



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter

BRCC On Their Way to Waco Texas



18 Beautiful Corvettes Eager To Go Go GOOOO....



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2021 BRCC Officers

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Happy Birthday

Jim Watkins	Sept 2
Arlene De Young	Sept 10
Robert Williams	Sept 10
Peggy Rogers	Sept 21
Emma Gourley	Sept 23
Gina Page	Sept 27
Carol Harris	Sept 29

Anniversaries

Bill & Peggy Rogers	Sept 19
Nin & Jan Hulett	Sept 18
Garry & Kim Sheppard	Sept 24

Happy Anniversary!!

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**

Summer finally got here in August with a hot month, but hey I don't recall an August without several 100-degree temperatures and fields that are still green when you drive around. We have had a milder summer and I hope you have been able to enjoy it.

We voted two new members in at the August meeting. I would like to give a BIG WELCOME to Bob and Pat Cooper. Bob and Pat are the proud owners of the 2002 C5 red corvette. We also had two new guests at that meeting. All, please keep up the great work recruiting new members.

For August, our activity was the trip to Waco led by Jim and Linda Gresham with the largest number of Corvettes since I joined. Thanks Jim and Linda for leading this. Please see the separate trip report from Jim for the update on this great cruise.

In September, we have the picnic on the 11th for which we will have a great turn out given the number that have accepted. I am looking forward to it as I am sure all of you are. We owe a special thanks to Donny and Kerri Lawson for hosting this special event.

The big focus now is on our success for the October 9th car show, so we can contribute to our worthy charity 'People Helping People'. Besides the number of applicate fees that we take in our donations bring in a healthy part of our money. We ask that everyone participate in donating and/or visiting businesses to ask for donations. More will be shared on this at our September 2nd monthly meeting. September is the focus month to get donations. You can and should bring any donations to our monthly meeting. If you need donation sheets and/or posters, please see Bob Halford or me. We will also have both at the monthly meeting. If you have donations to turn in, please contact Sandy Varner or Donna Poe. The other key action we need from everyone is help at the car show. We need lots of people to help with parking, judging, the silent auction, 50/50, and various administrative tasks to support a car show like this. 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 September 2nd, 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.

We are looking for a few people to lead some cruises in the late October through November timeframe. Let's keep recruiting. See you soon at the picnic!

All the best,

Becky Skaggs



BRCC Meeting Minutes August 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Becky Skaggs at Spring Creek BBQ. 22 members and 6 guests were present. Becky led the evening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements Member Update: Current membership stands at 71. There were 6 guests in attendance.

Guests:

– Tiffany Sprong and daughter Savannah. Tiffany has a 2014 Black Stingray. She took the application forms and indicated she wanted to join.

– Bobby Gumm. Bobby has a 73 blue convertible big block coupe and a 71 blue convertible small block coupe. He took the application forms and indicated he wanted to join.

– Tom McElroy brought a guest with him.

The membership voted on accepting 2 new members:

Bob and Pat Cooper. Bob and Pat joined the July cruise to Buc-ee's. They have a 2002 red C5 convertible. A motion was made by Theresa Halford and seconded by Ron Poe to accept their membership. The club voted in favor.

Becky will email an updated membership roster to every member that will include the two new members. Contact Becky if you are not getting the monthly update.

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 June meeting minutes was made by Billy Rogers and seconded by Jim Hill. Members approved the minutes.

Treasurer Report Larry DeYoung reported that there is \$2,652.19 in the bank. A motion to accept the report was made by WJ Gourley and seconded by Nin Hulett. The motion passed.
Events Coordinator

– Survey summary update from the survey that was taken at the July 1 monthly meeting.

Note: Becky did not send out on email as she didn't have the tools to do that without paying a cost. Given the good July meeting attendance and feedback, she received confirmation that we are on the right track with some additional suggestions.

In summary: We just want to drive our cars so cruises to see museums and local sites, shopping lunch, etc. are all great. Primarily focused on Saturday events. Second option Sunday, then Friday's and possible daytime during the week.

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Secretary Report Pg 2

Level of activities: 3 indicated May & June was too much. 1 said not enough the rest said just right.

Suggestions for future:

Texas Railroad – Any clarification? Assume this means museums as there are several of these around.

Received feedback after the meeting that this could include a trip to Palestine for overnighter to ride the train as well as museums.

2-3 day trip How many would be interested in future? Several raised hands when asked, so this will be looked at in the future. Probably 2022 given the planning it will take.

Thomas Meyers annual December car show – Toys for Tots Not scheduled for 2021 yet. Will keep watch and bring up at future meeting.

Girls' night out How many would be interested in future?
A few indicated they would be interested.

