

June 2022



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

June 16th Overnight Cruise to Alpine Tx



Brazos River Corvette Club

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2022 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	Vinceen Parks
Secretary	Tiffany Sprong
Treasurer	Theresa Halford

Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Donna Poe
Car Show Directors	Bob & Theresa Halford
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

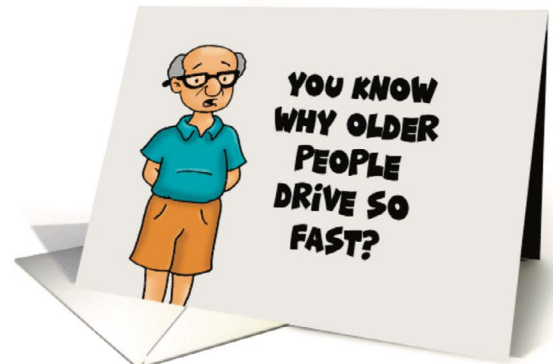
Membership Meetings

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

Steven Crawford	June 8
John Bratta	June 15
Bobby Halford	June 17
George Copeland	June 25



Because they have to get there before they forget where they're going!

Happy Birthday

Anniversaries

Michael & Gloria Hokanson	June 5
Jim & Sharon Hill	June 15
John & Peggi Bratta	June 28
Robert & Sammie Williams	June 20

Happy Anniversary!!



2022
BRCC PRESIDENT
BECKY SKAGGS

Wow, summer got here early. Thank goodness for the cold front that came in for about one week. We had three key activities to enjoy in May. First, we had the cruise to West and got to bring home those delicious kolaches. Second, we got to bring back memories with the Brazos Drive-in Theater social and movie night.

Third and most important, we honored our veterans at the Field of Flags on 377 with a show of our corvettes as well as sponsoring two BRCC vets.

- Thank you Larry DeYoung who was a Captain in the Airforce for your service.
- Thank you Robert Williams who was Chief Warrant Officer for your service.

We have detailed reports on each event with pictures for your enjoyment in this newsletter.

We finalized our charity event by selecting Lipan as our Hood County VFD for this year to donate to. We will put on the November meeting agenda to select our specific VFD for 2023. Billy Parks has volunteered to be lead for the Charity Committee this year.

We need volunteers for cruises either on the weekend or a weekday lunch cruise. Please contact me if you can host one. I know people are busier this year with vacations and family since covid is down, however let us keep our club active with planned events. The overnight cruise to Alpine cancelled as not enough interest.

Membership is up to 83 members now. A big welcome to Bill and Cynthia Compton, who became members at our May meeting. Let us keep up the outreach for more club members as we have lots of corvettes here in Hood County that are not part of our club.

I hope to see you at the June 2nd meeting held at Spring Creek. The meeting starts at 7pm and get there earlier for dinner.

All the best,

Becky Skaggs



**BRCC Meeting Agenda
for May 5, 2022
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by President Becky Skaggs at Spring Creek BBQ. 42 members were present with one guest.

Becky welcomed everyone and reminded them to sign in on attendance sheet being passed around.

No guests were present.

Evening Prayer was led by Early Harris.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Sharp.

Larry Sherman, Captain with Lipan VFD was introduced as one of the Hood County VFDs to be considered for sponsorship. Larry has been with the Lipan VFD for 15 years and shared some information about the department as well as answered questions from club members.

Key points:

- They suffered damages/loss of gear in Big L fire
- One bunker suit (not including respirator mask and gloves) is \$4700
- County purchases oxygen and regulators; VFD maintains
- They need scene lights for a rescue truck: \$800-\$1000ea
- The cost to replace one tire on trucks is \$600
- Roster includes 50 firefighters (some are reserve)
- Get occasional grants from Hood County
- When called to another county for assistance, no funding exchanged

Member update:

- Total members to date –81 (five new members last month)
- William (Bill) Compton and Cynthia Sandler –2010 red corvette
 - Motion – Larry DeYoung
 - Motion seconded – Terry Varner
 - All in favor/none opposed
- Recruiting reminder that if you see other Corvette owners invite them to one of our meetings or events or leave a BRCC business card on their windshield. If anyone needs business cards, please see me at a meeting or on a cruise.



