “known” charity, we can raise more money than for a small local charity, but we will have less impact on that charity and its work in the community. If we want to be an effective fund raising event, we really need to know who our attendees will be: participants and their friends, local car show enthusiasts, etc. Obviously, we'll raise more money if we attract the “right” attendees. Can we get enough local exposure to attract the targeted attendees?

Having said all that, I suggest that we as a club need to decide, first of all, how hard we want to work at putting on the car show. Somewhere in the past, we decided to tone back our efforts, make this a fun event, and let the chips fall where they may.

BRCC has put together several inviting events this year – check the calendar. Hope to see you joining us on some of these activities.

Ed Pultorak

MARCH 2ND BRCC MINUTES

The March 2nd, 2017 Brazos River Corvette Club meeting was held at Harbor Lakes Country Club.

John Bratta opened the evening with a prayer.

President Terry Varner called the meeting to order at 6:53 PM.

Chip Mull led the members in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Terry met with the food and beverage of Harbor Lakes. He had a good meeting and they are willing to work with us. They want us to stay and we would like to continue to have our meetings here. Terry asked that we give them another chance.

Ed Pultorak had no new guest tonight.

Reports:

The February minutes by Kim Sheppard are now available on the website. All future minutes will be posted on the website. Chip Mull made the motion to accept the February minutes, it was seconded by Larry Sharp. All present were in favor and approved the minutes.

Treasurer Pam Click read the bank balance of the club. Terry Keck made the motion to accept the Treasures report and Larry Sharp seconded it. All present unanimously approved the Treasures report.

Committee Reports:

Events/Cruise

Kelly Fulmer thanked Larry and Pam for leading the last cruise. A cruise is planned every month. Kelly suggests we all get a radio to help with communicating on the cruise. He will post someone in the middle of the drive to help with directions. On March 11th there is a cruise planned for the Railhead Smokehouse. A map of the roads will be available on the website. Kelly is working on making this as easy as possible. May 5, 6, and 7th is a trip to Kerrville, Texas. It is being planned by David and Teresa Batson.

David informs the group it will be full of excitement. He has 20 rooms saved at the Inn of the Hills. The cost is \$268.94 a night and there is no charge to cancel by April 5th. David is looking at a winery for lunch and is planning on doing the three sister's roads. Terry thanked David.

Newsletter/Car show/Yahoo Group Manager/Photographer/Historian

Jim Hill had nothing new to report on the newsletter or car show.

Member Care

Sandy will send a card to Pat Waddell.



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Webmaster:

Sandy Varner re did the website and the most important change is the calender pages. There is a link attached to the calender that will enable you to RSVP that you are attending the cruise and ask questions. She also is posting the newsletter and monthly minutes. There is a general question page that has a link on how to ship your car. There is a description about help from NCCC and she has a link and an email to Neal available on the site.

National Corvette Museum:

Guy was not present.

Club Merchandise:

Larry Sharp reported all good.

Old Business:

On the table is the list of charities to review. Terry would like a final vote at the next meeting. Terry opened the floor for any final discussion on the charities listed. There was a lot discussion by the members concerning the charities listed. A motion was made by Gary Sheppard and seconded by Teresa Batson to pick the top three charities. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A ballot was approved to list the top three charities: 1. Mission Granbury (Veterans Only) 2. Meals on Wheels 3. Hood County Children's Charity Fund

It is recommended to get on the web and look up more information on the above charities.

New Business:

Larry DeYoung has forms available to sponsor a flag to be displayed in the field of flags. Jim will send the final directory out Sunday, so please submit your changes.

Open Discussion:

Terry will talk with Guy about purchasing raffle tickets for the new corvette in Bowling Green. Neil Bel-lamy mentioned in Bowling Green on August 21st there is a non competition event. Hotels are sold out. Kelly would appreciate it if David and Nick would get hotel confirmation of the number of rooms booked for their trips.

Charity Raffle:

Larry DeYoung sold 50/50 tickets and Sandy Varner won.

Terry thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn:

Larry Sharp made the motion to close the meeting and Sandy Varner seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM by President Terry Varner .

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Sheppard

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRCC 2016 Calendar

The primary interest in our club is centered on activities. Our best months are those with two cruises. We need each of you to organize and lead an activity. You will get all the help you need to contribute to our club success.

Please contact our Activity Director Kelly Fulmer 817-296-7554 to plan an event.

February 8	Bond Firearms Tour	Nick Griffin
February 18	Lunch cruise to Weatherford Tx	Debbye Fulmer & Pam Click
March 25	Railhead Smokehouse, Willow Park Tx	Terry & Sandy Varner
April 8	Possum Kingdom Lake Lunch Cruise	John & Betty Boyd
April 23	Lost Oak Winery Corvette Car Show	Neal & Jane Bellamy
May 5-7	Road Trip to Kerrville Tx	Dave & Teresa Batson
May 19-21	Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic, Ft Worth	
May 20	Annual Texas Steak Cookoff & Wine Festival, Hico, Tx	
June 10	BRCC Annual Picnic, Pecan Plantation	Terry & Sandy Varner
July	4th of July Parade	John Bratta 817-0573-2272
July 16-20	Ruidoso, NM	Nick has blocked rooms at Inn of the Mountain Gods for BRCC members. The rate he obtained is an amazing \$109.00 per night. If you are interested in participating you need to call 575-464-7777, and 575-464-7012 and make a reservations. The rooms are blocked under Brazor River Corvette Club (or Brazos Corvette Club). There is lots to do and see in that area, from Zip Lining, golf, sightseeing, shopping, and day cruises to historical and/or interesting places around the area. Please let Nick or Kelly know if you are booked.
August		
September		
Oct 14	12th Annual BRCC Car Show	Jim and Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Oct 21	Cowtown Corvette Show	Jim and Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Nov	Veterans Day Parade	John & Peggy Bratta 817-0573-2272
Dec 7	Christmas Party	BRCC
Dec ?	Christmas Toys for Tots Car Show	

