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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White

The last few months have been hot, then rainy, and hot again. It looks like it is trying to dry up just in time for hurricane season, so please be safe and prepared.

The monthly meeting was at Sombrero Mexican Grill in Nederland, Texas. We opened the August meeting with 50 in attendance.

I would like to thank everyone for attending the meeting, and please keep up the good work of signing in at each meeting. This will help keep track of the perfect attendance awards at the annual banquet.

Welcome to Randy Bland who is now a member of the Tri-City Corvette Club.

Our guests were Doug DeVaugh and Curtis Horn. Doug owns a Blue C8, and Curtis owns a C5. Welcome Doug and Curtis. We hope you enjoy the TCCC and the members. In addition, John and Mona Berry invited their daughter, Kaycee to the meeting. We are always happy to have visitors.

Our special guest was Barbara Newhouse, President and CEO of the Southeast Texas Food Bank which is one of the Tri-City Corvette Club charities. Barbara was invited to give information on how the food bank conducts business and to answer questions from the club members. For more details on Barbara's talk, please go to the minutes in this newsletter.

Sad news: Donald Mouton passed away July 20, 2021. Donald was a long time member of the Tri-City Corvette Club. We are going to miss Donald Mouton. Our condolences to Cecelia Mouton. There were a lot of great stories told at the meeting about Donald, so please read them in the minutes of this newsletter.

Again thanks to Andrea Johnson for organizing the bling shirts for the ladies. Bring your shirt to the meeting or get them to Andrea with \$5, and she will have our club logo put on them.

Andrea Johnson, John Berry and Michael Merideth have volunteered to be the Activities Committee. It looks like we have some exciting rides coming up. We will keep you posted on the place, time, and date.

Thank you Glinda for compiling the club meeting minutes.

**Congratulations** to Brenda Nichols winner of the ½ pot, \$131.

What makes the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success and moving forward is our members. Thank you members.



**Next Club Meeting**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Sombrero Mexican Grill

6pm eat & socialize

7pm Meeting

**Thank You,**

***Mike White***

*TCCC President*

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# VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

## Roger Ross

Greetings my fellow Corvette lovers!

I always like to begin by welcoming our newest members. At the August meeting, the club voted to accept the membership application for Randy Bland. Randy owns a beautiful red C7 Grand Sport and loves to talk cars. Welcome aboard brother!

At the August monthly meeting the club heard from the director of the Southeast Texas Food Bank, Barbara Newhouse. I realize that there are some mixed emotions about continuing support for the food bank, but I was impressed that Miss Newhouse came to the meeting and took the tough questions. Despite some dissension, the club did vote to continue its monetary support of the food bank.

Club members put together a Corvette procession for the funeral of long time club member, Donald Mouton. Unfortunately I did not have the honor of knowing Donald very well, but from the stories I heard told at the meeting, I could tell that he was loved and will be missed. Based on the way that his love for Corvettes was talked about, I know that it brought him pleasure to see so many of them lined up for his last ride. Rest in peace brother. We will all ride together again one day.

TCCC members participated in two separate events in the month of July. John Decker's monthly Show & Shine at the Journey Church in Lumberton had about 15 cars participate and pizza was served. This monthly event is a very relaxing way to show off your car and visit with other enthusiasts. There is no cost for the event and they always have food and drinks on hand. Contributions to the church are encouraged, but not required. The August event was set for the 14th, but due to health issues it had to be cancelled. John and Leann Decker have both experienced quite a bout with the COVID virus. I believe that they are on the mend, but they are still struggling. Please make room for them in your thoughts and prayers.

The second event was the 2021 Corvette Invasion, which was held in Bastrop from July 16th - 18th. The Invasion is organized each year by Shawn Jones of SRE Promotions and is co-chaired by TCCC's own Glenn Judice. The Invasion consists of a Friday night Meet & Greet, a Saturday Corvette Car Show, a Sunday morning at the Circuit of the Americas Formula 1 Race Track and a Sunday afternoon cruise to The Oasis on Lake Travis. Nine club members attended the event with 7 of them bringing home "Top 100 Awards" from the show. The big winner however was Gracie Mott, who captured the "C6 Best In Class" trophy! The TCCC also presented an award at the show for our club pick. Our award went to Jeff Knowlton of Houston for his 1991 C4 ZR1. Special thanks to John Berry for spearheading that selection and Coach Burgess for picking out the trophy. This event is a lot of fun and it involves over 300 Corvettes. I took along a friend this year who does not own a Corvette. He enjoyed the event so much that after returning home, he went to Morris Moore Chevrolet and ordered his very own Red Myst C8 Corvette! Hopefully in about 18 months we will be welcoming him and his wife as new club members.

