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Car Show Committee

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White



After 4 months without a Tri-City Corvette Club meeting or club event, we had our first meeting and event in August!

The August meeting had 32 members in attendance. Thanks to all that attended with face masks and social distancing.

Thanks to Sara McDonald and Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont Plaza. They comped the room for the meeting since the club will have our 26th Annual Corvette Show at the hotel. This was the first meeting that we were able to have after our June elections of new officers, board members and supporting staff.

Thank you for having me back as your President. I know we can make this club a fun, enjoyable, active and charitable organization because I am always open to serve you with your ideas and suggestions. I would like to congratulate our Officers, Board Members and Supporting Staff.

John Berry, Vice President, does an outstanding job with leadership. **Glinda Pareso**, Secretary, has great detail in organizing the position. **Willa White**, always on top of our finances and keeping the club informed. Thanks to our Board Member, **Brad Metz**, Sponsorship & Marketing Chair. Every year he comes through with sponsors that can financially support the club. **Bryan Serafino**, great in communicating with club members and having new ideas, great job. **Coach Burgess**, takes care of one of our charities, Southeast Texas Food Bank and our Sponsor Awards. He is our go to guy, thanks Coach. **Rod Johnstone**, back as Board Member, great organizing and leading events, such as our annual Poker Run. **Roger Ross** and **David White** our first time Board Members have already shown enthusiasm in helping support the club in anything we need. I know they will become great board members. Glad to have them on board.

Supporting Staff Members

Newsletter Editor, **Jane Barron**, great, outstanding - what can you say but this is one of the best newsletters that comes from a corvette club. Webmaster, **Terry Cauthen** has our Tri-City Corvette Club website taking care of business. He has the site enabled to email all members updates of events. Also, the website handles the payments of club dues and car show registrations. Great job Terry.

Membership Director and Lamar Scholarship Chair, welcomes back **Cathy Long** who has done this in the past and quite well. Thank you Cathy. National Corvette Museum & Club Caravan Activities Director, **Glenn Johnson** does an outstanding job keeping everyone informed about the NCM events. We are so lucky in having Glenn as our ambassador to the NCM. Glenn Johnson is also the Elected Chair of the National Corvette Museum. Congratulations Glenn. Glenn and Andrea Johnson, over the years have always provided the Club with the best caravans and also handle the Annual Club Banquet. Thanks guys. What makes the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success moving forward is our members. Thank you members.

Please support our sponsors, they keep us up and going. Thanks to Moore GM Silsbee, Bradley's Collision Center in Port Neches, Gulf Credit Union, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Triangle Air Care, TWFG Insurance Services- Terry Cauthen, and Elite Auto Shield.

Past Event, August 6, 2020:

The Tri-City Corvette Club was contacted by Kathy Chessher, Community Development Manager for the American Cancer Society to attend the Rallying for Cure on Thursday August 6th at Lamar University Montagne Center Parking Lot. We had 8 corvettes in attendance and the Club gave a \$1,000 donation.

A big thanks to David White, David Dominguez, Harry and Brenda Nichols, Coach and Phyllis Burgess, Dan and Glinda Pareso, Rod and Bobbi Johnstone, Glenn and Andrea Johnson, and Willa and Mike White.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 2, 2020 we will be at Moore GM Silsbee for our annual Car Show Promotion. The KFDM Morning Show will feature our corvettes and promote the 26th Annual Tri-City Corvette Show to be held October 10th at the Holiday Inn Beaumont. We would like to have one of each generation, C1 through C8. The segments are to air at 6:20am and 8:15am on the Channel 6 Morning Show and on Fox at 8:15am.

October 10, 2020—TCCC 26th Annual Tri-City Corvette Show

The Show will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Beaumont, Texas. We are making plans to have another car show committee meeting about a month before the show date. We will keep you updated on the event.

There are no plans currently for the next Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting, since the Holiday Inn gave us a one time comp room for the August meeting.

Thank You

Mike White

TCCC, President

***Tri-City Corvette Club is a proud supporter
Scholarship Program***



VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

John Berry



Well it's about time we had a meeting, and it was great to see 32 of our members at the meeting social distancing and using their masks. It was also great to finally acknowledge all our new board members and hear from each one of them. Congratulations to you all, and we look forward to getting back to normal.

As always, let's keep our Military, Police Officers and all First Responders in our prayers daily, and for our Government to make the right decisions for our country during these trying times.

