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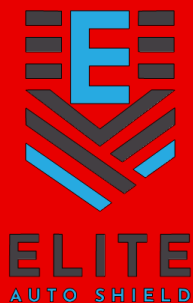
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White

It is December, and the holidays are here so many of our members are busy planning for Christmas and New Year's. The December meeting had 35 in attendance. I would like to welcome our guests back for their second meeting, Gene VanMeter, Jr. from Lumberton, and Josh McQueen from Lumberton. Also we welcomed back Colleen Huff, Cecelia Mouton's daughter.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers:

Jane Barron was in a car accident and her muscles are really sore. Please keep Jane in your prayers.

Shawn Bruno is feeling better since he had his open heart surgery.



Cathy Long is still out with back problems, and has been going to Houston for injections in her back to help with the pain.

Dan & Glinda Pareso are both doing better, which is good.

December 11, 2020, we will again participate in the Channel 6 and Fox 4 annual ToyFeast for the Salvation Army. We have supported this event for 10+ years. We currently need more toys, as we have about half of last year's amount due to the low turnout for the club meeting.

If you would like to help in giving an unwrapped toy for a child 12 years old or younger, please drop off the toy at Bradley's Collision Center, 2639 Nall Street in Port Neches. In Beaumont, you can drop toys off at 3855 Kenwood Drive, Beaumont or call me, Mike White at 409-284-3351 and I will pick up the toys at your convenience.

If you are planning to make the toy drive, please bring the toys with you. We will meet Friday morning, December 11th at Mike & Willa's house, 3855 Kenwood Drive in Beaumont at 7:30a and leave at 7:45a for the drive-thru to drop off the toys. This year we will not be allowed to get out of our cars. They will unload the toys.

The "Vettes for Pets" Show and Shine will be at PetSmart in the Kroger Shopping Center on Dowlen in Beaumont on December 12, 2020 from 10a until 2p. Please bring your Corvette, pet food, lawn chairs and masks. We are not required to have masks on outside, but if you go into the store, you will be required to wear one. Last year we donated 1,300 pounds of pet food to the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. This year please help to top that amount.

This is the first time the Tri-City Corvette Club has participated in the 21st Annual Blue Santa Toy Run and donated to the Beaumont Police Department Blue Santa Program. The run was great for a cold rainy day and all the motorcycle riders drove their trucks and cars. There were 4 motorcycles and 4 corvettes leading the parade with Blue Santa riding in a Blue Corvette, thanks to John Decker. Also I was in attendance with Rod Johnstone, John Berry and Roger Ross. Thank you guys. Thanks to Roger Ross for getting the club involved with this great program.

Every year the weekend before Thanksgiving, we are invited to the annual Bruno Winery Bonfire in Sour Lake, Texas. Thank you Shawn & Misha Bruno for hosting the event. There was a lot of good food catered and a big bonfire this year. Thanks to the Tri-City Corvette Club members for showing up for a good time.

I would like to thank our sponsors for supporting the Tri-City Corvette Club; Moore GM Silsbee, Bradley's Collision Center, Gulf Credit Union, THERMACON Service Company, TWFG Insurance Agency Terry Cauthen and Elite Auto Shield. If you need services, please make them your first choice.

We are honored to donate to our local charities and give back to the community.

Tri-City Corvette Club Charities include:

Buckner Children and Family Services	American Cancer Society
Southeast Texas Food Bank	Blue Santa Toy Drive
Humane Society of Southeast Texas	Lamar University Scholarships
Jefferson County Child Welfare	Texas Military Honors Team
Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"	Golden Triangle Foster Parents Association
100 Club for Jefferson, Hardin and Orange Counties	

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

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at Sombrero Mexican Grill, 2095 U. S. 69 Access Rd., Nederland

6pm eat & socialize

7pm Meeting

Thank You,

Mike White

TCCC, President

*Tri-City Corvette Club is a proud supporter
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VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

John Berry

We had 35 members at the club meeting at Sombrero's, which was down from the month of November but due to the holidays and Covid, I think it was a nice turnout. It was nice to see everyone, and we had a few returning guests visit as well, Gene VanMeter Jr. and Josh McQueen. Thank you for coming!

We had several past events with club members including Shawn & Misha Bruno Bonfire, Blue Santa Parade & Toy Drive and a few local benefit car shows.

Harry and Brenda Nichols were sporting their new Black Rose C7 at the meeting, and boy is it nice. That color is gorgeous. Congrats to you both!

Past Events: I know everyone who attended the bonfire had a great time, and the Blue Santa event was awesome with a 6' 6" Santa riding in John Decker's blue convertible. What a sight to see and for a great cause. Thank you Roger Ross for getting us involved with such a great event.

Upcoming Events: Friday morning December 11th we will need corvettes to help drop off the toys we collected for Channel 6 and Fox 4. Get with Mike White for information.