Summer is in full swing and the opportunities to drive and show your beautiful Corvettes are abundant. So, sign up for some events and spend some time with your fellow club members. Be sure to regularly check out the club's event page at <https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events> so you can stay apprised of your opportunities to participate.



Here's a few upcoming events for your calendars.

August 14th Hot Summer Nights Car Show in Beaumont

August 28th Cruise to Fin and Feather Bar & Grill at Toledo Bend (John Berry)

September 11th Brazos River Corvette Club's 15th Annual Car Show in Granbury

September 11th Port Neches Knights of Columbus Car Show in Port Neches

September 11th Deweyville's Project Safe Graduation Car Show in Orange

September 25th Big Boyz Toys 8th Annual Car Show in Port Arthur

October 30th Elite Auto Shield's 3rd Annual Car Show in Beaumont

In closing, I would like to say that it was wonderful to see Officer Kaycee Berry out and about at the meeting. While she is still recovering from her surgery, it is good to see her progressing so well. Also, be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roger M. Ross*

Vice President

Tri City Corvette Club

**August Birthdays**

Lynn Metz

Lance Marhcand

Judy Snowden

David Dominguez

Joel Judkins

Nancy Horn

Gale Beckett

Michael Merideth

Jerry McCulley

Artie Tucker

John Decker

Bobbi Johnstone

**August Anniversaries**

Chris & Dave Pareso (18 years)

Misha & Shawn Bruno (25 years)

Willa & Mike White (27 years)

Cathy & Buzz Long (33 years)

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Patty & John Kupper (47 years)

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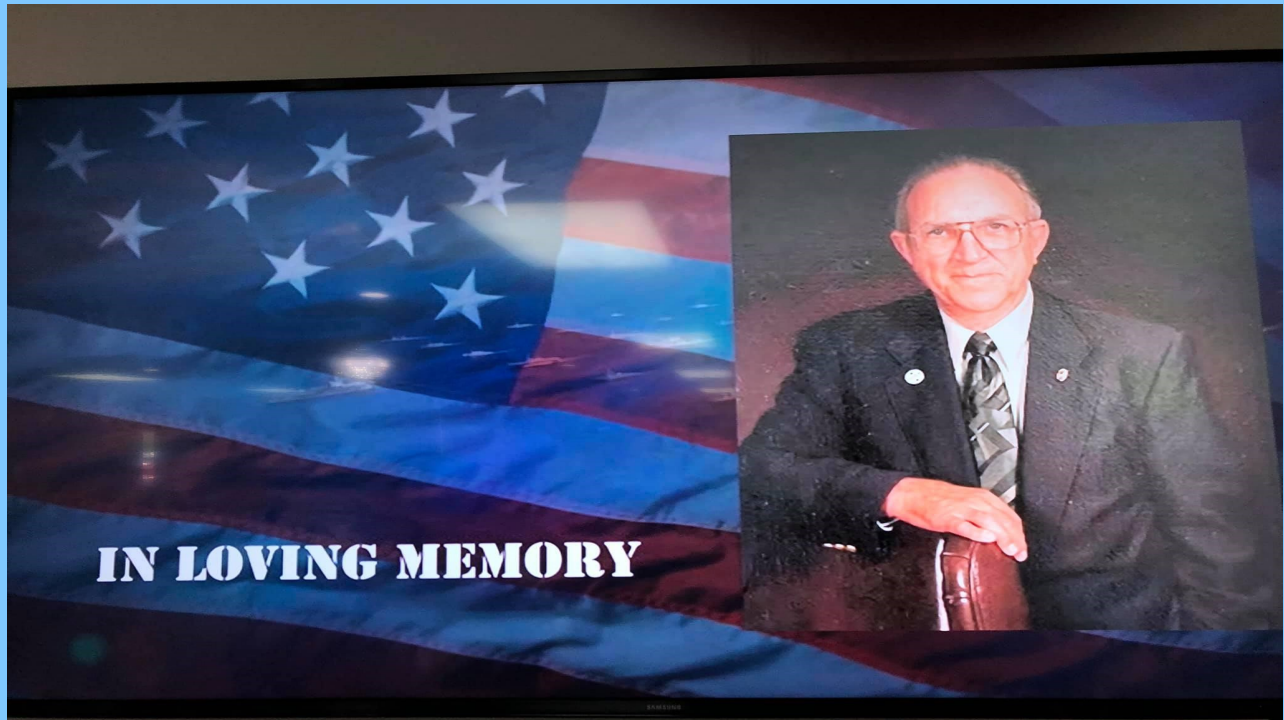
# Corvette Invasion