We had a tragic loss this past week losing one of our Beaumont Police Officers, Sheena Yarbrough-Powell in an on-duty car accident. I would like for everyone to keep her family and fellow officers in your prayers as she is laid to rest Saturday.

Club Prayers: Let's pray for peace in our communities and for any of our members that may be ill. Keep Joel Judkins in your prayers as well as his family.

Matilda: She is still with Michael Frye, and I think he really likes her! lol

August Birthdays: Janet Judkins, Steve Judkins, Lynn Metz, Lance Marchand, Judy Snowden, David Dominguez, Joel Judkins, Nancy Horn, Joe Greenland, Jerry McCulley, Gale Beckett, Michael Merideth, Artie Tucker, Bobbi Johnstone and Linda Buteaud. Happy Birthday to you all!

August Anniversaries:

George & Beverly Broussard (52 years)

Mike & Willa White (26 years)

John & Patty Kupper (46 years)

Buzz & Cathy Long (32 years)

Joel & Juanita Judkins (33 years)

Shawn & Misha Bruno (24 years)

Artie & Traci Tucker (32 years)

Johnny & Edie Downs

Happy Anniversary to you!

John Berry, TCCC, Vice President

All serve the club, and the club serves all

RALLYING FOR CURE—AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

LAMAR MONTAGNE CENTER, AUGUST 6, 2020



**PRESENTATION BY THE TCCC—
CHECK FOR \$1000 TO THE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**





Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2020

Meeting Held At: Holiday Inn, Galveston Room

- **President—Mike White**

President, Mike White opened the meeting for the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all who serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & New Members: No guests or new members.

Sponsors: Mike shared that our Sponsors add to our club’s success, and he wanted to thank each one of our sponsors and reminded everyone to support our sponsors.

Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC- Cadillac of Silsbee	Gulf Federal Credit Union
Bradley’s Collision Center	TWFG Insurance Services, Terry Cauthen
Elite Auto Shield	Fuzzy’s Taco Shop

Note: Triangle Air Care—A thank you to Triangle Air for sponsoring us for the past numerous years. The owner is retiring and has sold out to Efficient Systems.

New Officers, Board Members & Staff: Mike congratulated the new board members.

President	Mike White	Board Member	Coach Burgess
Vice President	John Berry	Board Member	Rod Johnstone
Secretary	Glinda Pareso	Board Member	Brad Metz
Treasurer	Willa White	Board Member	Roger Ross
		Board Member	Bryan Serafino
		Board Member	David White
Sponsorship/Marketing	Brad Metz	Scholarship Lamar Events	Cathy Long
Activities Comm. Chair	John Berry (temp)	Food Bank, Awards	Coach Burgess
Membership Director	Cathy Long	Annual Car Show	Mike White
Newsletter Editor	Jane Barron	Charities	Glinda Pareso
Webmasters	Terry Cauthen & Bryan Serafino		
National Corvette Museum & Club Caravan Activities	Glenn Johnson		

Mike thanked the members for making the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success. Mike shared that there were a few updates made to the website, and wanted to thank Terry Cauthen for his help in updating the website.

- **Vice-President: John Berry**

John thanked everyone for allowing him to support the club as Vice President. John recognized the members who have birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August 2020. He is looking at getting a road trip together, but it is hard to find a restaurant that can host a large group of people. Another idea is to have a Picnic Run, where everyone would bring their own food, drinks and chairs and go somewhere to have a picnic lunch. He is still working on a location. If you have any ideas, please share them with John.

John is temporary acting as the Activity Director. If anyone is interested in being the Activity Director, please let John know. John shared that he attended the Liberty Car Show with a few other club members. He said it was nice to be back at a car show, but he mainly enjoyed being around the people and talking with everyone at the car show.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Treasurer—Willa White**

Willa presented the finance reports for June and July 2020. Willa shared that since we normally have our car show in May, the officers agreed that we would send out our donations early to our charities instead of waiting till October to present their checks. All checks were sent out except for the Texas Honor Guard, and they would prefer to accept our donation at the car show in October. Glinda verified the June and July finance reports and found them to be accurate.

- **Secretary – Glinda Pareso**

There were no minutes to review since our last meeting was in March 2020 due to the virus. Even though there was no meeting, the June 2020 newsletter and minutes were placed on our website to keep the members updated.

