



Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter



MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



May 27



Brazos River Corvette Club

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2024 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	WJ Gourley
Secretary	Jill Brown
Treasurer	Robert Williams

Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs (acting)
BRCC Charity	Kerri Lawson (acting)
Car Show Directors	Theresa Halford, Lead Bob Halford, Support

Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Jan Walker
Merchandise	Nin Hulett
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Michael Hokanson
NCCC Governor	Robert Williams (acting)
Email Group Manager	Judy Fikes
Web Master	Bill Mozingo

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

Tom McElory

May 7

Anniversaries

Robert & Susie Williams	May 2
John Kleber & Annette	May 5
Earl & Becky Skaggs	May 7
Sonny & Karin Morgan	May 15
Rusty & Glenda Stricker	May 29



**WORDS
FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**



Hope everyone is enjoying the spring rain as we will appreciate having full lakes, ponds, and tanks this summer. This is wreaking havoc with our cruise plans, but hey that is okay after the dry year last year. Our only event that we completed in April was the coffee and donut social event at Jerry Durant Chevrolet here in Granbury. The turnout was excellent! See the detailed report and pictures in the newsletter for more information on that event.

May has a few activities planned to include our yearly Field of Flags event to recognize those that have served in the military. We will have this social event on Saturday, May 25th from 10am – 1pm and I am hoping we will have another great turnout in a show of support.

We need to have someone take lead over the NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs) committee to replace Robert Williams who is now our Treasurer. Please seriously consider this role. Please talk to Robert about what is involved.

Be sure to attend our May 2nd meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ on 377. The meeting starts at 7pm, however get there early for dinner and to socialize.

Hope to see you soon at our meeting and the other activities. We need to get those corvettes out on the road to enjoy them.

All the best,

Becky Stags



**BRCC Meeting Minutes
for April 4, 2024
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**



Meeting called to order by President Becky Skaggs.

44 members and 4 guests were present.

Evening Prayer led by Steve Crawford.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Beth Batista.

Member update:

- Total members to date: 95 renewed for 2024. We are only 5 away from our target membership maintenance goal.
- Welcome and introductions for guests
 - Jeff and Pam Hooper Silver 1971 Convertible Corvette.
 - Steve Hansen with a Blue 2013 Grand Sport Corvette.
- New member voting
 - Ray and Ellen Horn with a C8 2024 Riptide Blue corvette. They attended our March meeting.
 - Motion – Terry Varner
 - Seconded – Charles Curtis
 - All in favor/None opposed

Minutes: Accept March 7, 2024 minutes. Jill sent an email and the minutes were posted in the February newsletter. Received updates. No additional updates/changes submitted.

Motion – Sonny Morgan
Seconded – Ed Amos
All in favor/None opposed

Treasures Report: Robert Williams



Beginning balance **\$3,202.35**

Income	
Car show	\$ 60.00
50/50	<u>\$ 65.00</u>
	\$125.00

Expense	
MOAH Fundraiser	\$541.55

Ending balance **\$2,785.80**

Check for \$3,000 is not included in totals above but has been deposited.

Motion to accept – Charles Curtis
Seconded – Ed Amos
All in favor/None opposed

Car show update(October 12, 2024):Theresa Halford with Bob Halford

- Charity committee leads: Cindy LaRusso and Vickie Lawrence
- Car Show items: Theresa Halford

Save the date email sent to 286 past participants. Some returned and will follow up.

Reached out to hotels and will add to fliers

Adding scavenger hunt to even. Working with Visit Granbury and Historic Granbury Merchant Association.

Application for funds will be submitted in next week or two to Visit Granbury.

Bob Cooper gave parking committee branded reflective vests that his brother donated.

Bob McElroy shared idea for trophies for upcoming car show. He's making custom wood plaques. Will bring more information to next meeting.



Committee Reports:

Member Care: Jan Walker – no cards sent

Webmaster: Bill Mozingo – no update

Email Distribution list update: Jill Fikes – no update

Club Merchandise: Nin Hulett – no update

National Corvette Museum: Michael Hokanson
Michelin Bash April 27-29

Museum 30th Anniversary August 29

NCCC: Robert Williams (to be replaced)
Financial problems – discussion of revising dues and reducing size of magazine as possible solutions

Events Coordinator: Becky Skaggs (to be replaced)

- Completed in March:
 - March 20, Wednesday lunch cruise led by Steve Hamilton and Suzi Johnson. Total of seven corvettes joined.
 - Lunch at Cactus Grill in Meridian
- April 6 for Coffee and Donuts at Jerry Durant (Granbury) Chevrolet
 - Time: 9am – 11am. Arrive 8:45am-9:15am or if a little late that is okay.
 - Jerry Durant Chevrolet will provide coffee and donuts.
 - We have 33 corvettes as of 04/01/24. This is a great number to show our appreciation for the donation they made to Tolar VFD.
- May 4th, Saturday cruise to Possum Kingdom led by Curtis Charles
 - Cruise to: Possum Kingdom with lunch at The Cliffs
 - More info soon
- May TBD – Weekday lunch cruise led by Becky and Earl Skaggs.
- May 17-18: Lonestar Corvette Classic 34th Annual Event at Texas Motor Speedway. Lonestar supports our car show, so anyone that can attend from BRCC would be great.
 - Register and find out more info at www.lonestarcorvetteclub.com and click on the 34th annual event.



