



# BRAZOS RIVER

April 2020

# CORVETTE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### GM Temporarily Suspends Production of the Mid-Engine Corvette at their Bowling Green Assembly Plant



# 2020



**Brazos River Corvette Club**  
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## 2020 BRCC Officers

President	Allan Kettlehut
Vice President	Terry Keck
Secretary	Beth Batista
Treasurer	Larry DeYoung

## 2020 Appointments

Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Donna Poe
Car Show Directors	Jim & Sharon Hill
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Arlene DeYoung
Merchandise	Larry Sharp
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Bob Mischel
NCCC Governor	Neal Bellamy
Yahoo email Group Manager	Jim Hill
Web Master	Sandy Varner

## Membership Meetings

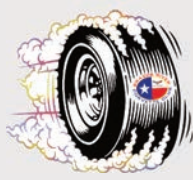
General membership meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, exceptions are posted on the web site and members notified via Yahoo mail. Meetings held at Spring Creek BBQ begin at 6:00pm for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00pm and usually over before 9:00pm.

## *Happy Birthday*

Nin Hulett	April 1
Nick Griffin	April 7
Jane Bellamy	April 12
Tim Jacksy	April 13

## *Anniversaries*

Debbie & Kelly Fulmer	April 13
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**2020  
BRCC PRESIDENT  
ALLAN KETTLEHUT**

Hello to a new world. As you know we have canceled our April 2nd meeting and who knows if we can have our May meeting. As of now the April 18th cruise is still on if anything is open. We will let you know later

To good news . The trip to Nocona and the visit to Horton Classic Car Museum was great. Perfect weather, fun route, thank you Robert, and lot's of corvettes to look at, plus many other classic cars.

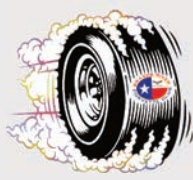
The stop at the BBQ place in St Joe was well timed and good food. All and all great day with friends and driving our vetts.

As you know cruises are key to our club. We have members who have stepped up to lead rides in April, May and September. Please consider helping out for June, July and August. I know none of this may happen, but better to be prepared now instead of scrambling around later. If you can do this contact Becky Skaggs.

Finally, We need someone to place news articles, info in local papers, magazines, etc. dealing with our Oct car show. I have a package guide that Jim and Sharon Hill has put together so it's just a matter of following what they have done in the past. With the virus thing, we all have a little extra time on our hands, so please consider this as something you can do to help the club . Please email me if you want to step forward and I will get the package to you while keeping social distance.

Cheers and keep the faith. Allan

*Allan Kettlehut*



## FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> BRCC MINUTES

By Beth Batista

The March 5, 2020 meeting of the Brazos River Corvette Club was held at Spring Creek BBQ. Thirty- three members and 1 guest were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Allan Kettlehut.

Allan welcomed our members and our guest, Bob Steven, from Granbury, who owns 3-1/2 Corvettes...a 1992 coupe, a 2001, set up for racing, and the ½ Vette is a 2001 Commemorative edition and a Cadillac XLR-V.

### Reports:

The motion to approve the February 2020 minutes was made by Ronnie Poe and seconded by Terry Varner. Members approved the minutes.

The Treasure's Report was given by Larry DeYoung. The motion to accept the report was made by Bob Williams and seconded by Jim Hill. The motion was passed.

### Committee Reports:

#### Events/Cruises:

Cruise Director Becky Skaggs said there were two events coming up. Bob Williams will be leading a cruise on March 7 to Horton's Classic Car Museum in Nocona, Texas, with a stop in St. Joe for lunch. Members are to meet at 8:30 at Starbucks for a 9:00 departure.

Terry Varner will be leading a cruise to the Waco Mammoth National Park. (The Waco Mammoth National Monument is a paleontological site and museum in Waco where fossils of 24 Columbian mammoths and other mammals have been uncovered. The site is the largest known concentration of mammoths dying from a reoccurring event, which is believed to have been a flash flood. ) Those who are going need to meet at Racetrack Gas Station on Hiway 144 at 8:30, and depart at 9:00. The tour begins at 11:30, with lunch afterwards at Billy Whizzbang's Burgers. Terry will be providing turn-by-turn directions.

