



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

BRCC Members

Party At Kerri & Donnie's Lake House



Wonderful Food and Entertainment



Brazos River Corvette Club

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2021 BRCC Officers

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| President | Becky Skaggs |
| Vice President | Vinceen Parks |
| Secretary | Jim Morris |
| Treasurer | Larry DeYoung |

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| 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 |

Happy Birthday

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| Earl Harris | Oct 3 |
| Donna Poe | Oct 16 |
| Peggy Pultorak | Oct 19 |
| Pam Sharp | Oct 24 |
| Sandy Varner | Oct 25 |

Anniversaries

None of our members for October

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.



2021

**BRCC PRESIDENT
BECKY SKAGGS**

Fall is here. My favorite time of the year. Weather cools off especially evenings and early mornings. Even in Texas you get to watch some color change with the trees. You can do so much more outside and enjoy it. I like it better than the Spring as it usually isn't as windy. The holiday season is around the corner. Can you believe it? Time flies too quickly.

We voted in one new member at the September meeting, so a BIG WELCOME to Tiffany Sprong who drives a 2014 black stingray. We also had six guests at that meeting. Please keep up the recruiting for new members as we are up to 75 members now. For those that know some of our past guests that have visited reach out to them and get them to another event activity or meeting. Going forward, I plan to ask for contact information up front, so I can do a follow-up as well.

Our big event in September was the picnic on the 11th at the Lawson's. Wow, what an enjoyable event that was. If you didn't know those that attended found out how great a cook Kerri is. I figured she was catering most of this, but she cooked. Donny indicated she enjoys cooking.

They have a beautiful place overlooking a very wide part of the Brazos. We want to thank both for hosting this event.

The other activity that has been going on in September is the preparation for our October 9th car show. We have many people signed up for certain areas, however if you haven't been signed up by the meeting to work a particular area just come on and we will put you where the greatest need is that day. We may move people around as needs arise that day. Even if you can only be there part of the day, we welcome your help. At the meeting, we will share what time we need you to be there. Bob and Theresa have been working hard to make sure everything is in place for a successful car show and will share an update with any outstanding needs at our October 7th meeting. I hope you can make the meeting. Also, be sure to bring any donations to the meeting as Sandy and Donna need time to prep donations prior to Saturday. If you can get the donation to them prior to the meeting, please do. Their phone numbers are in the membership roster that I send out each month as well as you can reach out to myself. If you haven't volunteered for a particular event by October 9th, please just show up and we will assign you to an area of need.

On October 7th, we will have the monthly club meeting at Spring Creek BBQ. The meeting starts at 7pm, so as usual please get there about 6pm to have dinner prior. Please don't forget to bring any donations collected so far to the meeting.

Well, we wondered how long it would take to get members in our club with C8's given all of the challenges with production due to COVID. We have five C8's in our club as of our last meeting. We will be sharing at the next meeting someone else who has received a C8. I am pretty sure they will bring it to the meeting. This is another white corvette but with red interior. I bet it is beautiful! I can hardly wait to see it. Let's be clear in that all corvettes are gorgeous, and I enjoy seeing all your cars at the meeting and at our events. I am even starting to learn who has what corvette.

We are looking for a someone to lead a cruise in the November timeframe. Let's keep recruiting. Cross your fingers and toes that we will have good weather on October 9th.

All the best,
Becky

Becky Skaggs



BRCC Minutes September 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Becky Skaggs at Spring Creek BBQ. 35 members and 6 guests were present. Billy Parks led the evening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Hokanson.

Announcements

People Helping People: Donna Poe introduced Mary Cepak who provided information about the charity that BRCC is making donations to this year. People Helping People is primarily a Food Bank (one of the first in Hood County) that distributes 4,000 – 5,000 pounds of food each week, which they purchase with the money and resellable items that are donated to them. BRCC's donation to them last year was used to purchase a commercial walk-in refrigerator.

Member Update: Current membership stands at 73. 5 guests were in attendance – Alan Palmer owns a red C5 convertible; Tom, Karen and Samantha Woodward who own a Blue C8 convertible and David Johnson who does not yet have a Corvette.

The membership voted on accepting 1 new member:

Tiffany Sprong. A motion was made by Ron Poe and seconded by Beth Batista to accept her membership. The club voted in favor.