April Minutes: Accept April 7, 2022 minutes. Becky sent prior to meeting via email for review as well as it was in the May newsletter. No updates/changes submitted.

Motion – Bryan Houser
Seconded – WJ Gourley
All in favor/None opposed

Treasurers Report: Theresa Halford

Total Treasury report: \$2621.66 as of May 5, 2022

Motion to accept – John Bratta
Seconded – Bryan Houser
All in favor/Non opposed

Car show update (October 8, 2022): Bob Halford and Theresa Halford

- Bob shared we're in a holding pattern.
- Last month people donated time to lead committees for the show.
- 267 emails were sent out for save the date.
- Feedback is that Lonestar Corvette Club, Cowtown Corvette Club and Permian Basin Corvette Club are all supporting our show and encouraging their members to participate and attend.
- Jim and Bob are to confirm that Mr. Alexander will do sound for the show.
- Bob shared that volunteers are appreciated and committee meetings will start soon.

Charity: Lead TBD

- 2022 charity Hood County VFD with focus to select which fire department

The club discussed needs of various departments. The consensus was that Lipan and Tolar are the most in need.

We will pick the second VFD to support in November, 2022.

After a bit of discussion, Bob Williams made a motion to select Lipan VFD as our lead charity. Larry Sharp seconded. All in favor/none opposed.

As a resident of Lipan, Billy Parks will be Lipan VFD Charity lead.

Becky let Sam Beasley, Fire Chief of Lipan VFD know that they will be required to set up at the car show (unless there's an emergency that prevents them from attending)



Becky will revisit as part of the November agenda which fire department will be selected for 2023 within Hood County as it would be best to select in advance of the year.

Committee Reports:

Member Care: Jan Walker – send a get-well card to Bob Cooper and it worked. He's doing well.

Webmaster: Sandy Varner –no updates

Email Distribution list update: Pat Cooper – no updates. Need to troubleshoot Bob Stevens email. He's not getting any.

Club Merchandise: Pat Cooper – Asked if any interest in small BRCC window decals. Many members said they'd purchase so Pat is looking into ordering.

National Corvette Museum: Bob Mischel – no updates

NCCC:Robert Williams – reported that Southwest Region bylaws are being modified but mostly grammatical. He also let everyone know to let him know if error on roster so he can make the corrections.

Events Coordinator: Becky Skaggs

- April 23rd picnic – Special thanks to Bob for hosting and GCC for good coordination
- April 30th wildflower cruise – Thank you Tiffany for leading her first cruise.
- May 14th cruise to West, Texas led by Bob and Susie Williams
- May 27th GCC has invited us to an event at the Brazos Drive-in Theater given some other member feedback have added it to our activities.
 - Will need RSVP by May 24 to provide to owner.
 - 4:45pm-5:30pm arrive. Gates will close at 5:30pm as other cars start getting in line about 5:45pm.
 - \$15 per car load and we will have designated area
 - 7pm general gates open
 - Restrooms and concession will be open.
 - The gate will open for other customers at 7pm.
 - Feature movie is "Top Gun Maverick", the new movie
 - Bring chairs, badges, mosquito spray just in case.
 - Time to social and enjoy a movie drive-in theater experience.



- May 28th Field of Flags – 10am – 1pm+. Let's have a lot of corvettes show for support of our vets and military.
 - Nominations for two to honor in club with a flag
 - Larry DeYoung
 - Robert Williams (the one with the C8 Red mist)
- June 16-18 Alpine – 3 day trip
 - Rooms reserved at Holiday Inn Express in Alpine
 - Discounted rate of \$169.00 per night. The group rate is under corvette club and you can call to book your room.
 - The cut off date for this rate is May 16th.
 - You can cancel your reservation for full refund by June 15th.
 - Plans:
 - Thursday trip to Alpine
 - It is about a 9 hour drive with stops and lunch along the way.
 - Thursday evening: After getting to Alpine; checking in to the hotel and eating dinner; see the Marfa lights.
 - Friday tour Fort Davis, have lunch and go to the McDonald Observatory. For dinner return to Alpine
 - Saturday trip home.
- Becky will send out an updated activity list in a few days