Prayers & Thoughts: Keep all our club members and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this season as Covid continues to spike, and remember your mask and social distancing the best you can. Jane Barron was involved recently in a car accident and is having some back issues. Please pray and keep Jane in your thoughts. Get well soon Jane!

The best way to keep up with upcoming events and club functions is through the club emails and club Facebook page.

December Birthdays: Dwight Courts, Brenda Nichols, Diann Davis, Irene Barbosa, Robin Meyer, Shawn Bruno, Cathy Long, Karen Cauthen, Beverly Broussard and Joe Vargas. Happy Birthday to you all!

December Anniversaries:

Ken & Michelle Dollinger (6 years)

Glenn & Andrea Johnson (31 years)

Ronnie & Cindy Jones (34 years)

Rod & Bobbie Johnstone (45 years)

Ronny & Kathy Woods (49 years)

Happy Anniversary to you Lovebirds!

I want to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank goodness 2020 is ending.

John Berry, TCCC, Vice President

All serve the club, and the club serves all



21st ANNUAL BLUE SANTA TOY RUN

November 28, 2020



Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2020

Meeting Location: Sombrero 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. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome members: Mike White welcomed everyone and appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

Guests & New Members:

Colleen Huff attended the meeting again with her mom, Cecelia Mouton.

We had two guests who attended their second meeting, and they both have attended one event:

Josh McQueen, who owns a 2016 Gray C-7 Stingray, joined us again for his second meeting.

Gene Van Meter Jr, who owns a 2015 Crystal Red C-7 Stingray, attended his second meeting also.

Mike also welcomed back John Decker and thanked John for being an asset to the club.

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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Updates on Members: Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers:

Jane Barron was in a car accident and her muscles are real sore. Please keep Jane in your prayers.

Max & Lee Dawson tested positive for the COVID 19. Please keep them in your prayers.

Shawn Bruno is feeling better since he had his open heart surgery.

Cathy Long is still out with back problems, Cathy has been going to Houston to receive injections for her back to help with the pain.

Dan & Glinda Pareso are both doing better, which is good.

TCCC Charities:

Mike White shared that our club should be immensely proud of how many charities we supported in 2020. The TCCC makes a difference in our community by donating to each of the charities. He thanked all the members for their hard work, and he appreciates the members being active in all our events to make them a success. This year, the TCCC has donated to each of the following charities:

Buckner Children and Family Services

Texas Military Honors Team

Southeast Texas Food Bank

Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"

Humane Society of Southeast Texas

100 Club

Lamar University Scholarships

American Cancer Society

Jefferson County Child Welfare

Blue Santa Toy Drive

Golden Triangle Foster Parents Association-(formerly Jefferson County Foster Care)

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Vice-President: John Berry**

Birthday & Anniversary: John recognized the members who have birthdays and anniversaries for the month of December, 2020.

Board Meetings for TCCC: John explained that when we host the TCCC's Officers and Board Meetings, we discuss new business and items to be voted on and presented to the club members for voting. John stated that if you have any questions about topics that are discussed, please ask Mike, John or any Board Member and they will be glad to explain or answer any questions concerning the board meetings. As officers and board members, we always look at the whole picture to see what is best for the club. Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your questions.

Past Events Overview: John thanked everyone who attended the **Bruno Wine and Bonfire**. It was a great event and John thanked Shawn and Misha for hosting the event.

Blue Santa Parade & Toy Drive: John thanked the members who braved the weather and came to support the Blue Santa Toy Drive and Parade. We had four corvettes that attended the parade. Rod Johnstone shared that the Blue Santa had his choice to ride in the firetruck or police car, but he selected to ride with John Decker in his blue corvette. John Berry thanked John Decker for putting his top down and bearing the weather to drive the Blue Santa all around Beaumont. Plus, TCCC donated \$1,000 to the Blue Santa Toy Drive.

Benefit and Car Shows: John shared we had several members attend the car show at Terrell Park.

Nederland Car Show: Nederland had a car show that John Berry and John Decker attended.

Upcoming Events

ToyFeast for the Salvation Army: Friday morning, December 11, 2020 we need corvettes to drop off the toys we collect at the meeting for Channel 6 and Fox 4 who are hosting the ToyFeast for the Salvation Army. The ToyFeast drop off location is Channel 6 KFDM on I-10 in Beaumont. More information to follow by email.

We normally donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army for the ToyFeast. Rod Johnstone made a motion to increase the donation to \$500.00. Kim Merideth seconded the motion and the members voted and approved the donation of \$500.00 to the Salvation Army for the ToyFeast.

Humane Society Vettes for Pets & Show and Shine: Mike needs someone to assist him in hosting the Vettes for Pets for the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. Michael Merideth volunteered to be his assistant to host the Show and Shine for the Humane Society.

Humane Society – Vettes for Pets, Show and Shine will be Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 10:00a to 2:00p, at PetSmart in the Kroger Shopping Center in Beaumont on Dowlen Road.