Becky will email an updated membership roster to every member. Contact Becky if you do not get one.

Reminder: If you are missing bio information in the club Directory, please put it together and email it to Jim Hill.



BRCC Secretary JIM MORRIS

Reports

A motion to approve the August 5 meeting minutes was made by Jim Hill and seconded by Beth Batista. Members approved the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Larry DeYoung reported that there is \$3,712.32 in the bank. A motion to accept the report was made by Larry Sharp and seconded by Ron Poe. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Events Coordinator Becky (acting) reported that Jim and Linda Gresham led a very successful and fun cruise to Mammoth National Park in Waco. 18 Corvettes made this the largest cruise in over 2 years!

Saturday September 11 from 6-9pm the club's annual picnic will be hosted by Donny and Kerri Lawson. The Lawsons will provide all food and members need only show up. Kerri reports that 44 members have signed up.

October 16 Cowtown Car Show in Fort Worth.

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October 23 cruise to be led by Billy and Vinceen Parks. Details to follow.

Becky is researching Pecan Plantation, DeCordova and Sledge Distillery for the Christmas Party. If you know of other locations, please let Becky know.

Newsletter Jim is reminding us to get bio information and pictures of your cars to him so he can update the directory.

Car Show Bob Halford led a discussion on the status of planning for the Car Show and provided a timeline showing that everything is on schedule at this time. Currently there are 19 cars entered in the show which is a little behind the 2019 show pace. If you want a copy of Bob's plan, just send him an email.

Becky will be heading up the People's Choice awards.

Additional Judges are still needed. Please consider volunteering for this important task – experience is not necessary. Contact Jim Morris for more information.

Contact Bob or Becky to see what other volunteer positions are available.

Jim and Sharon Hill announced that they will match all cash donations to the show, up to \$1,000! Not to be outdone Bob and Theresa Halford agreed to do the same thing! Hats off to these two generous couples.

Member Care Arlene DeYoung let us know that Bob Halford continues his recovery from neck surgery and that Alan Kettlehut is recovering from ankle surgery and receiving physical therapy.

Webmaster No report

National Corvette Museum No report

NCCC Neal Bellamy is moving so Bob Williams (with the C8) volunteered to take over this committee.

Charity Donna Poe reminded us that this year's donation will go to People Helping People.

New Business Becky plans to revisit the discussion to remove the club's Facebook page until sometime after the Car Show.

50/50 Raffle Earl Skaggs won the pot and then donated all of it to People Helping People. Way to go Earl!

A motion to adjourn came at 7:59 pm by Larry Sharp. Arlene DeYoung seconded the motion.

Submitted by Jim Morris, Secretary.



BRCC 2021 CALENDAR

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 16 | Cruise & Lunch to Hamilton Tx | Terry Varner |
| Feb 27 | Safe Cruise & Picnic Lunch | Becky Skaggs 817-239-0061 |
| March 20 | Cruise to Eagle Mountain Lake | Garry & Kim Sheppard |
| April 17 | Cruise & Lunch to Mary's Cafe | Bob & Theresa Halford |
| May 14 | Friday Social At Lakeview Inn 5:30 - 7:00 PM | |
| May 15 | Cruise to Wildcatter Steakhouse, Graham Tx | Larry & Arlene DeYoung |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Field of Flags | Larry & Arlene DeYoung |
| June 11 | Waterview Car Show Social | Becky Skaggs |
| June 18 | Courtyards at Lake Granbury Car Show Social | Becky Skaggs |
| June 19 | Bob Steven's Ranch Collector Cars & Picnic Lunch | |
| June 26 | Hico Lunch Cruise and Museum Tour | Terry & Sandy Varner |
| July 3 | 4th of July Granbury Parade | Becky Skaggs |
| July 24 | Cruise & Lunch Buc-ee's | Becky Skaggs |
| Aug 28 | Waco Cruise Lunch & Mammoth National Monument | Greshams |
| Sept 11 | Yearly Picnic | Donny & Kerri Lawson's 6:00- 9:00 |
| Oct 9 | 15 TH BRCC Car Show | Halfords 432-413-3099 |
| Oct 16 | Cowtown Annual Car Show | |
| Dec 2 | Christmas Party | |



September 11th Was A Lot Of Fun

Enjoyed Great Food and Entertainment Hosted by Kerri & Donnie Lawson



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This Is the C8 Corvette Z06 Undisguised

BY FRED SMITH SEP 27, 2021

General Motors posted a photo of their most anticipated new car of the year on Instagram less than a month before the full reveal.



