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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

JULY 2023

I am excited about working with the newly elected Vice President John Berry and our three newest Board Members, Roger Ross, Dan Pareso, and Chris Cormier and our current Board Members. I just wanted to share with our members that your Officers and Board Members work hard for you to make the club better and to provide some great events to enjoy.



We have had our first Board Meeting and some good ideas have been discussed. Your Officers and Board Members have already started planning special events for the club for the rest of the year. We are excited about the upcoming events, and we will share the events as each month comes around.

We had a great Membership Meeting in July and I just wanted to say thank you to all the members who attended the meeting.

- ◆ Congratulations to Cathy Long for being recognized for overseeing our Lamar Scholarship Program.
- ◆ Plus, congratulations to Buzz & Cathy Long for being members of the club for over 20 years.
- ◆ **Also, I would like to Congratulate our Tri-City Corvette Club's Member of the Month for June 2023, Rodney Johnstone.**
Rodney, thank you for all you do for the club. You take the time to make the arrangements with Fuzzy's when we have an event there. You have always stepped up to help with whatever the club needs. Also, thank you for organizing our Poker Run with Shawn Bruno each year.

Saturday, July 29, 2023, 1:30pm to 7pm, Jefferson Theater Movie Event Show & Shine

The Jefferson Theater is looking for some car folks that want to help with a movie event. They are doing a matinee presentation of Grease at 3pm and Dazed & Confused at 7pm. Both being car movies, they want to have a little car show outside the theatre, pre-'70s preferred, but not picky. Whoever can bring their cars would be a great benefit, and they would appreciate it.

(President's Message continued)

The whole day would be from 1:30pm to 7pm. You don't have to stay the entire time. Tickets are \$6.00 and you can buy two tickets per car.

Contact Information—Zach Bowman @ 409-791-1454.

Jefferson Theatre
345 Fannin Street.
Beaumont, TX 77701

Our next Membership Meeting will be held August 1, 2023. The meeting will be held at Sombrero Mexican Grill. We will eat & socialize at 6pm and the meeting is at 7pm.

We will have the Raffle and Split the Pot at this meeting. So, bring any door prizes you may have to the meeting.

A Sincere Thank You,

***Glinda Pareso
President
Tri-City Corvette Club
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VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

John Berry

Wow, what a great meeting with a nice turnout at Nice Guy Ricky's Grill in Lumberton. I know we had 55 plus members including guests. It was great to welcome our guests, Joleen Leis, Leann Decker, and Henry and Judy Norton with their Atomic Orange C6.

Buzz Long shared the sad news of Corky Wheeler's passing and his service this Saturday, July 15. Please keep Beth and their family in your prayers. We will miss you Corky!

We have several events for July, so check out the Events page on our website and Facebook page and find you one to participate in.

Congratulations to Rod Johnstone for June Member of The Month!

Congratulations to Roger Ross, the half pot winner of \$146.00.

July Birthdays: Phyllis Burgess, John Kupper, Tom Nichols, David Watson, Jeff Curl, Leann Decker, Juan Juarez, Liz Hanley, Cecelia Mouton, Ronnie Woods, and Gene VanMeter Jr. **Happy Birthday to you All!**



July Anniversaries:

Eddie & Joleen Leis (16)

John & Leann Decker (37)

Jeff & Crystal Curl (32)

Dwight & Deanna Courts (37)

Donald & Dayna Guest (33)

Jerry & Pat McCulley (47)

Happy Anniversary!!!

Tech Corner: Plenty of vintage Corvettes are equipped with drum brakes (actually, everything prior to '65, and even a few '65 models), and for the most part, servicing these components is pretty much a no-brainer. One thing to remember, however, is that when you replace the shoes, use a bit of Scotch-Brite to clean the contact points on the wheel backing plates. Next, lube these contact points lightly with white grease. This allows for smooth shoe action. Just be careful not to drop any grease on the shoes. If you do, use some spray-on brake cleaner to clean it. Otherwise, the friction material won't be too happy!

Thank you all and have a great month.

John Berry

TCCC, Vice President

"Be Kind it's free"

LAMAR PORT ARTHUR SHOW & SHINE

JUNE 3, 2023



TCCC ANNUAL BANQUET

JUNE 4, 2023



PIZZA ARTISTA SHOW & SHINE

JUNE 17, 2023



TCCC DRIVE & DINE

JUNE , 2023



Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO

President, Glinda Pareso called the meeting to order and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by John Decker with the opening prayer.

Glinda introduced our guests, Jolene Leis, Judy and Henry Norton. A welcome to all.

Buzz Long shared with the membership details regarding services for our member Corky Wheeler who recently passed. Services will be at Broussard's Mortuary on 7/16/23, visitation at 1 pm with memorial to follow at 2 pm. Beth Wheeler will host friends and family in her home at 8010 Doral Drive in Beaumont following the service. Glinda requested any member who can bring food to help feed the guests.

Glinda reminded the membership to keep our members in your thoughts and prayers that are going thru tough times due to illness, injury, etc. Please remember to continue prayers for Donald Guest, the Coleman's mother, Cathy Knott, Sharlene Hammond, Dave Pareso, Shawn Bruno and Bill Hanley. We wish them all a quick and speedy recovery.

