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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

AUGUST 2023

What a great turnout of our members who attended the August 1st Tri-City Corvette Club Membership Meeting at Sombrero's. I want to say thank you to our members who took the time to attend the meeting. We had an enjoyable meeting.

I would like to Congratulate Henry & Judy Morton who have met the requirements to become club members. At our August meeting they were voted into the TCCC as new members. Henry & Judy own a beautiful 2008 Atomic Orange Corvette, and we would like to welcome you both to the Tri-City Corvette Club.



Roy Cheramie, it was great to see you again and thank you for attending your second meeting. Once you attend one more event, we will vote you in as a member at our next meeting.

I would like to welcome back two previous club members, Ted & Amy Harp. They are now the proud owners of a Hyper Sonic Grey, C8 Corvette. Ted & Amy, if you attend a couple events this month, then at our next meeting you and Amy can be voted in as members.

Also, I would like to welcome Jeff Shapelow and Kim Macintosh, who joined us for the first time at our meeting. They are interested in becoming members of the TCCC. They own a beautiful Blue Convertible Corvette. We look forward to you attending events and becoming members.

Congratulations to Patty Kupper for being selected as our Tri-City Corvette Club's Member of the Month for August 2023. We wanted to recognize Patty for always volunteering to help with whatever the club needs with a cheerful and willing attitude. Plus, Patty thank you for your Perfect Attendance for attending all our meetings from June 2022 to May 2023.

Congratulations to Juan Juarez, who won split the pot of \$169.00. But I wanted to thank Juan for being so thoughtful in donating the winnings of \$169.00 to the fundraiser for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas to help Clear the Shelter for the month of August. Thank You Juan, the funds will be donated in your name.

Thank you to the members who attended James "Corky" Wheeler's Memorial Service. It was an honor to remember Corky by having seven of our Corvettes in the parking lot for his service. It was a beautiful service to remember all that Corky has accomplished in his life. Beth, we will keep you and your family in our prayers.

(President's Message continued)

Corky's wife, Beth Wheeler wanted to say thank you to the Tri-City Corvette Club for our support and bringing our Corvettes to the service. She also thanked us for the flowers and thanked us for the food that was brought to the family gathering.

We lost another Club member, Gordon Buchhorn passed away Thursday, July 26th at MD Anderson in Houston. Gordon lived in Santa Fe and had several cars. Gordon attended our Car Show in May 2023, and it was good to see him. Gordon has been a member of the TCCC since 2018. Please keep Gordon's family in your prayers.

We have quite a few events planned for August. So, look at our TCCC's Facebook page @ Tri-City Corvette Club or our TCCC's website @ tricitycorvetteclub.com to see the events projected for the club.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held September 5, 2023. The meeting will be held at a new location, Café Del Rio, 2830 IH-10 East, Beaumont. We will eat & socialize at 6pm and the meeting is at 7pm.

We will have the Raffle and Split the Pot at this meeting. So, bring any door prizes you may have to the meeting.

A Sincere Thank You,

Glinda Pareso

President

Tri-City Corvette Club

The Best of Southeast Texas

VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

John Berry

August 2023 Meeting

Wow what a great turnout even with the heat we have been enduring. It was nice to see several guests including Henry & Judy Morton, Ted & Amy Harp, Jeff Shapelow, Kim Mcintosh & Roy Cheramie.

It was so good to see Beth Wheeler at the meeting after the recent loss of Corky. We love you Beth, and we are here for you! It was also sad news that we recently lost member Gordon Buchhorn, and he will be missed as well.

We have numerous events for August, so check out the Events page and find one to participate in. Get Ready for a Ride and Dine on August 26th to Hurricane Titas in Anahuac. Details can be found on the TCCC website or our TCCC Facebook page.

Congratulations to Patty Kupper for August Member of The Month. Congratulations Patty!



Half pot winner for August was Juan Juarez, winning \$169.00 which he donated. What a lucky guy.

August Birthdays: Lynn Metz, Lance Marchand, Richard Donley, Judy Snowden, David Dominguez, Joel Judkins, Nancy Horn, Michael Merideth, Jerry McCulley, Ernesto Guantes Vega, John Decker, Bobbie Johnstone, Wes Spinic and Mark Allen. **Happy Birthday to you All!**

August Anniversaries:

Larry & Darlene Copeland (2 years)

Shawn & Misha Bruno (27)

Johnny & Edie Downs (30)

Joel & Juanita Judkins (36)

John & Patty Kupper (49)

Dave & Chris Pareso (20)

Mike & Willa White (29)

Buzz & Cathy Long (35)

Mark & Christina Allen (36)

George & Beverly Broussard (55)

Happy Anniversary!!!