Most don't attend due to other activities with family, business travel, weather, personal obligations, health, or car not set up for long cruises

Other suggestions:

Three wanted a shorter meeting time.

Suggestion to consider prizes at year end for attending events, signing up new members, etc. please give some thought to volunteering. We may look at doing this in 2022.

August 28th , Saturday:

Jim and Linda Gresham are leading a cruise to Waco to see the Mammoth National Park and have lunch. Details were sent on email in June. Reminders and updates will be sent prior to the cruise. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Jim shared there will be a different route both ways. Both are great routes for Corvettes.

He is targeting 20+ corvettes. If he can't get enough then he may invite some of his Houston corvette owners that he knows to join.

Becky suggested given the distance issues with the two-way radios that we probably should have someone in the middle to relay back messages. Becky volunteered her and Earl for this. Someone suggested we may need to add another person if we have 20+ cars.

The September 11 th picnic hosted by the Lawson's will be from 6pm-9pm instead of 5pm-8pm given the outside temperature. This is reflected in the activity list now.

– August on are light for events. Anyone wants to add something let Becky know.

– Becky will send the latest version for the 2021 activity list following the meeting on email.

Member Care

– Betty Keck was sent a get-well card after having cataract surgery.

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Secretary Report Pg 3

Charity

Action item: Donna Poe was requested to bring a representative from People Helping People to the next meeting by Bob Halford. Becky will put this topic first on the agenda, so the representative doesn't have to stay for the full meeting.

Focus on the meeting was the car show so reducing time spent on the various committees this time.

Facebook topic will be discussed at a later meeting as well.

Car Show – Saturday, October 9 th on the Granbury Square.

These are the highlights. See the document included for the detail hand-out that was provided to all attendees.

– Bob came well prepared with a hand-out for the discussion and it showed what was completed and items to be completed. In addition, he had various hand-outs: application form with other packet info, timeline, poster, poster sample, judging information for how to prepare your car, and prize/trophy list categories.

– Identified leads/chairs for key activities at the car show: (If you do not feel you are the lead/chair or would like to be the lead/chair for open areas, please contact Bob Halford or Becky Skaggs.) Note: Each of these areas will need multiple people on October 9 th to assist.

Application processing – Sharon Hill with computer person Brad, Larry Sharp's son in-law. Need 3 more people.

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Judging – Jim Morris

Parking with banners – Terry Varner

Lunch for members working on the square – Donny and Kerri Lawson's providing

50/50 & Silent auction: Donna Poe has already collected about 15+ items and needs to coordinate with the Silent Auction chair to determine which go to the 50/50 versus the Silent auction.

Silent Auction action for August: We need a list of local businesses followed up with for donations. Becky will take a few to follow-up on this month and work to get others to help with the list given we don't have a chair yet.

Member action for Auction: Each member can give personal donations, such as gift cards, baskets (wine, food, etc.), and other items you may have that you don't want that someone else would.

T-Shirts: Jim Hill updated the design with a C8 corvette. Looks very nice! Will be a white shirt. People wanted the thinner/softer T-shirt rather than the cotton T-shirt per vote. 100 shirts will be ordered. We had about 20 left over from the car show prior. All agreed we should charge \$20 as anything higher would seem too much. \$20 even makes it easier for collection.

Posters for display were shared. They looked very nice. Anyone who wanted a poster could take one as they can order more at \$1 each.

Reviewed timeline.

September will be a very important meeting to attend as again the focus will be on preparations for the car show.

50/50 Raffle

Pat Cooper won \$50 while the club treasury got \$50 larger.

A motion to adjourn by Robert Williams. Nin Hulett seconded the motion.

Submitted by Becky Skaggs and Arlene DeYoung as backups to Secretary.



