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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

JANUARY 2023

What a great year 2022 was for the Tri-City Corvette Club. Our club was extremely active this year. Thanks to John Berry for setting up events and coming up with new events to attend. We enjoyed and attended over 37 events and 9 membership meetings in the past nine months. That speaks volumes about our members who are outgoing, always willing to help and attend the events; which in turn makes Tri-City Corvette Club the Best of Southeast Texas. Also, I want to thank our members who take the time to talk to potential new members and share information about our club, our activities and our community/charity involvement. Our club has grown!



We have increased our membership with 11 new members into the club since June 1, 2022. As members, please take the time to introduce yourself to the new members to welcome them and help them to become acquainted with the club.

Our 29th Annual Tri-City Corvette Club Car Show is May 6, 2023. This is our big event for the year. It will take the entire club and all our members to be involved to make our 29th Annual Car Show the very best. Mike White will be hosting meetings soon for the Car Show Committee Members. If you have not volunteered to be on a committee, please sign up for one of the committees at our next membership meeting on February 7th.

Some of the areas we will need members to volunteer is help with making up the Goodie Bags and Gift Basket for our guests. We will also need volunteers for the Hospitality Night to serve food. We will need volunteers for the Judges also. We will need volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction, the drawing of Raffle and Ticket sales and the Bucket List Items. Also, to assist with parking, to assist with Setting Up & Tearing Down and there are so many more areas that we will need help. So, please make sure you volunteer for one of the committees.

Also, 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's workload on the day of the car show.

Please keep those members who are going through hard times, those who are fighting cancer or illness, and those who are having family struggles in your prayers.

- * Please keep Baby Jett in your prayers as he goes through his second heart surgery January 11th. Keep his parents, Timmy & Melissa Roberts, his grandparents, Cathy & Ricky Knotts and all of their family in your prayers.
- Please keep Buzz & Cathy Long in your prayers, as Buzz is having a Total Knee Replacement in January and three weeks later, he will have his second Total Knee Replacement.
- * Also, keep Liz Hanley in your prayers as she is fighting Breast Cancer and going through different testing to see what the next steps will be to take to help cure and eliminate the Breast Cancer. Liz & Bill you are in our thoughts and prayers.

(President's Message continued)

I wanted to share that I am very appreciative of the support of our Committee Members, our Officers, and our Board Members with their leadership, their ideas, and their involvement to make good things happen for the club. I just wanted to say thank you for all the hard work and support each of you do for the club.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2022, eat & socialize at 6PM and meeting at 7pm. This meeting will be held at Sombrero's Mexican Grill, 2095 US 69 Access Rd N, in Nederland.

Glinda Pareso
President
Tri-City Corvette Club

VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Roger Ross

I would like to start with club growth. Tuesday night we voted in Eddie Leis and his yellow C5 as a new member. Welcome aboard brother!

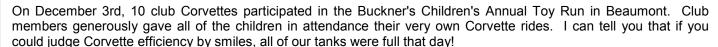
Now....don't forget that we started a new recruiting contest that will last to the end of the year. The person who invites the most people to the club this year will be recognized at the 2024 Banquet, and I am sure that the recognition will include some type of prize. For your invited person to count towards the contest, they must meet the following criteria:

- 1. They must own a Corvette.
- 2. They must 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 of the club business cards and start sharing them with other Corvette owner's you meet.

Now speaking of other Corvette owners, we have a tradition in the Corvette society called "The Wave". The wave simply requires us to wave at all other Corvette drivers when we pass them on the road. It is just to acknowledge that in the club or not, we are all still part of the same special family. The NCM Ambassador had a excellent write up on The Wave in our last newsletter and everyone should give it a read.





Seventeen Corvettes participated the KFDM/Fox 4 Annual Toy Fest on December 9. The cars caravanned to the studios and personally delivered the toys that each of you donated. Mike White did another excellent job handling the television interview for the club.

The next day 15 TCCC cars showed up at the PetSmart store to participate in the TCCC Vettes for Pets event with the Humane Society. We collected 1303 lbs. of dog and cat food. There was also a wide variety of pet supplies generously donated. The event was a huge success and hats off to Michael Merideth for organizing. Thanks Mike!

That same night, John Berry represented the club at the OATH's Annual Gala. He said that it was an awesome event and that after hearing the stories from the military veterans in attendance, he couldn't be more proud of the club for supporting this great organization.