Thank You Letters

- ⇒ Buckner Children & Family Services thanked us for our \$1,000 donation for the Toy Run
- ⇒ Southeast Texas Food Bank shared that it was a great blessing to receive our \$1,000 donation to help feed thousands of residents in need of hunger relief.

- **Reports**

Board Member—David White: No Report

Board Member—Roger Ross: Roger shared that it is great to see everyone, and he is looking forward to working with everyone this year to make the club even better.

Board Member—Coach Burgess: Coach explained that the Show and Shine Food Drive at Market Basket was canceled due to the virus, and Market Basket is not going to host any events until further notice. Coach shared that he brought the donation can for the food bank if anyone would like to donate after the meeting. Coach collected \$100 and presented the donation to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. The Food Bank shared that \$100 will provide 300 meals and they were very appreciative of the donation.

Marketing Committee Report—Brad Metz: Lynn Metz was here to represent Brad Metz. Brad has not made visits to any businesses at this time due to the virus.

Membership Director: Mike White asked Cathy Long if she would handle the Membership Director duties for this year, and Cathy accepted the position. Mike also welcomed Cathy and Buzz Long back to the meeting since Buzz has been ill and recovering for the past year.

Newsletter—Jane Barron: Mike thanked Jane for doing a fine job on keeping and updating the club's newsletter.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report—Glenn Johnson: Glenn thanked the club for being the only club that has 100% membership in the National Corvette Museum (NCM). He shared that the NCM has been closed for the last two months due to COVID 19. This has given the NCM time to change their exhibits and provide some new exhibits. The NCM is now open, and the visitor attendance is running about 65% of previous years. Glenn explained the NCM is limited on events that can be hosted due to the COVID 19, and several events have been canceled. Glenn mentioned that all C-8 2020's have been sold out.

Past events and Upcoming Events are outlined in the President's Message.

The Corvette Invasion will be held in October only for the track run.

The American Cancer Society will host another event on Oct 24, 2020. More information to follow.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

EVENTS FOR THE TCCC 26th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Car Show Promotion at MOORE GM:

Friday, October 2, 2020 from 6:15 to 9:15pm
 Car Show Promotion at Moore Chevrolet Buick GMC

Location: 1415 Hwy 96 Bypass, Silsbee, TX 77656
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The KFDM Morning Show will be featuring our cars and promoting the TCCC Car show.

The Segments to air at around 6:20 and 8:15 in the morning.

October 8, 2020 at 6:00pm: Holiday Inn, Austin Room - Goodie Bag Night. We need items for the goodie bags and volunteers to assist with putting the goodie bags and guest baskets together. Please bring all door prizes and silent auction items on this night.

October 9, 2020 from 6pm to 9pm: Hospitality Night at Holiday Inn in the Atrium. Food is catered by Fuzzy's Taco. The desserts will be supplied by Rao's Bakery. They will provide cookies, cupcakes, etc. for our meet and greet.

Note for Parking Lot Crew: On Friday, October 9 at 8pm, we can rope off the parking lot for the show. There will be a security officer from 9pm to 8am and Saturday, October 10th for 9 hours.

October 10, 2020

26th Annual Tri-City Corvette Show at the Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont, Texas.

October 10, 2020 Agenda**Time Event**

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| 8:30am | Registration begins |
| 9:00 | Welcome to Show |
| 9:15 | Show Colors / Pledge of Allegiance. Texas Military Honors Team |
| 9:30 | Announce Bucket List prizes and Silent Auction prizes, & to Buy Tickets |
| | Note: Please let Mike White or Patricia McCulley know if you have any items for the Silent Auction. |
| 10:00 | Judging Starts. John Berry will oversee the judging. If you would like a list of what categories the judges will be judging, check the Registration Sheet. |
| 10:30 | General Raffle Tickets for door prizes |
| 11:00 | General Raffle Tickets for door prizes |
| 11:15 | General Raffle Tickets for door prizes |
| 11:30 | Registration ends |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:45 | Valve Cover Race |
| 1:30 | Checks presented to charities |
| 2:00 | Spin the wheel for a chance to win a new corvette. |
| 2:30 | Announcement <u>NCM Ambassador / Club Caravan Activities – Glenn Johnson</u>
Tri-City Corvette Club—100% of its members belong to the National Corvette Museum. Glenn Johnson is the Ambassador of the TCCC for the NCM. Glenn Johnson was on the Board of the NCM and now is the Chair-Elect. Glenn please say a few words about the National Corvette Museum. |
| 2:45 | General Raffle tickets for door prizes—Announce Silent Auction close—Introduce Club Officers and Staff—Introduce Car Show Chair & Committees. |
| 3:00 | Bucket List Winners are drawn & Silent Auction Winners announced. |
| 3:15 | Club Recognition, Most Participation, Longest Distance. |
| 3:30 | Awards are announced. |