July 16-18





# DONALD MOUTON



## Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

**Date: August 3, 2021**

**Meeting Location: Sombrero's Mexican Grill**

• **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. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome members:** Mike said it is great to see everyone, and appreciated everyone coming to the meeting.

**Guests & New Members:**

**Welcome Guests:** Mike welcomed Barbara Newhouse from the Southeast Texas Food Bank. She shared information about the Food Bank.

- We had two new guests, **Doug DeV Vaughn** who owns a blue C8 and **Curtis Horn** who owns a C5.
- Mike, also welcomed John & Mona Berry's daughter. Mike was glad to see that she is recovering and feeling a little better.

**Randy Bland** was voted in as a new member of the TCCC. He has a Red C7 Grand Sport.

**Sad News & Good News:**

- Our sincere condolences to Cecelia Mouton. Her husband and long time member, Donald Mouton passed away July 20 due to Covid and underlying medical reasons. Donald was an inspiration to many in the club with his laughter and great conversation on Corvettes, especially the beautiful C4 Corvettes that he owned. Thank you Cecelia for asking the TCCC to provide the last ride for Donald from the funeral home to the church. We had 17 Corvettes for his final procession.
- Please keep John and Leanne Decker in your thoughts and prayers. John Berry shared that Leanne was out of the hospital and at home. We hope she gets well soon.

**New Business:**

At the July's meeting, it was discussed to have Coach set up a meeting with the SETX Food Bank to see if they could provide additional information about their funds. Barbara Newhouse attended the meeting to share information with us about the overall programs, funding, and information about the budget for the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

Barbara shared that the Southeast Texas Food Bank covers 8 counties including Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, and Tyler. Note: These counties have the highest rate of poverty and are resource poor. One of the main goals is to help people understand that poverty does not define you.

Barbara explained they serve 104 agencies, and they operate on a \$22M budget. She shared that they received a donation of \$9M and are using the money wisely. The Food Bank is running out of space, and they have warehouse and vehicle needs. Lamar is donating some land and they are looking at building a refrigerated warehouse, some classrooms, a kitchen, and a grocery shopping area. They are planning to use the facility to teach job skills training with help from Lamar University and Lamar Institute of Technology. Barbara took the time to answer questions from our club members. Barbara thanked the club for letting her share information about the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

**Old Business:**

At the July meeting, we put a hold on voting on the Southeast Texas Food Bank as one of our annual charities until we received additional information about the budget. A motion was made by Glinda Pareso to continue to keep the Southeast Texas Food Bank as one of our annual charities. It was seconded. The vote was approved by a majority of the club members to continue to have the Food Bank as one of our annual charities.

Andrea Johnson returned the ladies shirts with the TCCC emblem. Please bring your shirts to the next meeting.

**Sponsors:** Mike recognized our sponsors and thanked them for their support. Please remember to bring your business to our sponsors because the more business we can bring to our sponsors the longer they can support us.

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- **Vice-President: Roger Ross**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Roger recognized the members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August, 2021.

Roger made a statement "That Corvettes are Life Changing." He has a friend who attended the Corvette Invasion with him, and his friend was able to drive Roger's Corvette and John Berry's C8. His friend came home and ordered a C8.

**Past Events:** Roger Ross provided an overview of past events.

- Journey Community Church Show & Shine, Saturday, July 10, 2021
- Corvette Invasion, July 16-18, 2021, Bastrop Convention Center. We had many members that took home awards or were listed in the top 100 awards.

**Upcoming Events:**

Roger asked the members to continue to look at our website to stay informed about the upcoming events.