Larry DeYoung is planning a lunch cruise in May (date TBD) to the Wildcatter Restaurant in Graham.

Carol Harris is tentatively planning a cruise in September. Details forthcoming.

Newsletter: Jim Hill will keep the newsletter up to date with information about all cruises as he receives the information.

Car Show: Jim Hill has sent out "Keep the Date" mailings for the BRCC Car Show in October. He has already had other car clubs saying they will be attending.

Member Care: Arlene DeYoung has sent out several get-well cards to members.

Webmaster: Sandy Varner stated the website is up to date. Information regarding cruises will be seen as PDF files on the website.

National Corvette Museum (NCM): If any members are planning on a trip to the NCM, the club has been provided with six free tickets to the museum. Let them know at the front desk, they can look up the club for these tickets. Plant tours have not started yet. Amazon Smile donates **0.5%** of the price of your eligible **smile.amazon.com** purchases to the charity of your choice, You designate the National Corvette Museum, if that is your choice.

National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC): Neal Bellamy stated the NCCC convention is July 9-11. There will be three raffles for tires. Tickets are \$25/ each with proceeds going to St. Jude's Charity. On May 4, the Tire Rack One Lap of America Event onelapofamerica.com an event that will include Eagle's Canyon on their route. Neal will send out information for this on a Yahoo Blast next month.

### Old Business:

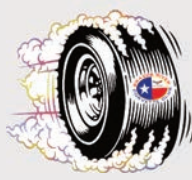
Allan Kettlehut obtained BRCC business cards for members to distribute to people who would be interested in our club.

### New Business:

Larry DeYoung said the Field of Flags, which the club participated in last year, is looking for sponsors and workers. Larry has contact information for Cathy Castro if any member is interested.

The 50/50 was won by Nick Griffin.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Earl Harris seconded by Ronnie Poe. All members approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 by Allan Kettlehut.



# BRCC 2020 CALENDAR

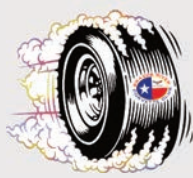
## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18	Cruise to DeLeon, Tx. Terrill Antique Car Museum	Allan Kettlehut
Feb 8	Dublin Bottle Works Tour then Lunch	Allan Kettlehut 830-220-2318
Mar 7	Nocona Tx, Horton Classic Car Museum	Bob Williams 214-802-3143
April 18	Waco Lunch and Mammoth National Monument	Varner 817-573-3472
May	Wildcatter Steakhouse Graham Tx	Larry & Arlene DeYoung 682-560-0160
July 4	Granbury 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	
Oct 10	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual BRCC Car Show	Jim & Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Oct 17	Cowtown Annual Car Show	Jim & Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Dec	Christmas Party	

*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. Ask and you will get all the help you need to contribute to our clubs success.*

*Let's fill in more dates!*



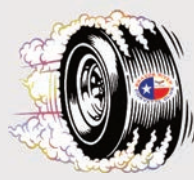
**We're not sure if you were aware, but true driving aficionados dress to the nines in suits and top hats.**



**A****FICIONADOS ARE MADE, NOT BORN** Corvette enthusiasm, like manhood, is a condition that develops slowly and requires the tempering influence of experience. It begins when you're urging your faithful family sedan along some twisty bit of road and a Corvette slips by like you were just another bend in the highway. It reaches its peak with you, checkbook in hand, savoring the view from the driver's seat of that wondrous automobile, and imagining yourself expertly answering the challenge of an Alpine pass. You can shorten this process considerably; see your Chevrolet dealer and drive a '62 Corvette. It's a car worth driving. It runs like all-get-out because it has a mighty 327-cubic-inch V8 engine. It stops, it changes direction with the speed and ease of a gazelle because of its knife-edge balance and great, huge brakes. It's a car to make driving enthusiasts of us all. . . . **CORVETTE BY CHEVROLET**  
Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

Year: 1962

Source: [via](#)



Employees at the **General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant** were notified Thursday night that **the plant** – which operates on two shifts and with approximately 1,400 employees – **will be temporarily shutting down beginning at the end of business on Friday, March 20th**, due to overwhelming concerns about the continuing spread of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The shutdown of the **Bowling Green Assembly Plant** is just one of many manufacturing plants across the United States to be closed at the direction of the UAW (United Auto Workers.) **The UAW has urged GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler to shut down all of their plants across the nation** as a way of protecting employees and their families from the fast spreading COVID-19 virus.