New Business

- No new business discussed

50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams collected \$65

Winner is Larry DeYoung.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Bryan Houser
Seconded – Vinceen Parks
All in favor/none opposed



BRCC 2022 Calendar

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 15	Cruise to Italy Tx & lunch at La Hacienda	Allan Kettlehut
March 5	Cross Plains with visit at Woody's Classic Car	Becky Skaggs
March 29	Lunch cruise to Stephenville & Hard 8	Jim & Cindy Morris
April 23	Social @Bob Stevens Ranch & Food	Bob Stevens
April 30	Day Wildflower Lampasas Lunch cruise	Tiffany Sprong
May 14	Day cruise to West Tx with lunch	Robert & Susie Williams
May 27	Brazos River Drive-in-theater	Becky Skags
May 28	Field of Flags	Christine Copeland
June 10-11 Lonestar Corvette Classic @ Texas Motor Speedway		
June 16-18 Overnight to alpine, Marfa lights, McDonald Observatory FT Davis		
July 4	4th of July Granbury Parade	Becky Skaggs
Sept 24	Annual BRCC Lawson Picnic	Lawsons
Oct 8	16TH BRCC Car Show	Halfords 432-413-3099
Oct 15	Cowtown Annual Car Show	
Nov 12	Vets for Vets @ Rooster's BBQ	Becky Skaggs
Non 26	Parade of Lights Christmas Parade	Becky Skaggs
Dec 1or2	Christmas Party	



Chevy Corvette Convertible Was Nearly Half Of 2022 C8 Production

The performance exhaust and MagneRide suspension were also quite popular among Corvette buyers.



When it came time to order a 2022 Chevrolet Corvette, nearly half of the buyers opted for the convertible. According to a breakdown from the automaker (below), 52 percent of the sports cars' production was the coupe, and droptop was 48 percent of the volume.

Corvette Convertible buyers preferred a vehicle with lots of amenities compared to coupe customers. For example, 52 percent of the droptops were the range-topping 3LT trim level, versus 33 percent for the coupe.

Of the folks who ordered the convertible, 37 percent of them opted for the D84 option, which paints the roof and nacelles in the shade Carbon Flash. Only 9 percent ticked the box for the D86 option, which makes the nacelles Carbon Flash but leaves the roof in body color.

For the coupe, 79 percent of buyers went with the body-colored painted roof. The second most popular option was the 10 percent of folks who ordered the transparent panel.

The performance exhaust, which has option code NPP, is very popular with Corvette customers. It lifts the engine's output to 5 horsepower to take the output to 495 hp (369 kilowatts). The take rate for the pipes was 87 percent

2022 Corvette buyers had a preference for the Z51 Performance Package with the MagneRide suspension with Performance Traction Management because 46 percent of orders had this sophisticated chassis system. A further 23 percent of customers got the Z51 pack with the regular version of the MagneRide tech.



Ten corvettes and nine GCC (Granbury Car Club) at the Brazos Drive-in Theater

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

Ten corvettes and nine GCC (Granbury Car Club) cars with three who drove their everyday vehicles joined us for a night at the Brazos Drive-in Theater. We got there by 5:30pm at which time the gate closed. Sure enough, a man drove up in a pick-up right when the gate was closing to wait for 7pm when the gates normally open. We also heard that the line backed up to the Courthouse for this show.

Even though the evening was warm we were able to wait under the porch covering in front of the concession stand, which had many seats for us to sit in playing older music. We had a lot of time to visit. We gave out two BRCC business cards as other customers that came in later inquired about our club and showed interest. You never know, we might pick up some new members from this. The concession stand stayed busy. The popcorn with extra butter was incredibly good. I noticed a lot of people got the popcorn. However, I did not see anyone with a Frozen Pickle Bomb for \$1.00.

All of us went back to our cars about dusk to get ready for the movie. We sat in the chairs we

brought with our AM/FM radios. Later, the temperature got cool enough that I almost put on the light jacket I brought.