Annual Banquet: The club is in the process of trying to locate a place to host our Annual Banquet. If you have any suggestions, please let Mike know.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Treasurer: Willa White**

Willa presented the finance report for November 2020. She shared that the deposits are greater every month, and that we are an extremely healthy club financially to support our charities, however we need to be responsible on how we spend our funds.

Willa hopes that everyone has a good Thanksgiving and she wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

- **Secretary: Glinda Pareso**

The minutes can be located on the website in the newsletter or directly under the tab for minutes.

We had several letters to read to our members:

Lamar University is incredibly grateful for the TCCC donation to their Scholarship Program. They shared that gifts like this one, make a significant difference in their students' lives.

Humane Society of Southeast Texas sent a letter thanking the TCCC for their generous donation. They shared that we have made a lasting impact in the lives of many animals... 2,004 to be exact.

Charity Information

Glinda shared that at the November meeting, we received a Charity Application Form request from the 100 Club. The 100 Club provides immediate financial assistance to the dependent's spouse and the children of officers and firefighters who have lost their life or were injured in the line of duty in Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange Counties. This application was presented at the Officers and Board Members meeting, and was approved to provide a donation of \$1,000 and to present the motion to the club members for a vote. Glinda shared with the members about the motion to donate \$1,000 to the 100 Club. The members voted and approved the donation of \$1,000 to the 100 Club. The Officers and Board Members also recommended we make the 100 Club one of our annual charities. Glinda presented the motion to the club members to make the 100 Club one of our annual charities. The members voted and approved the motion.

Charity Application Form needs to be updated in Part 3 Organization Structure and Administration, Item 1. C. states "Does the board of directors and officers receive compensation in any form?" No or Yes (If yes, you do not qualify for consideration)

The Officers and Board Members discussed the criteria with the application in Part 3, a motion was made to change the application form. Rod Johnstone made the motion to change Part 3. 1.c. to After Yes, (You must provide a financial statement and identify what percent is paid to the Directors and Officers.). Coach Burgess seconded the motion and the board members voted and approved the change on the Charity Application Form.

- **Board Member: David White**

David had to work and could not attend the meeting.

- **Board Member: Bryan Serafino**

Bryan did not attend the meeting as he is staying isolated to be cautious of not bringing the virus home to his daughter.

- **Board Member: Roger Ross**

Roger wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Blue Santa Parade and Toy Drive. He thanked the TCCC for their donation of \$1,000 to the Blue Santa Toy Drive.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Board Member: Rod Johnstone**

Rod thanked John Decker for braving the weather and carrying the Blue Santa in his blue corvette for the parade all around Beaumont. He shared that the Blue Santa had a great time riding in the vette and waving to all the people along the parade route.

- **Board Member: Brad Metz**

Brad was not in attendance, but Lynn Metz was here to represent Brad. She shared that Brad had no new letters or funds that came in the mail for the club.

- **Board Member: Coach Burgess**

Coach shared that he presented a check for \$200.00 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank. These funds were collected at the November meeting. He wanted to thank all the members who donated funds to the food bank last meeting. They really appreciate our donations.

- **Newsletter: Jane Barron**

Jane was not in attendance due to being in a car accident. We hope she feels better soon.

- **Membership Director: Cathy Long**

Mike shared that Cathy is still out with her back and could not be here.

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

Glenn shared that he just returned from a meeting with the NCM in Bowling Green, and they covered routine business for the NCM. He shared that it was snowing in Bowling Green during his visit.

- **Members Comments:**

Andrea Johnson shared that when a child or grandchild donates to the food bank, they provide certificates with the child's name on the certificate thanking them for their donation. This is a great way to get our younger generation involved with giving and a great means to raise funds for the food bank.

Dan Pareso shared that his brother Dave and wife Chrissy enjoyed attending our meeting, and were surprised how friendly everyone was and how everyone greeted them. They were impressed with all the things we do and how many charities we donate to yearly. Dan shared that they made an offer on a home, and will be moving to Texas in January, 2021. Dave & Chrissy are looking forward to being involved with the club.

Door Prizes: Willa recommended that we hold off on the door prize raffle and donate funds to the food bank. Please see Mike (Coach) Burgess to make your donation after the meeting. There was no pot to split since there was no raffle. The funds will be donated to the food bank.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00pm dinner & 7:00pm meeting
Sombrero Mexican Grill.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

December 2020

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NCM Corner

*Glenn Johnson,
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Corvette Wave Rules

The **Corvette Wave** is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.

Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.

2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.

There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!

3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.

As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.

4. Any type of wave is okay.

Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)

5. A late wave is better than no wave.

If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up. So you can see the underlying concept here is simple:

Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them.

WALK OF FAME BRICKS

This exciting program provides enthusiast with an engraved brick located in the Corvette Plaza walkway leading directly to the Museum entrance. Given the choice of three sizes (either 4" X 8" or 12" X 12" or the new 24" X 24"), this special gift will allow the Corvette admirer and enthusiast the ability to afford proper recognition to a friend, club, loved one, business or themselves.



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