- Event Lineup
 - Friday May 17th
 - Registration Packet Pick-up
 - Silent Auction
 - Vendors
 - Parade Laps at Eagles Canyon Raceway
 - Party at the Paddock
 - Friday Night Lights
 - Parking Lot Beauties
 - Selected by Marriott Hotel Employees
 - Saturday May 18th
 - Judged and Show n' Shine Car Shows
 - Vendors
 - Silent Auction
 - Awards Dinner
 - Live Auction Charity Fundraiser
- May 25th: Field of Flags 2024: Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday, 5/25 from 10am - 1pm+. You can leave early as needed.
 - Social to show our support of Veterans remembering those that gave their life and honoring those that served.
 - Let's make a great show. Bring your ice chest with drinks and your chairs for great fellowship.
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- Need other cruises (Saturday or weekday lunch) on the calendar. Any volunteers for a month? Details can be worked out later.
 - Near term need leads for:
 - June lunch cruise
 - July lunch and Saturday cruises
 - August lunch and Saturday cruises

New Business

- Update: Decision was made at the March meeting to try an alternate monthly meeting location.
 - Becky has visited Wings, Etc. and is concerned about parking. Napa gave permission to use their parking and she or Tom McElroy will revisit to assess.



Entertainment: Ed Amos shares a joke

50/50 Raffle – Robert Williams
Collected \$95

Winner is David Montgomery \$47

Motion to adjourn:

Motion – Sonny Morgan
Seconded – Charles Curtis
All in favor/None opposed

BRCC 2024 Calendar



PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS



**Feb 7 Rattlesnake Roadhouse Lunch - Walnut Springs
Bob & Jill Brown**

Feb 24 Granny Clark's - Dublin Montgomery's and Sikes

**March 20 Wednesday Lunch Cruise Meridian Tx Steve Hamilton
& Suzi Johnson**

April 6 Granbury Chevrolet 9 - 11:00 coffee & donuts

May 27 Field of Flags

July 4 4th of July Granbury Parade

Oct 12 18TH BRCC Car Show Halfords 432-413-3099

Oct 19 Cowtown Annual Car Show

Oct Annual BRCC Picnic

Nov 25 Granbury Christmas Parade

Dec 6 Christmas Party Gift Exchange

Always looking for volunteers to host a cruise. It can be a nice drive in the country then stop for lunch or a lunch with another interesting place to visit while on the way. Don't be shy, let Becky know you're interested in setting something up. She can help with suggestions.

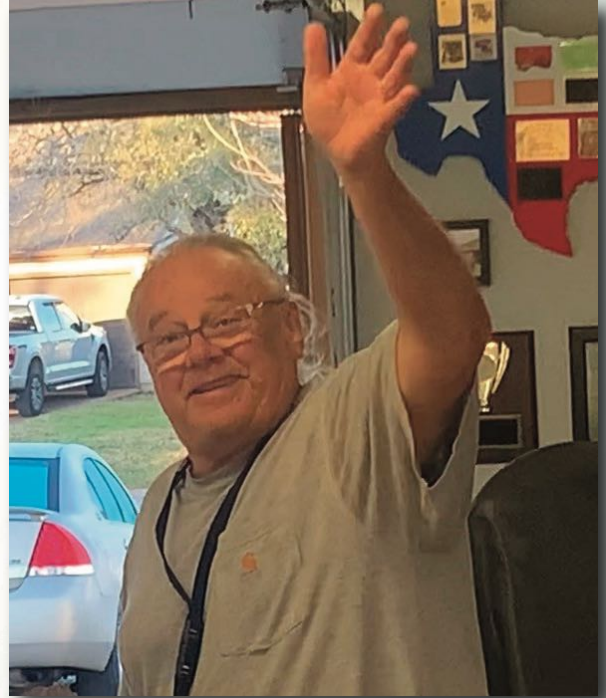




Vince Penar Passed Away March 28th 2024

It is with sadness that I share with you the loss of our member Vince Penar. His wife, Gayle let me know that on Thursday, March 28th he passed away suddenly. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Gayle and her family through this tough time.

Vince, with his wife joined the club at our meeting on November 2, 2023. Given his brief time many of you may not have gotten to know him yet. I had a few conversations with him and would like to share that he was a positive and enjoyable person who was looking forward to joining our clubs to drive on our cruises. He was also a member of Cowtown Vettes of Fort Worth. He drove a C7 2017 white coupe corvette. I had missed him at our Saturday coffee and donuts events as he had informed me that he was looking forward to seeing everyone with their corvettes.