Tech Corner: Always remove your battery tender before leaving your garage to prevent damage, ask me how I know! LOL! Thank you all and have a great month.

John Berry

TCCC, Vice President

"Be Kind it's free"

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK SHOW & SHINE

JULY 1, 2023



**CORVETTE INVASION
CAR SHOW—JULY 15**

WINNERS

**JOHN BERRY &
RANDY BLAND**



JEFFERSON THEATRE SHOW & SHINE

JULY 29, 2023



Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO

Glinda Pareso, President, called the meeting to order, and John Berry offered the opening prayer. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. We had several guests and she introduced each of them and asked them to tell the membership a little about themselves. Our guests were Judy and Henry Morton, Roy Cheramie, Kim Macintosh, Jeff Shapelow, and Ted and Amy Harp. The Morton's have met the criteria for membership and the membership voted unanimously to accept them as members. Glinda thanked those that attended the service for Corky Wheeler, and Beth Wheeler said a few words of gratitude. Buzz Long also spoke to the membership about the passing of Gordon Buchhorn. They were both long time members of the TCCC.

Glinda reminded the membership to keep Tammy Coleman's mother in our thoughts and prayers as she battles cancer, and also Dave Pareso as he goes through a long recovery from his back surgeries and pacemaker implant. Glinda presented a personalized notebook to Terry Cauthen for his hard work on our website. Terry was not present but Karen Cauthen accepted on his behalf. Glinda said there was one unpaid ticket from our last meeting and asked if anyone forgot to pay their ticket, please see her or Mona.

Glinda announced that the board had recommended a few changes to our by-laws. Liz Hanley read the recommended changes to the membership. The recommended changes are Article VI, item E to include; counted by two board members not running for re-election. Also Article VII will change dues amount in each place needed to reflect the increase in dues which has already been accepted. Mike White moved we accept the changes to the by-laws, and Coach Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT JOHN BERRY:** John Berry announced that the Member of the Month for August is Patty Kupper who is always willing to help with whatever is needed. She will receive 10 raffle tickets. John discussed our referral program and the latest results are 5 referrals for John Berry, Terry Long with 3, and Glinda Pareso with 3. Open to everyone. John also did an overview of past events. He reported that the winners of the trivia games at Cotton Creek Winery were Glenn Johnson (\$50.00), Mona Berry (\$50.00), and Gwen Frye won a bottle of wine. Please refer to the Vice Presidents letter in the Newsletter for information on past events. John also congratulated and recognized members with birthdays and anniversaries during the month of August. You can see them all recognized in the Vice Presidents message as well.
- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Liz Hanley, Secretary, reported that she had received a beautiful thank you card from Beth Wheeler to the TCCC, and she read it to the membership. She had a couple of magazines and offered them to any member who would like them. She asked if everyone had read the minutes in the Newsletter for last month and if there were any changes, corrections, or deletions. There being none, Roger Ross moved we accept the minutes as published and Chris Cormier seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Mona Berry, Treasurer, gave an overview of our finances and reported income and expenses. She reported that it had been decided by the board to give \$200.00 to the Children's Miracle Network. She reported that we are in good financial condition.
- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** Mike Burgess reported that he is working with his contact person at HEB on Dowlen in Beaumont to try and hold an event there to benefit the Food Bank. He is also trying to get information on Kroger as well. Will keep us informed.
- **BOARD MEMBER CHRIS CORMIER:** Chris Cormier reinforced Mike White's message to get involved and volunteer in some area to help with our car show.
- **BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:** John Decker was unable to attend but Glinda reminded everyone of the benefit for The Giving Field scheduled for August 19th. Also the Journey Church event is August 12th.
- **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ:** Brad Metz was unable to attend.
- **BOARD MEMBER DAN PARESO:** Dan Pareso reminded the membership that August is Clear the Shelter month. He asked that members donate to a pet of their choosing so that it will reduce the cost of that particular animal's adoption fee to the person trying to adopt. There is an event planned at their location on August 26th. Please come out and support. We will have an online fundraiser as well. Dan also asked the guys in the club to come out and enjoy lunch with the ROMEO's.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ROGER ROSS:** Roger Ross, Activities Director, reported on many upcoming events. Please refer to events in the newsletter and on our web page and FB page. He encouraged the membership to sign up now if interested in the national caravan to the NCM. A lot goes into the planning of that event so it is important that you sign up now.
- **PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MIKE WHITE:** Mike White, Past President and Membership Director, gave the membership a quick synopsis of things that have already been locked down for our 30th annual car show. He reminded everyone that volunteers are needed in almost every category and that preparations are underway to try and train several people on how to register participants for the car show. Brad has secured the celebrities for next year and the hotel is reserved. Our April 2024 meeting will be dedicated to all things car show. He encouraged our members to register early. There are several members that do not have their name tags yet, and Mike will take care of that. He also thanked everyone for paying their dues and told us that all of those names will be sent to the NCM on September 1, 2023.
- **SUPPORT STAFF AND COMMITTEES:** Glinda asked committee chairmen that were present if there was anything to report and there was nothing.
- **NCM AMBASSADOR GLENN JOHNSON:** Glenn Johnson was unable to attend, but the tentative itinerary for the 2024 NCM Caravan is included in the newsletter.