- ⇒ Hot Summer Nights Car Show, Saturday, August 14 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm, Classic SETX Dealer, Beaumont.
- ⇒ Brazos River Corvette Club 15th Annual Corvette Car Show, Saturday, September 11 at 7:30am, Historic Granbury Square, 201 E Pearl St #C101, Granbury, Texas.
- ⇒ Port Neches KC Car Show, Saturday, September 11 from 8:00am - 2:00pm, 700 Central Drive, Port Neches.
- ⇒ Cecil Attkisson Toyota, Saturday, September 11 from 10:00am - 4:00pm, 2500 I-10 West, Orange.
- ⇒ The Big Boys Toyz Corvette Club 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Saturday, September 25, Reel Cajun Restaurant.
- ⇒ Elite Auto Shield 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show, Saturday, October 30, Tyrrell Park, Beaumont.

- **Treasurer – Willa White**

**Finance Report:** Willa provided an overview of the finance report. She explained some of our expenses and deposits for July.

- **Secretary – Glinda Pareso**

Glinda read the thank you note from Cecelia Mouton thanking the TCCC for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral home. Cecelia also thanked those who were able to be in the funeral procession and give Donald one last ride. She shared that she knew Donald would have loved it. Glinda shared some information about Donald. We all knew Donald from the club, but Donald was very active outside the club. Donald served as Eucharistic Minister, money counter, usher and Hospitality Minister for his church. Donald was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a long-time member of the TCCC. He proudly served in the U S Navy and served 26 years for the Port Neches Fire Department.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Board Member: Michael Merideth**

Michael shared a story about him and Donald Mouton. They were on a caravan together visiting the Titanic in Lake Charles. After the visit they stopped at Pujo's for lunch. Don and Michael both ordered sandwiches. Don's sandwich came with toothpicks, and Michael's sandwich did not have any toothpicks. Michael said to Don, hey why didn't I receive any toothpicks. Don kidded with him and gave him one of his toothpicks. Ever since that luncheon, Don always brought Michael a toothpick at different events. It became a thing between Don and Michael about the toothpick.

Michael shared that he thought about the good times they had about a simple toothpick. So, Michael brought a toothpick to the funeral home and ask if he could put a toothpick in Donald's pocket. Cecelia said yes, and the toothpick was placed in Donald's pocket, and the toothpick became a conversation piece as friends and family visited Donald's casket. Michael said, "Just know Donald, you will be missed."

- **Board Members: John Berry**

John shared how much he appreciates what Donald Mouton has done for the club. We showed what the club stands for by having so many Corvettes and members share one last ride for Donald. John shared that he was proud to be a part of the TCCC.

John shared they are setting up a run to Fin and Feathers for either the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of August. More information to follow.

- **Board Member and Membership Director: Kelly Cody**

Kelly is updating our system to ensure everyone's information is correct. If you see an email from Kelly requesting updated information, please respond to her and provide the information that she is requesting.

Kelly shared that she has a friend that has a restaurant and is trying to set up a run, more information to follow.

- **Board Member: Coach Burgess**

Coach shared that he presented a check for \$96.00 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank from our July meeting. Coach thanked all the members for their generosity. The food bank was very appreciative of our donation.

- **Board Member: Rod Johnstone**

Rod shared they are planning the Poker Run for April 2022.

- **Newsletter: Jane Barron**

Jane shared if you have articles or pictures, please send them to her for the newsletter.

- **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report: Glenn Johnson**

Glenn shared that Donald Mouton pulled up in his C4, and was the one person who asked Glenn and Andrea to join the TCCC. He shared that every time he visited the Fire Department, Donald was working hard and was always busy keeping up the equipment and taking care of business.

Glenn explained that he will be visiting the NCM to help decide the next President/CEO of the NCM. The announcement of the new President/CEO will be at the NCM Membership Meeting in September, 2021.

Glenn wanted to remind us of how proud he is that the TCCC has 100% membership in the NCM.

Glenn explained that at the April 2022 Corvette Bash, General Hovis will be introducing the Z-06 and the Z-06 Convertible.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Members Comments:**

Liz Hanley shared there are no addresses on our list of members on our website, only phone numbers. Mike said he would investigate it.

Andrea shared that she, Michael Merideth and John Berry are working on putting together a run to the Pickett House.

**Split the Pot:** \$131 won by Brenda Nichols

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Sombrero Mexican Grill**

**6:00pm dinner**

**7:00pm meeting**





## NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,  
TCCC NCM Ambassador

### August 2021

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