



# Brazos River Corvette Club

Newsletter

February 2021



*Let's go for a Ride!*



**Brazos River Corvette Club**

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## 2021 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skags
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Larry DeYoung

Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Donna Poe
Car Show Directors	Bob & Theresa Halford
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Arlene De Young
Merchandise	Larry Sharp
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Bob Mischel
NCCC Governor	Neal Bellamy
Email Group Manager	Sandy Varner
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 6:00pm for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00pm and usually over before 9:00pm.

## Happy Birthday

Beth Batista	Feb 11
Larry Sharp	Feb 17
Libby Lanzara	Feb 18

## Anniversaries

Robert & Paula Mischel	Feb 18
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Happy Anniversary!!



# 2021

## **BRCC PRESIDENT BECKY SKAGGS**

Even though we did not have a club meeting in January, we have some updates for you. We had an awesome time on our January 16 cruise led by Terry Varner. Thank-you Terry for getting us out. See the separate update on the cruise in the newsletter for more detail.

Yes, we are still planning a cruise on February 21st with February 28th our push date should the weather not cooperate. Update your calendar to reserve time for this. I hope many of you can make it. We do our best with COVID safe practices. When we meet at our starting point, we all wear masks. As we sign the waiver, we have hand sanitizer to clean our hands. We are all in our cars most of the time. At the lunch, we either sat outside or inside at separate tables that the restaurant had separated by taping off every other table. So, come join us and get out of the house if you can. More details will be coming in February about 1 week prior to the trip. I will be leading this

cruise and it is my first one to lead so please be understanding with the route.

The other exciting thing is we have two new couples who applied for membership in January: 1) Don and Marilyn Neely 2) Jim and Linda Gresham. I talked to Jim and he is so excited as he just bought a C8 that is a white L2 with black trim. He sent me a couple of pictures. Nice! I think that is two C8's we have in the club now. Don has a 64 Red Coupe and likes all things Corvette. He has had a Corvette since he was a Junior in High School. I am looking forward to seeing both cars. I called a couple of members and discussed how to handle new membership. Given the pandemic, we are accepting Don, Jim, and Linda as members without the meeting vote. I hope all are okay with this approach. Welcome to the club Don, Jim, and Linda! We are glad to have you and look forward to seeing you in future activities and meetings.

We figured out what was wrong with the AOL email accounts with receiving updates with our membership@brazosrivercc.com distribution list. Also, check your spam if you have not received a couple of emails from myself in January. I have been calling people and some have indicated they have not received any emails from me only to find out that bskaggs8@aol.com was in their spam/trash folder.

Some of our club members are starting to get vaccines and/or are on the list to get. It will take a while for the vaccines to get out more. The February 4th meeting may not occur given not much has changed. I will send an email next week by Tuesday if we will be having the meeting or not.

We are still in need to fill the VP, Secretary, and Events Coordinator positions. I need you to dig deep into your Corvette loving heart and come forward for one of these positions. If you have an interest, please give me a call or email.

As always, feedback is welcome. I want this club to be something you enjoy and want to participate in. This is our club, so let's make it fun!!!

*Becky Skaggs*



**Brazos River Corvette Club Meeting**

**STILL LOOKING HIGH AND LOW  
FOR 2021 SECRETARY**



**CALL OR EMAIL BECKY SKAGS TO VOLUNTEER**

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# *BRCC 2021 CALENDAR*

## **PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Jan 16</b>             | <b>Cruise &amp; Lunch to Hamilton Tx</b>         | <b>Terry Varner</b>              |
| <b>Feb 20<br/>If Rain</b> | <b>Safe Cruise &amp; Picnic Lunch<br/>Feb 27</b> | <b>Becky Skaggs 817-239-0061</b> |
| <b>Oct 9</b>              | <b>15<sup>TH</sup> BRCC Car Show</b>             | <b>Halfords 432-413-3099</b>     |
| <b>Oct 17</b>             | <b>Cowtown Annual Car Show</b>                   |                                  |

**MEMBERS NEED TO SET UP AND RUN AN EVENT  
PICK YOUR DATE**

**SINGLE LUNCH RUNS ARE ALWAYS ENJOYED FOR SOCIALIZING**



## New BRCC Members & their New C8

JIM AND LINDA GRESHAM.



Word of Wisdom  
Jim & Linda

GOOD CARS GET  
YOU FROM  
POINT A TO B.  
GREAT CARS...WELL  
THEY JUST GET YOU  
IN TROUBLE.