John Berry had trivia questions pertaining to Corvettes and the winners of a \$5.00 scratch off each were Mona Berry, John Kupper, Donald Guest, Chris Pareso, and Roger Ross. Congratulations. Winners of a door prize were Joey Catalano, Coach Burgess, Stacie Cormier (2xs), Terry Long, Karen Cauthern, Kim Macintosh, and Juan Juarez. Congratulations to all!

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot Winner was Juan Juarez, and he won \$169.00 which he donated to the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. Thank you so much Juan for your generosity.

Glinda asked if there was any other business and there being none, Cecelia Mouton moved we adjourn the meeting, and Buzz Long seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5 at Café Del Rio in Beaumont.

We will eat & socialize at 6PM and the meeting is at 7PM.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

AUGUST 2023

NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org



Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary.

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. An event such as this requires years of planning and coordinating. All help is appreciated! The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in South Central Kentucky and is open daily, 8am to 5pm Central Time. Stay up to day with the Museum by subscribing to emails [online here](#).

**2024 Elvis & Blue Grass Caravan to the
NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration**

(NCM Corner continued)

Tri-City Corvette Club (SE Texas) will caravan to the 2024 NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration

This is the Tentative Itinerary

**2024 Elvis & Blue Grass Caravan to the
NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration**

Tentative Itinerary (subject to change)

Saturday	Aug. 24 th	SE Texas to Natchez, MS
Sunday	Aug. 25 th	Natchez, MS to Tupelo, MS (via Natchez Trace)
Monday	Aug. 26 th	Visit Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum (morning) Tupelo, MS to Hernando, MS
Tuesday	Aug. 27 th	Travel to and visit Elvis Presley's Graceland (morning) Memphis, TN to Owensboro, KY
Wednesday	Aug. 28 th	Visit Blue Grass Museum (morning) Owensboro, KY to Bowling Green, KY
Thursday	Aug. 29 th	NCM 30 th Anniversary Celebration
Friday	Aug. 30 th	NCM 30 th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday	Aug. 31 st	NCM 30 th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday	Sept. 1 st	Bowling Green, KY to Meridian, MS
Monday	Sept. 2 nd	Meridian, MS to SE Texas

**In order to make final preparations and secure hotel bookings, I need to know
ASAP if you are interested in participating in this caravan.**

**Send an email to Glenn Johnson (gjohnson@gt.rr.com) expressing your interest. You will be
added to the email list and receive updates as they develop over the next few months.**

Return the following information to Glenn

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Remember only sign up if you are really interested in participating

(NCM Corner continued)



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The National Corvette Museum, located in Bowling Green, KY, is a world class facility that showcases the world famous sports car called the Corvette. My purpose, as your NCM Ambassador, is to provide our club with a two way communication link to the NCM. My mission will be that of receiving and disseminating the most current and correct information from the NCM and to convey that information to our club. I will be acting as the Museum representative and will be promoting and soliciting support for the NCM through promotional activities and encouraging other club members to join the NCM. Finally, I will serve as the voice of our Corvette club to the NCM communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions our club may have to the NCM.