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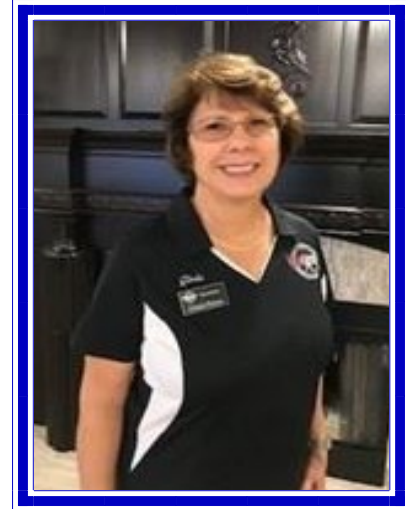
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

FEBRUARY 2023



We had an excellent dine and run up to Long Branch Restaurant in Livingston. Also, what a great turnout of over 40 members and 24 Corvettes. It is very impressive to see that many corvettes parked at a business or driving down the road. Thank you, John Berry, for organizing the run up to the Long Branch Restaurant. Thank you to the members who came out to enjoy the run and dine; everyone had a great time! Also, thank you to Pat McCulley for recommending the Long Branch and for being our waitress, thank you for your help in serving us. What an awesome run we had to Livingston, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

We have quite a few events scheduled for February and March so continue to check the Tri-City Corvette Club's website and our Facebook page so you can attend the upcoming events.

- Remember, that Michael Merideth, a Board Member for the Foster Kids Prom, is asking members to attend and assist with at least 25 Corvettes on February 25th at 3:00pm. The foster boys will select the Corvette that they want to ride in. We will give the boys a ride in the Corvettes to take them to be fitted for their tuxes. Then we will drive the boys to Groves to meet up with the foster girls to attend their prom. Before the prom starts, the foster kids love taking pictures with all the Corvettes while they are all dressed up for their prom. It is quite an event for the foster kids, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

I wanted to share that the Tri-City Corvette Club was recognized by the Beaumont Texas Convention Center & Visitors Bureau for the business and visitors that we bring into Beaumont for our car show. Thank you to Mike & Willa White and Brad & Lynn Metz for accepting the awards on behalf of the Tri-City Corvette Club. Brad Metz was inducted into the Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau Hall of Fame for his dedication in working with the Visitors Bureau. Mike White was also recognized for the number of visitors that come to Beaumont and the amount of business that we bring to the Holiday Inn to enjoy our car show for the weekend. Thank you, Mike and Brad for your hard work.

One of our biggest events for the year will be our 29th Annual Tri-City Corvette Club Car Show on May 6, 2023. It will take the entire club and all our members to be involved to make our 29th Annual Car Show the very best.

- We are so appreciative of our sponsors who are stepping up with their donations to assist with the cost of the food, the VIPs, the trophies, and the car show.

(President's Message continued)

- As members, you have an opportunity to help raise funds for the car show by purchasing a sponsor plaque or asking different businesses to purchase a sponsorship plaque. Each sponsor plaque is \$30. You can order them on our website.
- The name of the person or business is placed on the sponsor plaque. Then at the car show the person or sponsor selects the Corvette that they admire. The sponsor plaque is placed in the Corvette to identify to the owner that his or her Corvette was recognized by one of our sponsors.

The car show is coming up fast, so remember to go to our website and register early for the 29th Annual TCCC Car Show. Early registration will assist Jane Barron and Mona Berry to ease the workload on the day of the car show.

We have members who are going through hard times, those who are fighting cancer or illness, and those who are having family struggles. Please keep them in your prayers. Please keep Traci Tucker in your prayers as well as Cathy Knott, Liz Hanley, Sharlene Hammond and Gene VanMeter.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, eat & socialize at 6PM and meeting is at 7pm.

**Note: This meeting will be held at
Catfish Cabin, 192 S LHS Dr, Lumberton Texas**

A Sincere Thank You,

Glinda Pareso

President

Tri-City Corvette Club

VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Roger Ross

We started a new recruiting contest in January that will last to the end of the year. The person who invites the most people to the club this year will be recognized at the 2024 Banquet, and I am sure that the recognition will include some type of prize. For your invited person to count towards the contest, they must meet the following criteria:

1. They must own a Corvette.
2. They must attend a General Membership Meeting.
3. They must sign in the Guest Notebook and list you as their sponsor.

Although we want them to join the club, they do not have to for them to count towards your total. That's it, so get some club business cards and start sharing them with other Corvette owners you meet.

I recently made a post on the club's Facebook page about "Going" and I simply did it to clear up some confusion. Whenever anyone creates an event on the page, it will always show that creator as "Going" and there is no way to change that status. So, please don't assume that someone is "Going" to an event just because the Facebook page says so because they may not be. If their attendance is important to you, just give them a call to confirm it.

Now let's talk about some past events! Typically the winter months are slow, but not this year. In case you missed what January had to offer, here are some highlights.