After months of spy shots and audio clips, General Motors has finally shared a direct, official photo of the upcoming C8 Corvette Z06 without any sort of camouflage. The Instagram post comes less than a month before the car's official scheduled debut on October 26th.

The silver C8 in the photo appears to have a more conservative rear spoiler than the cars seen at the Nurburgring earlier this Summer, but the Z06 is still far more aggressive than its more common mid-engined siblings. A massive new contrasting bodywork strike through the side vent creates a previously-unseen dramatic indication that this car is a Z06, a new design feature for the C8 line. The car also features a unique front splitter, although like the rear spoiler the one shown on this car pales in comparison to what was seen on the testing cars seemingly equipped with the Z07 aerodynamic option.

The C8 Z06 is set to debut on October 26th. Nurburgring testing results have not been shared, but previous test cars were spotted being benchmarked against the likes of Ferrari's 458 and Porsche's 911 GT2 RS. This is a serious performance car.

Earlier reports indicate that it will feature a 5.5-liter V-8 based on the engine currently used in the C8.R racing car. That motor has a flat-plane crankshaft and dual overhead camshafts, so expect it to be a naturally-aspirated, track-focused monster that produces one of the most unique sounds on the road.



MORE ON THE C8 CORVETTE.

BY LUCAS BELL AUG 13, 2021

The C8 Corvette Z06 will be powered by a 5.5-liter V-8 engine derived from the unit that powers the Corvette Racing C8.R. Known internally as the LT6, this V-8 features dual overhead camshafts and a flat-plane crankshaft. Thanks to that Ferrari-esque layout, the Corvette Z06 is expected to rev up to around 9000 rpm and produce a reported 617 hp in the process. That figure would make the LT6 the most powerful naturally-aspirated V-8 yet from an automaker, surpassing the Ferrari 458 Speciale's rating of 597 hp. The LT6 promises to be quite the screamer, as is made evident by a recent teaser video uploaded by Chevrolet. That engine note will also be pumped through a unique center-exit exhaust layout. The engine will come mated to an upgraded version of the C8's eight-speed Tremec dual-clutch automatic, which is expected to provide even faster gear changes.

TRACK-FOCUSED ENHANCEMENTS

The C8 Corvette Stingray itself is a competent track car. Of course, in keeping with the Z06 tradition, the hotter C8 model will arrive with some specific tweaks to improve performance even further. Chevrolet's trick Magnetic Ride Control suspension system is a no-brainer for the track-oriented model. The wider bodywork will likely be used to cover the Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2R tires spotted on prototypes. Muscle Cars and Trucks were the first to report that the tires will measure 345/25 ZR 21 out back and 275/30 ZR 20 up front, which should help increase mechanical grip. Recent spy photos have also shown the Z06 equipped with a set of lightweight carbon fiber wheels, which have rumored to be tied to the track-oriented Z07 package.

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That same prototype spotted by the Nordschleife was also equipped with a serious aerodynamics package, including a massive rear wing, dive planes and a large splitter up front. These aero elements are not only more extreme than what we've seen on the Z06 before, but they've been reported to be active units. It is worth noting that these exotic-grade aerodynamic bits are expected to come as part of the Z07 package as well.

IT WILL PROBABLY BE PRICED AROUND \$85,000

It is expected that the C8 Corvette Z06 will follow a similar pricing model as the Z06 that came before it. This means customers can expect to spend about \$85,000 for the privilege of taking one of these machines home, or about \$25,000 more than a standard Stingray. Of course, the average sales price will undoubtedly be higher than that, as buyers load up on options. Not exactly cheap, but the level of performance on offer is expected to be quite high for that price point. The GT2 RS that the Z06 is benchmarking carried an MSRP of \$293,200 by comparison.



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
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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 October 7th Spring Creek BBQ



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Folks*