VINES & VETTES CAR SHOW



DATE:

Sunday, April 23, 2017

LOCATION:

2116 FM 731 - Burleson , Texas 76028

EVENT IS HOSTED BY:

Lost Oak Winery

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

Live Band - Amos Moses Band - 3-6pm

DESCRIPTION:

People's Choice Corvette Show

REGISTRATION & SETUP:

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING:

Per Lost Oak's Announcement at the event

CLASSES -

Determined by Lost Oak's event coordinator

SHOW HOURS:

3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

AWARDS:

6:00 pm

Showing Vette - Entry Fee Pay in advance on line: \$10.00 per Vette for 2 NON-Wine Club Members. Link to winery web site <http://www.lost oakwinery.com/> Entry form was not on line at BRCC newsletter time.

This is a low key, crowd/participant judged Corvette-only car show. The venue is a grassy field next to the winery. There is a live band and also indoor seating and bathrooms. There are limited food items and wine available to purchase.

Plan to take a picnic, drinks in an ice chest, and some lawn chairs (in case the provided seating is limited).

CONTACTS:

Lost Oak Winery 817-426-6625



The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) Charity & Grants Program (Program) began in 1975 and has grown steadily, not only in dollar amounts that are given, but also in the area of service. The Program depends entirely on voluntary participation by NCCC Clubs and their Club Members. Through the years NCCC, as an all volunteer organization, has donated over \$1.5 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Spina Bifida Association of America and the National Kidney Foundation. In 1996, NCCC began working with the National Kidney Foundation in support of their Transplant Games and the Organ Donor Awareness Program. In 2016, NCCC began its support of St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In 1990 the Program initiated the disaster program designed to assist members during times of financial crisis and/or disasters. Monies raised for the Grants are generated through in house craft sales, a 50/50 raffle conducted at each National Governors Meeting and the dollar raffles held at the annual National Convention.

In 1990, the Program established a Scholarship Program for Members and their children to assist with educational opportunities at the college level. Funds for the scholarships are derived from special gifts from Members, Member Clubs, Regions and Sponsors as well as the dollar raffle at the annual NCCC Convention.

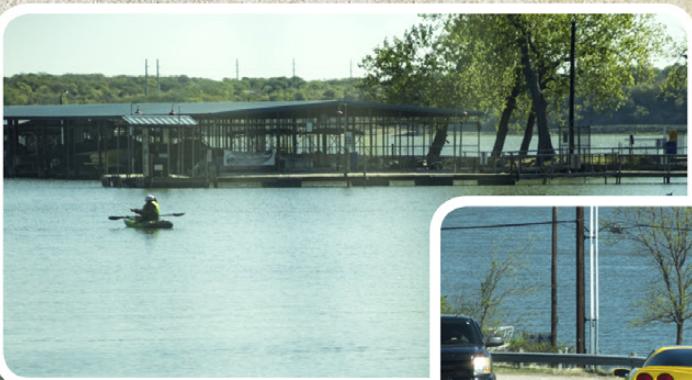
Each year from 1977 through 2015 the Program held a raffle for a new Corvette. With the assistance of the Chevrolet Motor Division, a new Corvette for the raffle was purchased with Funds that were raised through the ticket sales. Tickets were sold across the country at car shows, meetings, Corvette events and among friends and co-workers. Beginning in 2016, the Program initiated the Raffle for a Certificate towards a new Corvette from a dealer of the Winner's choice.

NCCC Members and their Clubs are also involved in Charity work across the country. NCCC and its Members have donated many dollars and much time over the years. NCCC is truly a first class giving organization!

For more information regarding
NCCC Charity and Grants Program
or
NCCC Scholarship Program
please send an e-mail to

Michele Cantelmo
NCCC Director of Charity
charity@corvettesnccc.com

BRCC Members drive to Willow Park for lunch at Railhead Restaurant



BRCC Logo Merchandise

Larry Sharp 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 item upon request.*



Flame Caps\$ 12.00
Solid Color sandwich bill caps\$ 12.00

Larry Sharp
Merchandise
817-475-9692
LarySharp2004@gmail.com



Nike Polo Shirts 363-807\$ 30.00
Many colors, Yellow, Light Blue,
Med Blue, Varsity Red, White,
Black, Pink & Others



Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL
Mens: Black, Charcoal Grey, Navy Blue
Med Blue, Forest Green Maroon
Ladies: Black Charcoal Grey, Med Blue
Dust Rose, Pink Rush, Navy Blue, White



Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall
Black, White, Vintage Heather,
Graphite Heather, Light Heather,
Forest Green, Dark Pink, Pink, Maroon
True Red, True Navy, True Royal



Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 \$25.00
Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
All colors



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Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
XS-6XL and Long

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Next Club Meeting April 6th

