

# BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB

**NEWSLETTER** 





**Brazos River Corvette Club** PO Box 2251 Granbury, TX 76048



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May 16

#### 2020 Appointments

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## Anniversaries

Robert & Susie Williams May 2 Earl & Becky Skaggs May 7

#### 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.





**2020 BRCC P**RESIDENT **A**LLAN **K**ETTLEHUT We are still in a strange new world, but we can and should do things. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our May meeting and postpone our May Saturday Cruise, but that should not stop us.

We can get together for a Saturday Cruise if we are willing to make a few changes. We can meet in a parking lot large enough to park apart. We keep social distancing when we get out of our cars. We go on the Cruise but there will be no museum tour, or ETC. at the end. But those of us that choose, could go to a drive through place to pick up lunch before heading back. Another option is to plan the cruise to start and end in Granbury. Think about it.

I would like to hear from you if you would go on such a Cruise. Email me at allan.kettlehut@gmail.com. If enough respond yes I will put one together for May.

Cheers and keep driving. Allan

Atlan Kettlehot



#### BRCC 2020 CALENDAR

#### PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 18	Cruise to DeLeon, Tx. Terrill Antique Car Museum		Allan Kettlehut
Feb 8	<b>Dublin Bottle Works Tour then Lunch</b>	Allan Kettlehu	ıt 830-220-2318
Mar 7	Nocona Tx, Horton Classic Car Muse	um Bob William	s 214-802-3143
April 18	Waco Lynco and Mammoth National Monument Varner 817-573-3472		
May	Wildcatter Steakhouse Graham Tx	Larry & Arlene DeYoung	g 682-560-0160
July 4	Granbury 4th of July Parade		
Oct 10 Oct 17	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual BRCC Car Show Cowtown Annual Car Show	Jim & Sharon Hill Jim & Sharon Hill	817-279-0959 817-279-0959
Dec 3	Christmas Party	Allan Kettlehu	ut 830-220-2318

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!



# If you've wanted a Vette since you were a kid, you've waited long enough.

Remember the first time you saw a Corvette? How it looked? How you felt?

Remember that first time you got a ride in a Vette? And remember (if you were really lucky) the first time you actually got to *drive* one and discovered how it performed and handled?

If the kid in you still gets a little bug-eyed every time a Vette goes by, maybe it's time the adult in you started paying attention. Because there really are a lot of good solid reasons for buying one.

Reasons like four-wheel disc brakes, four-wheel independent suspension, Positraction, a steel-reinforced fiberglass body and "convertible" couperoof panels. All standard.



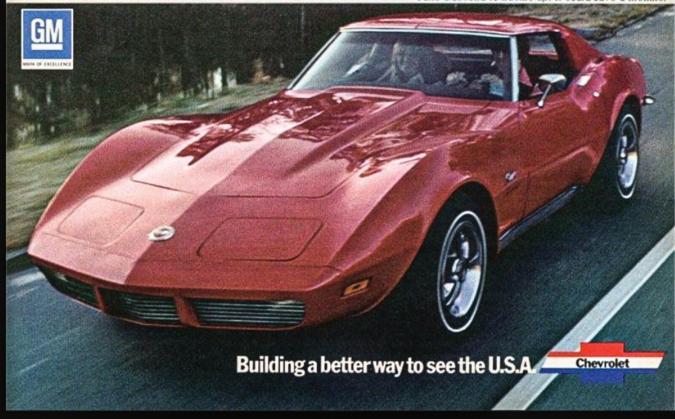


And now there are even more convincing reasons for owning America's only true production sports car. Reasons like the stronger front bumper that's covered with resilient urethane. The new domed hood with carburetor air induction. New steel guard beams in the doors. New body mounting and insulation that help give you a smoother, quieter ride. New GR70-15 steel belted radials to give you improved handling and tire strength. And new versions of the 350 and 454 V8s.

By now you probably realize you'll never get that Vette urge completely out of your system. So go tell your Chevy dealer you want to put a new one through its paces. Then, price one out. Then, take one home.

After all, if the kid who always wanted a Vette doesn't deserve to own one, who does?

Take a second to buckle up. It could save a lifetime.





The eighth-generation "C8" Chevrolet Corvette was meant to be an iconic rebirth of a car that's been around since the 1950s, courtesy of a fundamental change in the works for almost as long: the relocation of the engine, from in front of the driver to behind them.

But that rebirth has been cut short, at least for this model year. General Motors confirmed to Business Insider that, effective Wednesday, orders for the 2020 Corvette are closed.

"Due to an overwhelming demand for the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, Chevrolet has decided to stop taking sold orders after March 18, 2020," a GM spokesperson said. "Chevrolet dealers will begin taking orders for the 2021 Corvette in late May."

The statement comes after Autoblog discovered a Corvette Forum post from Wednesday morning with a screenshot of an apparent email sent to Corvette dealerships, instructing them to suspend orders beginning that day. The email cited the weeks-long United Auto Workers strike that occurred late last year, and said 2021 Corvette orders would be available earlier than planned to enable dealers and customers "to create a replacement" order.

"Regretfully, launch timing was delayed by the 6-week work stoppage that reduced the 2020 Model Year production schedule," the apparent email read. "Therefore, it is possible some of your 2020 orders, sold or stock may not be produced as planned.

"Further information will be forthcoming from Chevrolet regarding the handling of sold 2020 Model Year that we will be unable to accept, and the creation of a replacement 2021 Model Year sold order."

When asked about the veracity of the email screenshot, the GM spokesperson said the company "did send an email to [its] dealers this morning." The email came on the same day that the company suspended US production through at least March 30 in response to the coronavirus pandemic, but the GM spokesperson said that wasn't to blame for order closures — even with the odd timing.

"This is due to customer demand and the previous work stoppage," the spokesperson said, despite the strike ending in October.

"Latest developments did not play a role."

Over the years, the mid-engine Corvette has become an urban legend of sorts, with magazines talking about its impending debut for decades despite the car never coming until now.

But the arrival of the C8 Corvette in its base Stingray form has been less of a triumphant, historic rebirth more than 60 years in the making and more of a barrage of bad timing, with the UAW strike blamed for production delays that ran several months. As CNET reported at the time, the first deliveries of the car were slated for the end of 2019, but production didn't begin until February 3.

Then, earlier in March, news and lifestyle site Corvette Blogger called attention to a recent forum conversation in which a user mentioned that their upcoming Corvette dealer training had been canceled in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Those cancellations are a big deal, because not all Chevrolet dealerships can sell the Corvette — the company requires any dealer that wants to retail the car to go through a certification process, including purchasing special tools and participating in a dealer training at its Spring Mountain driving school. Those that opt in, thus, get a "Corvette Certified Dealer" banner under their names and Corvettes on their lots.

Business Insider asked GM about Corvette trainings being on hold during the pandemic, including how many dealerships are in the waiting queue and how soon the company expects to be able to get them trained and certified after things pick back up. GM did not answer those questions.

But they're certainly on hold, just like much of the rest of the world — and just like the 2020 Corvette, whose historic entry onto the car market hasn't gone quite as planned.







#### **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 LarySharp2004@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



Name Tags .....\$9.00

















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## Next Club Meeting Stay Tuned Spring Creek BBQ