(Meeting Minutes continued)

2020 Tri-City Corvette Club Car Show Committees:

Chair: Mike White

Goodie Bags/Hospitality Chair: Andrea Johnson & Lynn Metz

Photo Committee Chair: Ronnie Jones & Charlie Buteaud.

Parking Lot Committee Chair: Rod Johnstone & Charlie Barron

Trophy Committee: Mike White & John Berry set up and hand out.

Judging Committee Chair: John Berry & David Dominguez

Registration: Jane Barron, Willa White, & Mona Berry

Door Prize Ticket Chair: Bryan Serafino

Silent Auction Chair: Pat McCulley

Valve Cover Racing Chair: Bobbi Johnstone, Rod Johnstone, & Mike White

Equipment Setup/Trash Committee: Coach Burgess & all members

Show Director: Coach Burgess

Registration for chance to win Corvette: Cathy Long

Vendors: Brad Metz food for Hospitality night

P.A. System Music: Mike White & Chad White

MC: Shawn Bruno

New Business:

Location for TCCC's meetings:

Mike shared that they are still looking for a meeting place. Glenn shared that Benton's will be purchased by investors, and we may want to check with them once they re-open.

New Members:

Mike shared that a few changes were made on the website about the application process and when to pay the dues. The dues will be collected at the time the new member is voted in the club.

Members Attendance: We had 32 members attend the August 11, 2020 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next TCCC Monthly Meeting: To be Determined.



NCM Corner

*Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador*

August 2020

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The NCM obtains George Jones Corvette





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*Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador*





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NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK



Have a need for SPEED? The NCM Motorsports Park is located less than two miles from the Museum and offers the chance for you to ride in a Corvette, drive your car on the road course for a lap, participate in a high performance driving school and/or spectate at one of many motorsports events going on throughout the season.



NCM Corner

*Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador*

Don't have a performance car? No worries! The track offers Hot Laps where one of our professional drivers will take you for a spin in a Corvette or you can drive one of the track's C7 Corvette Stingray Z51s for a few laps in a lead/follow format. Laps are available when the track is not in use for an event. When planning a trip, you are welcome to call ahead to check availability and make an appointment. No appointment? Give us a heads up when you are in town and we will do our best to accommodate you for a ride!

Hot Laps

One session includes pit out, one time by, and pit in (approximately two laps around our Grand Full Course). Minimum age to participate is 15. Average speeds top 100 MPH.

Cost: \$125/session

C7 Corvette Touring Laps

One session includes four laps in the track's C7 Corvette Stingray Z51 in a lead/follow format. Minimum age to drive is 18. Must sign a Vehicle Damage Policy and Indemnity Agreement.

Cost: \$220/session

If you have your own car to drive on the track, consider a Touring Lap.

Touring Laps

One session includes four laps in your own car at average highway speeds in a lead/follow format. Passengers 14 years or older are welcome.

Cost: \$50/session

Gift certificates are available for laps.

Laps are available weekdays when the track is not rented and during select National Corvette Museum sponsored events and activities. Laps are offered on the hour, every hour, starting at 11:00am CT and ending at 2:00pm CT. Please call in advance to give the Motorsports Park staff a heads up that you'd like to participate so that cars and equipment are ready when you arrive. Laps are not available during private events, or while the track is in use by an event. Track availability is dependent on weather. NO REFUNDS.

Please inquire by contacting justin@motorsportspark.org or 270-777-4509.

Spectating

We welcome visitors to come spectate at the track! For a schedule of upcoming events, visit www.motorsportspark.org.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

NCM MOTORSPORTS KARTING TRACK

**Arrive and drive for a fun racing session against your friends
on the new karting track!**

Price: \$20 per person for a 8-minute session

**Minimum height 60" or must have valid driver's license if height requirement is not met.*

Hours of Operation: Call Justin at (270) 777-4509 for hours of operation.

**Hours are subject to change due to inclement weather.*

Please check our [calendar](#) for availability before visiting.



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