Glinda congratulated our newly elected Vice President, John Berry as well as our three new board members, Roger Ross, Dan Pareso, and Chris Cormier. Glinda also recognized Cathy Long for serving on the Lamar University Scholarship Committee and presented her with a personalized portfolio. She also presented Buzz and Cathy with name tags that represent their 20+ years of membership.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT JOHN BERRY:** John Berry recognized the past Member of the Month, Patricia McCulley, and presented her with her 10 free raffle tickets. She was recognized for her work in making the food bank event such a huge success with the help of her sister. Thank you so much. He then recognized our Member of the Month for the month of June, Rod Johnstone, for all of his hard work setting up a variety of events during the year and especially his efforts with our annual Poker Run. He does an amazing job and a big thank you to him. John reminded everyone of the referral program and encouraged the membership to take some of the business cards and pass them out to potential members. At this point in time, John Berry has the most referrals. John then went over the past events and you can check the Vice President's letter in the Newsletter for details.
- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Liz Hanley asked if the membership would like to have the minutes of the previous meeting read or if no one had any corrections, additions, or deletions as they were published in the Newsletter, would someone like to move to accept the minutes as published. Andrea Johnson moved we accept the minutes as published and Coach Burgess seconded the motion. Motion passed. Liz reported all mail received since the last meeting. There were several letters and cards thanking TCCC for their generosity and support.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Mona Berry gave a summary of the finances of the club. It was a positive report and was good news that the car show was a profitable one. We are in excellent financial shape currently.
- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** Mike Burgess is already working on another event for the Food Bank. He is hoping to be able to do one at Kroger or HEB on Dowlen Road in Beaumont. He will keep the membership updated.
- **BOARD MEMBER CHRIS CORMIER:** Chris Cormier thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as a board member. He thanked Mike White for allowing him to serve as an "apprentice" to learn from Mike all things car show.
- **BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:** John Decker reported that despite the rain, the last Show and Shine at Journey Church was successful with about 20 cars participating which included 7 Vettes, lots of ice cream left for him to eat. He reminded the membership that on 8/12/23, the Giving Fields is having their Lemonade Stand fundraiser from 10am to 2pm. Please attend to help them help the needy. Also later that same day is the Journey Church Show & Shine from 4pm to 6 pm.
- **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ:** Brad Metz was unable to attend.
- **BOARD MEMBER DAN PARESO:** Dan Pareso expressed his pleasure that the membership had the confidence in him to serve as a board member. He will be working with Southeast Texas Humane Society and Chris Pareso. August is Clear the Shelter month. You can go online and adopt an animal to sponsor. You can then donate to that particular animal and when someone chooses that animal to adopt, the cost of the adoption is reduced. He requested we all try and donate to help get the animals a home. The shelter is having a special event on 8/26/23. Please come out and support. Dan also works with the ROMEOS and reminded the guys to come and enjoy the fellowship.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ROGER ROSS:** Roger Ross reported on upcoming events. Please refer to the calendar of events and/or the Presidents letter in the Newsletter. We have many events coming up.
- **PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MIKE WHITE:** Mike White, past president, shared his comments regarding the car show. He reported that the Holiday Inn is already reserved for next year. The board has discussed a variety of ways that we can improve such items as judging, trophies, food vendors, etc. It was also decided by the board that Mike needed to start training someone that could step into his shoes if the need arises. It was unanimous that Chris Cormier was perfect for that task and he graciously accepted the responsibilities. Mike made a motion that we increase our dues to \$75.00 per member. Andrea Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mike also asked if we could have volunteers to learn the registration process so that it would be faster and easier to get everyone registered. Cathy Long, Chris Pareso, Liz Hanley, Glinda Pareso and Andrea Johnson all volunteered.
- **SUPPORT STAFF AND COMMITTEES:**
Andrea Johnson reported that the Foster Care program here is being taken over by the Texas Family Care Network and we will be Region 5. She did say, however, our donations will remain local and help our local foster children with needs that are not paid for thru the state programs.
- **NCM AMBASSADOR GLENN JOHNSON:** Glenn Johnson spoke briefly and asked the membership to sign a Happy Retirement card to be presented to Kai Spande who is the retiring plant manager of the assembly plant. He informed all that this is the 70th year of the Corvette and that GM is celebrating that at the NCM from 6/30/23 thru the month of September, 2023. He also reported that TCCC is once again has 100% membership in the NCM. He also reminded us that even though the NCM had increased dues for most, TCCC is grandfathered and will not experience an increase.

John Berry had trivia questions with all winners receiving a \$5.00 scratch off. Winners were Roger Ross, Willa White, Patty Kupper, Chip Majors, and Liz Hanley with bonus question prize to Chris Cormier of 10 raffle tickets.

Door prize winners were Phyllis Burgess, Darlene Copeland, Liz Hanley, Willa White, John Decker, Patricia McCullor, Mona Berry, and Stacie Cormier. Congratulations to all.

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot Winner was Roger Ross, and he won \$146.00. Congrats to him.

There being no other business to discuss, Glinda reminded the membership that the next meeting would be held at Sombrero's in Nederland, and that the board is still looking for alternative places for our meetings. She asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Roger Ross moved to adjourn and Bill Hanley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 1 at Sombrero's Mexican Grill in Nederland.

We will eat & socialize at 6PM and the meeting is at 7PM.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

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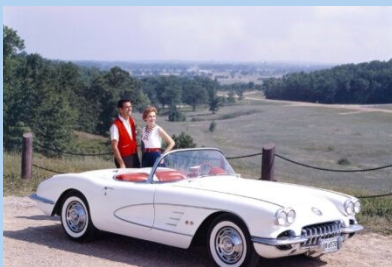


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(NCM Corner continued)



2023 NCM 29th Anniversary Celebration **Thursday August 31st – Saturday September 2nd**

In the 2 plus decades since the Museum opened, the scope of the vision has blossomed to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full-service store, interactive exhibits and a full Motorsports park.

(NCM Corner continued)

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Every year around the Labor Day weekend we celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year we mark the 29th Anniversary milestone and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more during this event in honor of your help and support!

Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

Follow this link for more information: http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/anniversary-celebration/?instance_id=357



Win a Corvette!



(NCM Corner continued)

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Drawing Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 2pm CT

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