I will close with this quote that seems appropriate:

“Words seem so feeble in moments like these. Life is so precious, and death such a thief. The depth of your pain I cannot comprehend, but I’ll stand alongside you in the darkness, my friend. Love is a bond that death cannot part. Gone from your arms, but still held in your heart”
– John Mark Green





April 6, 2024, Chevrolet Coffee & Donuts Social

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

We had a large gathering of corvettes on April 6th at Jerry Durant Chevrolet in Granbury on 377. I counted thirty-one corvettes that were able to make it. So great to see all those corvettes gathered from our club, including a few guests as well. We had all models represented except for the C2 model. Colors galore, convertibles, coupes, grand sports, ZR1's, etc. I think what even more fun was the fellowship to get to know each other better.

We had a cool day that day, so the coffee hit the spot and donuts never hurt. Hopefully, we can do it again with our local Chevrolet, but parked up front alongside 377 to attract more attention for the car dealership and us as a club.

Thanks, Tom McElroy, for leading and setting this up. See the included pictures from this social event.



More pictures on BRCC web site.



2025 New Corvette Colors



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much different from the the current orange

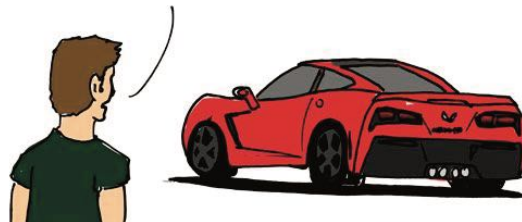


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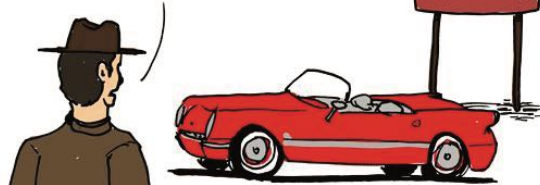
THAT'S NOT A CORVETTE!
IT DOESN'T HAVE ROUND TAIL LIGHTS!



1955

THAT'S NOT A CORVETTE!
IT DOESN'T HAVE AN INLINE-SIX!

NEW!
V8 POWER!





The Corvette America was Conceived in Secret



Corvette America Historical Facts

Years Produced	1979-1980 (1980 Model Year)
Number of Confirmed Units Produced	6
Number of Units Initially Planned	40
Base Price	\$35,000

The original idea for the four-door Corvette came from General Motors themselves, although they were wary of attaching their name to the creation directly because of the unlikelihood of it being successful. So, the job went to California Custom Coach, and they were tasked with producing 40 preliminary models for civilian use. Initially, after those 40 were produced and sold, it was to be judged if the Corvette America could survive in the mass market. However, thanks to an astronomically-high \$35,000 price tag, undoubtedly among other factors, only six were produced, and the four-door Corvette was then seen as a massive failure.

Astronomic price tags are something that has stayed with the Corvette America for over 40 years now, as sightings of this elusive model for sale have been reported. Apparently, one example has surfaced for sale just north of \$100,000, and then reappeared around 2017 for \$119,650, before jumping back out of the woodwork a few months later at a startling \$275,000. It's not known whether or not the car changed hands, so placing an accurate value on this model today is quite tricky. Only two examples are still known to survive.



All New 4-Door 2025 Corvette SUV “Will It Fail?”

Next year, we can expect Chevrolet to release an all-new 2025 Corvette SUV.

Before those words set in, I'll save you the worry. The chances of the Corvette SUV being an electric-only vehicle are slim. GM is believed to have the Porsche Cayenne in its crosshairs with this release. Meaning the Mach-E isn't even on its radar. The Corvette has long competed with the Porsche 911, so it is fitting that GM finds another way to compete with the notorious Porsche in a different vehicle class.

Knowing that the Porsche Cayenne is the target to beat, we can manage our expectations and have a roundabout idea of the outcome. The current 2023 Cayenne can be had with a single-turbo V-6 making 335 horsepower, a twin-turbo V-6 making 434 horsepower, and a twin-turbo V-8 making 541 horsepower. With this information, the Corvette SUV is expected to offer a similar engine lineup with a similar power band. It is also confirmed that the Corvette SUV will be all-wheel drive.

This isn't anything shocking, as most SUVs are AWD. However, this gets interesting once you remember that GM has recently launched their all-new e-AWD system in the hybrid E-Ray Corvette. The e-AWD system adds 160 horsepower to the front wheels. A quote from GM reveals, “The electric motor adds 125 lb.-ft. of torque to the front wheels. The result is truly impressive acceleration, whether off the line, exiting corners, or during passing maneuvers. In addition, the system offers limited EV-only drive modes to allow you to move your car or stealthily exit your neighborhood.”



The SUV will receive the classic Corvette Z code option package. If GM genuinely listens to its fanbase, we may see that 682 horsepower 6.2L V-8 from the Cadillac Escalade V.

GM will attempt to produce a high-performance SUV with an American V8 rumble. However, that does not mean that it will be loved and accepted by the Corvette purists of the world. We will find out how well the Corvette SUV is accepted when it hits the market in the last half of 2024, with a starting price somewhere in the ballpark of \$60,000.



By CAECEY KILLIAN MAY 30, 2023

BRCC Logo Merchandise



Nin Hulett
 Merchandise
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Nin Hulett 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 items upon request.

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 May 1 Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All
Folks*