**On January 16**, Terry Varner led an eight-car cruise. The weather was sunny, breezy with temperatures in the 50-60 range. A jacket was needed. It was an awesome time and we practiced safe pandemic procedures. The cruise started at the Racetrack gas station on 144. We took the back roads going through Walnut Springs, Iredell (pit stop) and Cransfill Gap ending at Hamilton. We stopped at Storm's Hamburgers for lunch. People sat outside or at spaced tables inside. We had a wonderful surprise that last year car members Dave and Teresa Batson stopped by to say hi. They now live in the Hamilton area on property with horses and are really enjoying the more rural area. They swapped their Corvette for a Pick-up. Oh my, that is a change! After, lunch we got back on the roads for a return trip going a different route. Not too far down the road one of the members had a car problem. The car was basically losing engine power to a point it would not go. He was comfortable it was not the battery as it was not old. The back 3 cars called the front group back as he was looking to see if anyone had a 10mm socket wrench. We were lucky twice. Once, one of the members that returned had a socket wrench that worked. Second, taking the battery cables off, waiting several seconds and putting them back on reset the system, so we were able to take off again. Lesson here is how important it is to have tools with us as you never know. We went through Fairy onto Hico.

Four of the cars stopped in Hico while the rest continued home. The Hico pit stop was all about chocolate! We stopped at the Wiseman House Chocolates. Yum. Purchases made and the last 4 cars were on our way back home to Granbury where we split off to our homes. What a great time. I heard some say how good it felt to get out of the house and drive their Corvette.

**Reporter:** Becky Skaggs





# C8 Corvette Owners Are Frustrated With Ugly Damage From the Car's Wide-Open Grilles

GM claims the damage to the car's air conditioner condensers is purely cosmetic, but owners are turning to aftermarket grilles to cover them up.

BY STEF SCHRADER JANUARY 29, 2021



The C8-generation Chevrolet Corvette is a mid-engine marvel built for speed, but one design decision has attracted ire from many of its owners: the large, wide-open grilles at each corner up front. These direct air into the condensers for the air conditioner and the radiators that sit behind them, and the wide-open design lets debris damage those wide-open components.

"It just gets bugs, rocks, small Honda Civics—all kinds of stuff gets sucked in there and when it does, it beats up the radiator," Justin from YouTube's HorsePower Obsessed channel said of his C8's front grilles.

Problem is, air needs to flow through the fins of the car's condensers and radiators in order for the fluid running through those parts to cool down properly. The damage isn't just ugly—it has some owners concerned about breaking the condenser and radiator and then being on the hook for the repairs.

While "stop tailgating" is a common pushback to these complaints on various Corvette forums, the reality is that there's plenty of other things that could strike, bend or gum up a wide-open condenser or radiator, from gravel on roads to bugs to a brief, ahem, off-pavement track day adventure if you're pushing your performance car just a little too hard in the correct venue. Just thinking about Florida's notoriously sticky love bugs and largely exposed cooling parts full of hard-to-clean fins makes me a tad nervous.

As such, it hasn't taken long for some cars to rack up a large amount of visible damage to the fronts of their condensers. Ron Harris posted a customer's C8 convertible (pictured above) that had racked up a concerning amount of pits in its condensers after just 689 miles in the C8 Corvette Owners (And Friends) Facebook group.

General Motors claims that the dinged-up fins won't affect the performance of the C8, telling Motor1,

"What people are seeing is cosmetic. We have determined that it does not degrade the performance of the vehicle."

Even if that's the case, it's still an eyesore to many C8 owners—so much so that the subject of installing aftermarket radiator grill guards is a frequent topic of discussion.

"This forum needs a pinned post at the top regarding the available solutions," said Jake Spruill on Harris' Facebook thread.

Many owners have wondered why GM hasn't offered a solution themselves to close up the grilles a little better. The Drive reached out to GM to ask whether such a grille insert would affect performance, but none of the posts seen by The Drive from owners who added their own grille guards have indicated any issues. (We will update this article if GM responds.)

This isn't a brand-new issue with only the C8—water-cooled Porsche owners have been adding grille inserts for years, for one—but it's definitely a frustrating one considering just how visible the condensers are on the C8 and how protective owners are of their brand-new, much-hyped, hard-to-get sports cars. Numerous aftermarket companies have already stepped in to fill owners' wishes with pre-cut protectors.

Others have made their own guards, as owner Will-Rockwell on MidEngineCorvetteForum.com reposted a photo of custom grille guards made out of mesh from Home Depot. Douglas Hines also posted a link to cut-to-fit grille mesh from Wish on Harris' Facebook thread that costs less than \$20 per sheet. Hey, if it works, it works.

[H/T Motor1!]





## 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  
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**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

**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**





# Next Club Meeting February 4th Unless notified by email



*That's All  
Folks*