On January 5th, 6 club members attended the Arby's Open Car Meet in Lumberton. From what I was told, they all had a good time. Keep an eye out for this event to repeat monthly.

Seven (7) club members hit the road on January 14th to participate in the Cruise To Liberty Street Rally. Once again I was told that everyone enjoyed the event. I was also told that Chris Pareso put her TCCC business cards to work and invited every non TCCC Corvette owner to attend a membership meeting and check out our club. Way to go Chris!

On January 27th, 5 TCCC Corvettes toted 7 club members to Houston for the 2023 Houston Auto Show. We saw lots of new cars with lots of big sticker prices! Of particular interest was the new 70th Anniversary Corvette, with a MSRP of \$94.5K, and a new Z06, with a MSRP of \$162.6K. They were beautiful cars though! Once the group left the show, we stopped off at Casa Julia in Mont Belvieu for lunch. It was a nice place with good food.

The next day (January 28th) 5 TCCC Corvettes (6 members) participated in a Show & Shine for the 2023 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby in Lumberton. I was told that the kids really enjoyed checking out the beautiful cars.

On February 4th some 23 Corvettes and 40 club members participated in a Drive & Dine to the Long Branch Steak house in Livingston. The 90 minute drive through the back roads was a blast and once we arrived, the food was great! A special thanks to our Activities Director / Board Member John Berry for organizing the event and to Patricia McCulley for setting up the restaurant and for even serving as a substitute waitress when needed. Thanks guys!

As you can see, last month was loaded with fun opportunities for you to enjoy your car and your club! Now if you missed those events, be sure to check out the club's Facebook and Events pages (<https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events>), because there are several more opportunities in the near future for you to join in. March and April are already packed full! Now.....if you don't use Facebook, e-mail or the internet, you can always call me directly at (409) 673-5447 and ask me personally what's happening in our area. I will tell you what I know.



(Vice-President's Message continued)

Well.....there you have it! If you learn of any other events in the area that might interest the club, please contact John Berry or myself and let us know about them, so we can add them to the events pages.

Be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them out and about this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger M. Ross

Vice President

Tri City Corvette Club

February Birthdays

Dan Pareso

Dave Pareso

Larry Feidler

Patricia McCullor

Glinda Pareso

Bryan Serafino

Chip Majors

Julie Walker

February Anniversaries

Mona & John Berry

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Karen & Terry Cauthen

Cathy & Rickie Knott

CARS AND COFFEE CAR SHOW IN LIBERTY, TEXAS

JANUARY 14, 2023



2023 HOUSTON AUTO SHOW

JANUARY 27, 2023



PINEWOOD DERBY AT CRESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 28, 2023



Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023

PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO

President, Glinda Pareso, called the meeting to order. Membership stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. John Berry offered an opening prayer. Glinda welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was well attended.

WELCOME GUESTS

John Berry introduced a guest speaker, Luis Guevara, from Extreme Detail. Luis is a sponsor of the club and moved everyone with his inspiring story of success after arriving in America from Venezuela. He brought several of his products and gave us a crash course on the services his business offers and how those products perform for your car. He will be attending our car show to offer his detail service. Everyone enjoyed his presentation. Donald Guest had Corvette magazines for a couple older model Corvettes and offered to give them to anyone with those models.

GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS

Glinda asked that the membership keep Traci Tucker in our prayers as well as Cathy Knott, Liz Hanley, and Sharlene Hammond. She thanked Tammy and Dan Coleman for donating food for the Tucker family and friends. Glinda also helped with food for the Tucker family. We learned that Gene VanMeter had recently had 3 strokes. He was in attendance tonight and stated he is doing well.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT ROGER ROSS:** Roger Ross gave a report on past events. On January 9th, 6 club members attended Arby's Car Meet. On the 14th of January, 7 club members participated in the Cruise to Liberty Street Rally. While there Chris Pareso did a great job of recruiting non members and inviting them to attend our meeting next month. On January 27th, 5 TCCC Corvettes and 7 members attended the 2023 Houston Auto Show. They saw a 70th Anniversary Corvette with a sticker of \$94.5+ and a new Z06 at \$162.6+. Also on the 27th, 5 TCCC Corvettes and 6 members attended the 2023 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby. It was said the young people enjoyed looking at the cars. On February 4th, 23 Corvettes and 40 members made the cruise to Livingston and enjoyed a really good lunch at The Long Branch restaurant. Patricia McCulley helped make the lunch even more fun. It was a great run and pretty day for a ride. Thank you to John Berry for making the arrangements. Roger also reminded the membership about the referral program. The contest will run from January thru December. Prize to be determined for the member that refers the most potential members to our club meetings. There is a special sign in book for that purpose. Business cards are available to all members.
- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Liz Hanley had nothing new to report. She thanked everyone for their texts, phone calls, and prayers for her and Bill. She reported that the minutes were published in our newsletter for the last months meeting and asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions. There were none. Roger moved we adopt the minutes as published and Coach seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Mona Berry gave an overview of our finances. Registrations are starting to come in for the car show. We are in a solid financial state. Luis Guevara donated \$1000.00 to help pay for our celebrity guests, Ghetto Bob and Ryan Evans, for our car show. Thank you Luis from the entire membership.
- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR JOHN BERRY:** John Berry gave us a report on upcoming events. There is something planned for almost every weekend thru March and a couple already planned for April. A complete list is in the newsletter. The Buna Veteran's Memorial show is coming up on 3-4-23, and Michael Frye just reminded everyone that it will be on school property so just be aware of any alcohol or weapons.
- **BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL MERIDETH:** Michael Meredith reminded everyone of the upcoming Foster Kids Prom on 2-25-2023. About 25 cars are needed to take the young men for grooming, tuxes, etc.. Everyone will meet at Sports Clips in the Kroger Center on Dowlen at 3 pm and proceed from there. This is an important event for these kids, so please participate if at all possible.
- **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ:** Brad Metz was unable to attend but Glinda recognized each and every one of our sponsors. We are so grateful to them all.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** Mike Burgess told us the food drive for the SETX Food Bank will be held on April 29th in the parking lot of Market Basket in Port Neches. Since we do not take up a monthly donation any longer, he encouraged all to participate.
- **BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:** John Decker was unable to attend but Glinda thanked him on behalf of the membership for stepping up and volunteering to be the responsible board member for the Giving Fields.
- **BOARD MEMBER DAVE PARESO:** Dave Pareso informed the membership that the Humane Society is already out of food so he is working on another event for April 1, 2023 to be held at Petsmart in Port Arthur.
- **PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MIKE WHITE:** Mike White was unable to attend but Glinda showed a sample of the plaque that will be used for sponsors and told the membership that T shirts are also being designed. Trophies will still be given cars that win their category.

Brad Metz and Mike White, along with their spouses, were attending the annual banquet of Beaumonts Convention and Visitors Center. TCCC was being recognized by the City of Beaumont for its contribution to the community. The city's Convention and Visitors Center have become great partners. This is quite an honor for our club and thank you guys for representing us all so well. Glinda briefly described some of the events taking place at the car show and listed the charities that will receive a check from TCCC.

SUPPORT STAFF:

NCM AMBASSADOR GLENN JOHNSON: Glenn Johnson said that Corvette had announced the new Corvette E-Ray. It will be produced later this year and they are all already sold. He also informed the membership that the National Caravan to the museum will be in 2024.

COMMITTEES:

POKER RUN DIRECTOR ROD JOHNSTONE: Rod Johnstone said the Poker Run would be on April 15th and evaded all other questions regarding the run. Very secretive.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Andrea Johnson said everything is in place for our annual banquet in June.

Roger recognized all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February. Congratulations to all. He had several trivia questions regarding Corvettes and winners, Chris Pareso, Mike Meredith, Glenn Johnson, Kathy Richardson, and Rod Johnstone were rewarded with a scratch off ticket. No known big money winners at the writing of these minutes. We had quite a few door prizes but the big winner was new member, Eddie Leis. He had 4 winning tickets. Our guest speaker also had one of the lucky numbers. Congratulations to all.

Darrin Nepinsky asked if he could address the members. He informed us of an elderly gentleman that lives in his neighborhood and is having a birthday. He wanted to know if any of the members would be interested in doing a "drive by" to wish him a happy birthday. Several members expressed interest. More details to come or contact Darrin.

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot Winner was Bill Hanley, and he won \$175.00 on Split the Pot.

Glinda declared the meeting complete and Roger moved we adjourn and Bill Hanley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, in Lumberton at Catfish Cabin and we will eat & socialize at 6PM and the meeting is at 7PM.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

FEBRUARY 2023

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(NCM Corner continued)

Dates You Should Know:

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Bowling Green, KY

April 27 – April 29, 2023

Details are posted on the NCM website

Online registration is open. www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/

NCM Flint Brick Wall

You can have your name, business or Corvette club name engraved on a signature plate and attached as a permanent fixture incorporated into the Flint brick wall of the St. Louis Corvette Assembly Plant display of the Museum. This permanent display is limited to only **620 usable bricks** and each brick space reserved in the display area wall will be recognized with certificate of authenticity. NCM Members can reserve their space on the Flint brick wall by donating \$250 / \$300 for non-members. The Flint brick wall display is incorporated into a very significant area of the Museum and will be a lasting way to recognize our fundraising supporters. The brick plates will be arranged on the wall from the center out, and are available on a first come-first serve basis. Proceeds from the Flint brick display wall will benefit the Museum's building campaign.

The historic Flint bricks used in this display are bricks from the GM Assembly Plant where the 300 1953 Corvettes were made in Flint, Michigan. This building was razed in 2003, and General Motors has allowed us the opportunity to use them as a fundraiser for the building addition.

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.



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