PLANNING THE 2021 15TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

- - **1ST PRIORITY**
 - Getting with the City of Granbury to approve 15th annual car show.
 - This is completed and all paperwork signed and approved.
 - 2021 Insurance has been approved and turned in.
 - HOW WE MAKE MONEY TO DONATE: ENTRY FEES, SILENT AUCTION, AUCTION, DONATIONS
 - 50/50 PRIZE MONEY,
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 - **2ND NOTIFY PRIOR ATTENDEES ABOUT THE 2021 SHOW**
 - First Notification completed to 250 email persons who have been at the show before. This was done in May.
 - CAR SHOW ADDED TO NCM CALENDAR NOTIFY AREA CLUBS
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 - **3RD PRIORITY TAKING CARE OF THESE ITEMS**
 - 1. TROPHIES The trophies will be donated once again by: I WIRE SOLUTIONS Kirt Hill 53 TROPHIES
 - 2. SOUND SYSTEM, MUSIC BY: MICHAEL ALEXANDER 817-714-6279 \$600.00
 - WINE LABELS DONATED BY JOHN BOYD 972-849-1487
 - WINE BOTTLES FROM HEB PURCHASED 40 BOTTLES
 - 3. SECOND CONTACT MAIL OUT: GOES OUT MONDAY, AUGUST 9
 - 4. CAR SHOW JUDGES:
 - 5. SILENT AUCTION CHAIR PERSON VOLUNTEER MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR AUCTION
 - 6. 50/50 AUCTION CHAIR PERSON VOLUNTEER
 - 7. SECOND NOTIFICATION TO PRIOR ATTENDEES
 - THIS WILL GO OUT TO 275 PLUS ADDRESSES THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9.
 - 8. MONEY FROM VISIT GRANBURY. THERESA TURNED IN THE PAPERWORK TO VISIT GRANBURY LAST WEEK. VISITED WITH THEIR TEAM \$750
9. COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION. WHO WILL DO THIS AND WHEN?
10. T SHIRTS JIM HAS THE NEW DESIGN

THESE BUSINESSES DONATED IN THE PAST. WHO WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THEM?

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HOME DEPOT
LOWE'S
PATE HARDWARE (CAN BE DONE ONLINE)
MESQUITE PIT RESTURANT
CHILE'S
BABE'S
FILLIN STATION (MAY BE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP)
BROOKSHIRES
KROGERS
HARBOR LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
DISCOUNT TIRE
M&J ARMY SURPLUS
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

NEW STRIP MALL ON 377 BUSINESSES

BANNERS FOR THE SQUARE WHO TAKES CARE OF THIS?

PRE REGISTRATION WHERE DO THE ENTRIES GO?

TREASURER DUTIES TO COLLECT THE ENTRY MONEY

PREPARING FOR THE SHOW

COLLECTING SILENT DONATION ITEMS
PREPARING BIDDING SHEETS
PARKING SITES DECIDED AND DIAGRAM MADE

TIME LINE FROM AUGUST ONE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

DISTRIBUTE POSTERS AUGUST MEETING
MAKE SHOW PERSONS DECISIONS AUGUST MEETING
JUDGES
PARKING: WHOSE THE CHAIR IN CHARGE OF BANNERS

BEGIN 50/50 DONATIONS IN AUGUST

CALL ON DONATION COMPANIES
DISTRIBUTE STORY ABOUT THE SHOW TO NEWS MEDIA,
MAGAZINES, ETC

BRCC 2021 CALENDAR

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

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	

August 27 Trip Report

by Jim and Linda Gresham

What a beautiful sight: 18 corvettes in a line on a Texas Hill Country road!!!

We left Granbury on August 28th headed to the Mammoth National Park in Waco. The weather cooperated and after leaving Meridian from a short stop, the back country roads were made for corvettes.

Lots of curves, hills, and straight always with almost no traffic; begged for corvette driving. We did not disappoint the roads or our cars!! The Mammoth dig site was interesting to see the Colombian Mammoth remains almost intact from their Pleistocene time. The food at Jon Lillie's Steak House was very good and lots of it with the service a little slow as they to have had trouble finding people to work. We were seated in their special event room with no other customers seated in the room. Back on the road, we went home on a different route that was just as challenging with winding country roads. I remember on one uphill curve, I could see the entire line of 18 corvettes and it was "Special".

Thanks to Bob and Sammie Gay for running tail gunner to make sure no one got lost. Thanks to Becky and Earl for running in the middle to relay communication as needed.

Thanks to all our Veteran's for their service!! We all enjoyed a day with corvette friends, beautiful Texas Hill Country roads, and the choice we had to make the trip, because of them and our active military men and women. Hope and pray that all of us and our families stay safe from the Virus!!

Jim and Linda Gresham



What a fantastic cruise we had today with the most corvettes I have seen on one trip. When we were on long straight roads where you could see the line of Corvettes this was such an awesome sight! See the trip report in the newsletter for more detail.

Jim and Linda Gresham we can't thank you enough for leading this.

Reporter: Becky Skaggs



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How Many BRCC Members Remember- TV's Route **Cool Facts About the Corvettes on TV's Route 66**

The "Third Character": The Classic Corvette

You don't have to be "older" to appreciate the fact that the Chevy Corvette was a huge part of the show Route 66, which debuted on October 7, 1960, and ran through March of 1964. You could say it was the car that made the show.

But for all Corvette fans—especially those who love the classic Corvettes of the early 1960s—there's nothing cooler than knowing the Corvette was on TV every Friday night.