The movie we watched was Top Gun Maverick that started at dusk. If you liked the original Top Gun movie and Tom Cruise, then you cannot go wrong seeing this movie. I could not imagine what it must be like to fly in the F-18 jets they were in, however you did get a sense of flying in them from the shots they took.

At the end of the movie most of us left. I did not realize there was a double feature with 'Lost City.' However, by this time, I was ready to turn it in after being there over six hours.

Even though that was a long time to be there, the event worked out well and we had a fun time. Not sure any of us would want to get there that early again, however the Brazos Drive-in Theater is something I would consider doing again.

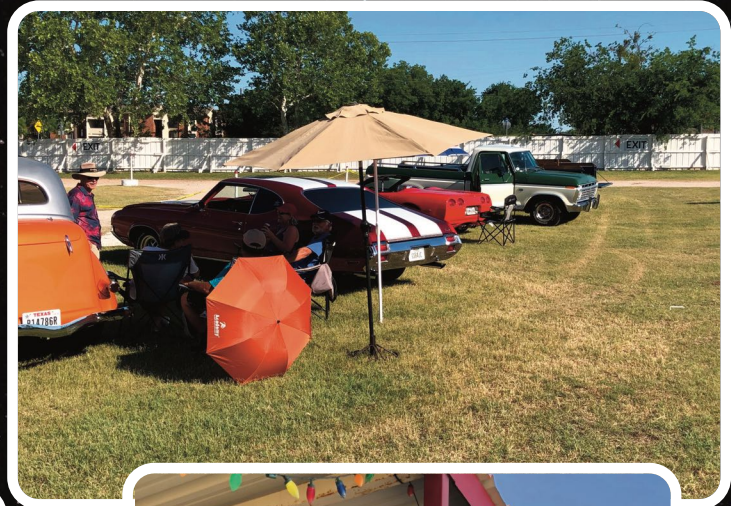
Special thanks to the Granbury Car Club (GCC), Jennie Przano for including us in this event.





Brazos Drive-in Theater

Reporter: Becky Skaggs





May 14, 2022, Cruise and Lunch at Picha's

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

This cruise was led by Robert and Susie Williams to West, Texas, which is along I-35 between Hillsboro and Waco. We had a very nice drive and probably saw more wildflowers in certain stretches than we did on the last cruise. The ride was a very nice countryside drive to and from West. Curvy roads were involved as well as straight stretches to enjoy driving our corvettes on. The traffic was very light which made it more pleasurable.

We left early to get to the restaurant by a little after 11am as we were going to take up about half of the restaurant seats. It is a good thing that we arrived when we did as the restaurant filled up shortly afterwards. Picha's Czech-American Restaurant was a quaint place with a good variety and good food.

After lunch, we stopped at Slovacek's just off I-35 in West for kolaches, however they had a wide variety of pastries, sausage, and other meats you could purchase. The store has changed a lot since I stopped at it several years ago. The place has a Bucee's feel with lots of merchandise, gas station, and nice restrooms.

Thanks to Bob and Susie for the cruise.

Thanks to Terry and Sandy Varner for being the tail car.

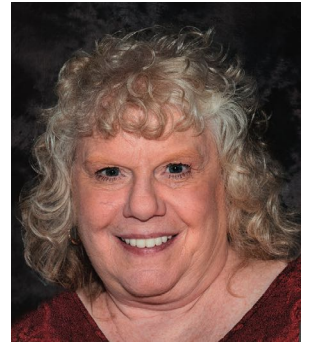




BRCC Logo Merchandise

Pat Cooper 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.*

Pat Cooper
Merchandise
817-781-1224
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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.

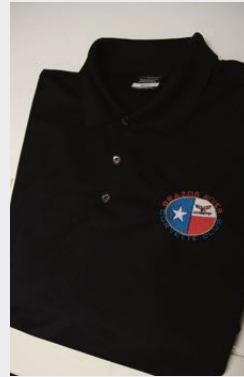
ADD \$6.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

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 June 2nd Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*