On the 15th of the month 7 club members attended Bella Resweber's Christmas Party on Boston Avenue in Nederland. Bella is 11 years old and for the last year has been going through treatment for Pineoblastoma brain cancer. She has finished treatment but is having to travel to Texas Children's in Houston 4 to 5 days a week for other problems due to her treatment process. I am happy to say that after they removed the tumor, Bella was able to regain her eyesight. Being there with Bella, her family and her friends was unbelievably heart warming.

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. 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

January Birthdays

Andrea Johnson
Max Dawson
Brad Metz
Bill Hanley
Curtis Horn
Sherrie Ross
Wilfred Long
Charlie Grado
Roger Ross
Pat Francis

January Anniversaries

Sherry & Gordon Buchorn Lee & Max Dawson

BUCKNER'S CHILDREN TOY RUN DECEMBER 3, 2022









VETTES FOR PETS BENEFITING THE SETX HUMANE SOCIETY DECEMBER 10, 2022







BELLA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 15, 2022









Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023

PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO

Glinda Pareso called the meeting to order. She requested everyone stand and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance. John Decker offered a prayer to open the meeting.

WELCOME GUESTS

Glinda welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the meeting. We had 49 members and 1 guest attend the meeting. John Decker's daughter, Bethany Decker, one of his twin daughters attended the meeting as a guest. We welcomed Bethany and thanked her for coming with her dad.

Also, Eddie Leis who owns a yellow C5, has met the criteria of becoming a member of the TCCC. Rod Johnstone made the motion to vote in Eddie Leis and John Decker seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve Eddie as a new member of TCCC. Congratulations Eddie.

GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS

We have several members who are battling Covid again. Keep them in your prayers. Also we have members who are going through some serious illnesses & cancer, so please keep them in your prayers.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

• **PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO:** Glinda thanked the members who attended the December meeting. Everyone enjoyed our Christmas gathering. We had a good turnout and a fun time. Also, thank you to Coach for arranging Tamara Jerrell as our guest speaker. Tamara thanked the TCCC for our support and shared information on the Southeast Texas Food Bank.

Membership Overview

Glinda shared when she took office on June 1, 2022, one of her goals that was set at the Board Meeting was to increase the membership by 10% between June 2022 and May 2023. 10% of 111 current members = 11 new members to add to the membership in the first year. From June 1, 2022, to January 3, 2022, which is about 9 months, we have inducted 11 new members into the club which includes our newest member, Eddie Leis. In addition, we have 3 or 4 people in the process of meeting the criteria to become members of the TCCC. We have met the goal of a 10% increase in membership in 9 months, and will exceed that goal by May 2023. I want to thank all the members who take time to talk to potential members who own Corvettes, and thank you for sharing information about the great things that the TCCC does for our community and the fun events we host for our members. I think we have an awesome club.

Referral Program

The Officers & Board Members developed a Referral Program for new members that will start this month, January 2023 and go through December 2023. Mike White shared that the new guest would sign in the guest book and identify who referred them to the club. Roger Ross also made business cards for members to hand to Corvette owners to become potential members of the TCCC. At our January 2024 Annual Banquet we will recognize members with the most referrals of new members.

Events Summary

Our second goal as Officers and Board Members was to increase our activities for the club. Glinda shared an overview of our events for the last 9 months. We had 8 Board Member Meetings prior to our membership meetings on the last Tuesday of the month before our regular membership meeting. TCCC have had 9 general membership meetings.

December: we attended 5 Events **October**: our busiest month, we attended 12 Events **September**: we attended 5 Events **August**: we attended 3 Events and gained another Charity to sponsor, The Giving Field **July**: we attended 3 Events **June**: we attended 3 Events

We had 39 Events plus 9 Membership Meetings—Estimate of about 48 events we have attended in the past 9 months.

This does not include the members who have volunteered to drive in homecoming parades and attended car shows. Thank you to the members who volunteered and dedicated their time to drive the students in parades. *The Officers and Board Members have exceeded the goal of increasing activities for the club and members. Thank you for all your hard work.*

• **VICE PRESIDENT ROGER ROSS**: Roger Ross reported on events held December 3, 6, 9, 10 and 15. These events are detailed in Roger's vice-president report. He also shared the Corvette Wave Rules which were included in the December newsletter. Roger then recognized the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January..

Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (continued)

- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY**: Liz Hanley is going through some medical concerns and was not able to attend the meeting. Keep Liz in your thoughts and prayers.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY**: Mona Berry reviewed our financial statements for the month of December. She explained our expenses, deposits, and our checking account balance. Mona shared that funds are arriving from individuals registering for our car show. She shared that we have some registered and driving from Oklahoma to attend our car show.
- BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR JOHN BERRY:

Saturday, January 21, 2023, Long Branch, Livingston, Ride & Dine

We will meet at Fuzzy's in Beaumont Saturday, January 21st at 8:30am for breakfast and leave at 9:30am. We have reservations at 11:00am for lunch.

Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 8:00am, The Snowden's Texas Hill Country Cruise

All makes and models of vehicles are welcome to participate. More information to follow from Lynn Snowden: Email: glassedge58@gmail.com, Cell: 409.718.6185.

Saturday, February 25, 2023, Jefferson County Child Welfare Prom

Drive the boys to Nederland in the Corvettes after they receive haircuts. After they are fitted for their tuxes, we will drive them to Groves for the Prom .

Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 4pm-6pm, Journey Community Church Show & Shine

March 17 to March 19, 2023, Midnight Fantasies Lakefront Car & Truck Show, Lake Charles Civic Center

Register Friday 11am - 5pm & Saturday 8am - 12pm, \$55 (prior to 2/15/2023) \$60 thereafter. Indoor Spot \$100.

March 18 - March 19, 2023, 45th Annual Corvette Chevy Expo, Galveston Island Convention Center at San Luis Resort

The Galveston Island festival is for all Chevrolets. There is an indoor & outdoor car show, vendor booths and a swap meet.

Thursday, April 13, 2023, MECUM Houston Auction 2023, NRG Center

The caravan leaves Pappadeaux's at 8am and heads to the NRG Center, Houston. \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 9:00am Tri-City Corvette Club's Annual Poker Run

Meet at Fuzzy's Taco Shop at 9:00am for breakfast, and depart at 9:45am. There will be multiple stops on the way, where participants will draw cards in an attempt to build the best poker hand. The final stop, dinner will be served courtesy of the club. The member with the best poker hand will win \$250.

Saturday, April 29, 2023, Coach is setting up a food drive for the Food Bank at Market Basket.

• **BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL MERIDETH**: The Jefferson County Child Welfare thanked the TCCC for donating \$125.00 to assist with purchasing candy for the Foster Kids for their Christmas Party. Michael wanted to thank everyone who donated and came out to support the Vettes for Pets. All items collected were donated to our Charity, The Humane Society of Southeast Texas. Michael shared that we collected 1,303 pounds of pet food. Plus, there were blankets, collars, formula, and pet beds donated by our members since the Humane Society requested and had a need for these items. Michael shared that the event was a success and again he thanked all the members.

Michael explained that Jefferson County Child Welfare shared that they are hosting the Foster Kids Prom on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 3:00pm. We will need 15 to 20 vettes to participate. We will pick up the kids at Kroger Center on Dowlen Road in Beaumont, more information to follow.

• **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ**: Lynn Metz was here to represent Brad. She shared Brad turned in the Gulf Credit Union's donation in December to the club. **We recognized and thanked our Sponsors.**

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Fuzzy's Taco Shop

• **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** For the December meeting, Coach shared that we collected \$435 from the members to donate to the Southeast Food Bank to assist feeding families for Christmas. Coach is setting up an event at Market Basket on April 29 for the food bank. In addition, Pat McCulley shared that her sister works at Tyson Food Company and can deliver a truck load of food to donate to the food bank. Coach also thanked Michael Frye for his generous donation to the food bank and shared that Michael Frye's company was going to match his donation.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:

John will be looking for members to be judges for our car show. If you're interested, please talk with John.

John shared that Journey Community Church Monthly Show & Shine will begin the 2nd Saturday of the month. The first Show & Shine will begin on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. All proceeds go to the Foster Closet that provide clothes and other items to children suddenly removed from their home into a foster home.

BOARD MEMBER DAVE PARESO:

Glinda shared that at the November Board Meeting, it was discussed that Dave would become chairperson for the Humane Society for the remainder of his term after the Vettes for Pets event. Dave and Chrissy Pareso have established a good rapport with the Humane Society and are working with them on the Spay and Neutering Program. Dave shared he is willing to take the charity and will be setting up another event with the Humane Society.

PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Mike White:

Mike provided some updates on our 29th Annual Tri-City Corvette Car Show and shared that he will be setting up the Committee Meeting to start organizing and planning for our car show that will be hosted on May 6, 2023.

Mike shared that he has 39 members signed up for the car show committees. Mike also shared that he is in the process of setting up news/media coverage of the car show. Mike explained the Sponsor Trophies are \$35.00 this year. Members can purchase sponsor trophies, or the members can ask different business to purchase a sponsor trophy to support our car show.

Mike recognized our charities who will be receiving a donation from the club at our car show.

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Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH" American Cancer Society The Giving Field

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Mike shared that Joe Hudson has bought Bradley's, one of our sponsors. Since Bradley is providing a donation this year, we will still recognize and honor Bradley's at our car show. We will also have a special paint award presented on the behalf of Sterling Bradley who passed several years ago.

Mike shared that the Beaumont Visitor Center invited several TCCC members to attend the Annual Banquet to recognize our club for bringing additional business to the Beaumont are due to our car show. This will be held on Feb 7, 2023.

SUPPORT STAFF:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Jane Barron:

Jane requested the members register for the TCCC's Annual Car Show as soon as possible, as this will help in setting up the information and registration in the computer prior to the car show. Earlier Registration is \$35.00 and day of the show is \$40.00.

COMMITTEES: ANNUAL PICNIC & BON FIRE

Glinda thanked Shawn and Misha Bruno for hosting their Annual Picnic/Bon Fire. We had a great time, the food was tasty, there was excellent Bruno's Wine available and enjoyable friendship. Shawn & Misha, we appreciate all that you do for the club.

POKER RUN DIRECTOT ROD JOHNSTONE:

Rod shared that the Poker Run will be held Saturday April 15, 2023. We will meet and start the Poker Run at 9:00am at Fuzzy's and depart from Fuzzy's at 9:45am.

ANNUAL BANQUET ANDREA JOHNSON:

The Annual Banquet has been scheduled for June 3, 2023 at The Pompano.

Roger had six Corvette Trivia Questions and rewarded lottery tickets for members with the correct answers.

Any New Business from the Membership or Inputs for any other business to be discussed:

Dan Pareso shared information about the ROMEO Group that gathers every Wednesday at 11:30am at different locations. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please text or call Dan with your email. Glinda shared for the new members if they would like a shirt with TCCC emblem that Darrin Nepinsky owns a graphic design shop. You can find the available shirts and products on his website, **Esty Shop:** www.Esty.com/shop/VetteDepot or contact Darrin via email at Darrin@Vette-Depot.com. You can also purchase your own shirt and take it to one of the embroidery shops, such as Threads in Nederland, Dominion Forms in Orange, or Cotton Cargo in Beaumont.

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot Winner was Ray Long, and he won \$132.00 on Split the Pot.

Glinda thanked everyone for coming to the January meeting. Also, she shared for everyone to have a Happy New Year 2023 and enjoy making this year the best for you and your family.

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, at Sombrero Mexican Grill, and we will eat & socialize at 6PM and the meeting is at 7PM. A motion to close the meeting was made by Roger Ross and Mike White seconded the motion.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

JANUARY 2023

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A seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm the presenter's ability to be onsite.

Watch the agenda for updates including:

Seminars featuring Bowling Green Assembly Plant, General Motors, Michelin, & Mobil 1 Classroom Sessions with Corvette Expert Paul Koerner Product demonstrations by Corvette Store Partners Live auction Guided Road Tours

Evening Activities To Be Announced
National Corvette Museum Driven Content including:

- Demonstration Drives
- Artifact Spotlights on items exclusive to the Museum's Collection

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Online registration closes at 9:00am central time on Friday, April 7th. All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hard card credential, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Lifetime registration is \$35pp, member registration is \$40pp and non-member registration is \$50pp.

- Onsite registrations are available at the increased rates of \$40 / \$45 / \$55.
- No refunds or cancellations after Advance Registration closes on April 7th.
- Make sure you are signed onto NCM e-News to get the latest on event registration and updates.

Registration Available On-Site – To Register, please call Maci @ 270-467-8804

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