While some people were tuning in to the family comedies, detective shows or westerns of the day, there were kids, high-schoolers and college students tuned watching Route 66 on Friday nights, a show about two young guys in their 20s, setting out in their Corvette convertible to discover the world and themselves.

The "third character" ...with four wheels.





There were three main characters in the show: Buz Murdock, played by George Maharis, Tod Stiles, played by Martin Milner (later of Adam 12 fame), and the “third character,” as executive producer Herb Leonard and writer Sterling Silliphant referred to it, was the very fancy sports car they drove around in every episode.

Their Chevy Corvette. In fact, the year the show debuted was the first year that Corvette sales topped 10,000 units.

Here are some facts about that third star of the show. And even though the show is part of a long-ago era, you might still know a lot about their ride.

The Corvettes they drove were not red.



**The original* sky blue Route 66 Corvette, the perfect shade of gray for TV*



The show was never filmed in color, so no one ever saw a red Corvette on Route 66. Still, most people assume (and want to believe) that the car Tod and Buz cruised in was a Roman Red Corvette convertible. There never was a red Corvette in the show...and there was a reason.

Because the show was in black and white, and to light the scenes properly when the guys were in the car, the Corvette's color had to be neutral and not reflect too much light. It had to work with the film crew's lighting scheme.

Here's what George Maharis (Buz) said: "It was light blue in the pilot and early episodes, and then it was beige for the run of the series....When they used the beige Corvette, that color absorbed more light and cast less reflection."

The color for the pilot and early episodes was most likely Horizon Blue. Afterward, the color was Fawn Beige, and finally Saddle Tan on the last Corvette in the show.

How did two drifters get their hands on a fancy Corvette?



The Corvette used in later episodes of filming.

If you see who's driving the Corvette in every scene, you can figure out that it's Tod's car. But how did he get it?

According to the story line about the characters, Tod, the clean-cut college kid, was given a new Corvette by his father. Buz, who didn't have an easy life, worked for Tod's dad, who owned a shipping



When Tod's father dies of a heart attack, the story line goes, Tod was left with his new Corvette and a failed business. That's when Tod and Buz decide to hit the road in Tod's new Corvette, to explore the country and find themselves. Side note: The show was initially going to be called The Searchers, but it was renamed because of the movie with the same title.

Tod and Buz drove a few Corvette models during the series.

The characters cruised the country in different Corvettes from one year to the next. As one of the sponsors, Chevrolet would certainly want their star Corvette to look as good as it could.

In initial seasons, they used several first-generation "C1" Corvettes. The duo drove a 1960 Corvette in the pilot only. That initial episode was filmed in February of 1960 and aired in October that same year.



Photo Credit: Left Coast Classics, 1960 Corvette in Horizon Blue

In following seasons, they appeared in new 1961 and '62 Corvettes.

In the middle of Season 3 (about January 1963) and in Season 4, they drove a 1963 Fawn Beige Corvette Stingray convertible. It marked the first appearance of a C2 in Route 66.



The 1963 Corvette was available in dealerships at the end of September 1962. The first episode of Season 3 aired one week earlier. The last show aired in March of 1964.

George Maharis fooled Chevy into giving him a Corvette.

Chevrolet was a Route 66 sponsor. Maharis didn't own a car when the show first started, and he wanted a new Corvette for himself. So, as he admitted years later, he made up a compelling story to get one:

He told them with a straight face, "We may have a little problem." He owned a Ford Thunderbird, he said, that he would be driving to the set. Chevrolet immediately gave him the Corvette he wanted.

Funny thing is, with all the location shots, there was no "set"—the crew traveled from state to state in trucks and vans.

The show needed several Corvettes each season.

The head of production, Sam Manners, said the show used three to four cars each season. "Every 3,000 miles, we would turn in the Corvettes on the show and get new ones." That was probably just to keep the cars looking as new and fresh as they could be.

Then again, it could also be that the cars had to be replaced. The episodes were shot on location, sometimes in backwoods locations that could be rough. Once in a while, the characters themselves led the Corvette into trouble, including one episode in which an angry man driving an earthmoving truck dumps a pile of dirt on the hood of the Corvette.

The opening shots of the show always showed Tod and Buz at a distance, cruising in their Corvette on an open highway or city street. A lot of dialogue between the two took place inside and around the Corvette. The crew would attach cameras to the side of the car for those shots, rigging extra lighting on the floor of the cockpit.

Martin Milner in a car...with another buddy.

There came a point in Season 3 when George Maharis was not in the show (he was ill), and before season's end, he was replaced by another character and actor—Linc Case, played by Glen Corbett.

But, it just wasn't the same without Buz. Ratings dropped, and the show ended after the next season.



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



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 September 2nd Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*