Media reports have indicated that **GM is closing all of its North American manufacturing plants until at least March 30, 2020**, and will evaluate the situation on a weekly basis after that time.

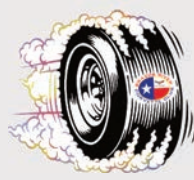
**“Due to an overwhelming demand for the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, Chevrolet has decided to stop taking sold orders after March 18, 2020.”** This statement was released by Chevrolet, citing heavy demand and limited supply follow the production shutdown caused both by the United Auto Workers strike last fall and the shutdown of **GM’s** production plants in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic.

For those interested in purchasing the Mid-Engine C8 Corvette, **Chevrolet** also stated “Chevrolet dealers will begin taking orders for the 2021 Corvette in late May.” This announcement means that **GM will actually begin accepting orders for the 2021 Corvette on May 21, a full month earlier than previously planned.**

The shutdown of the plant is not expected to interfere with the dealers’ ability to fill existing orders within their allocation.

**Production of the 2021 Corvette models is planned to start September 1, 2020 at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant.** However, it is important to keep in mind that, based on the March 18th announcement of plant closures across the US, it is reasonable to expect that the plant shutdown will last at least thru the end of March, and more realistically, it will be extended into April, suggesting that **the Bowling Green Assembly Plant could be facing another six-week shutdown in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Based on the length of this current shutdown, **GM may have difficulties fulfilling orders of the 2020 C8 Corvette placed before the March 18th cutoff.**



## Nick Griffin is selling his 2011 GS

If you or someone you know is looking for a clean one owner

34,000 Mile Grand Sport Corvette Call 817-776-3824



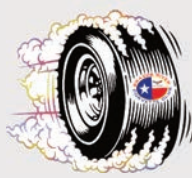
**\$32,500.00**



Follow this link for additional photos and Original Sticker.....

<https://jim-hill.smugmug.com/2020/Nicks-Vette/>





## 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.*

Larry Sharp  
Merchandise  
817-475-9692  
[LarrySharp2004@gmail.com](mailto:LarrySharp2004@gmail.com)



**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

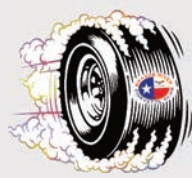
**Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies ..... \$35.00**

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



**ADD \$3.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES**

**Name Tags .....\$9.00**



**PRE-OWNED 2015 CHEVROLET CORVETTE**

Stingray Coupe Z51 3LT

CLASSIC PRICE **\$46,488**

See Important Disclosures Here



**SPECIFICATIONS**

Stock Number	104020	Miles	3,180
Exterior	Shark Gray Metallic	Interior	Kalahari
Engine	6.2L	Drive Wheels	RWD
Transmission	7-Speed Manual	VIN	1G1YL2D77F5104020

**NEW 2019 CHEVROLET CORVETTE**

Stingray Coupe 1LT

CLASSIC SALE PRICE **\$55,321**

MSRP **\$62,475**

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**NEW**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Stock Number	121202
Exterior	Blade Silver Metallic
Interior	Jet Black
Engine	6.2L
Drive Wheels	RWD
Transmission	8-Speed Automatic
VIN	1G1YB2D73K5121202

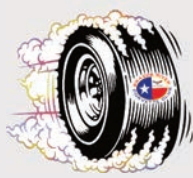
**CURRENT OFFERS**

MSRP	\$62,475
Classic Price	\$57,321
Customer Cash <sup>1</sup>	-\$2,000
Take Retail Delivery By 3/31/20	
<b>Classic Sale Price</b>	<b>\$55,321</b>
Total Savings	\$7,154
<b>AVAILABLE SPECIALS</b>	

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# Next Club Meeting Stay Tuned Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All  
Folks*