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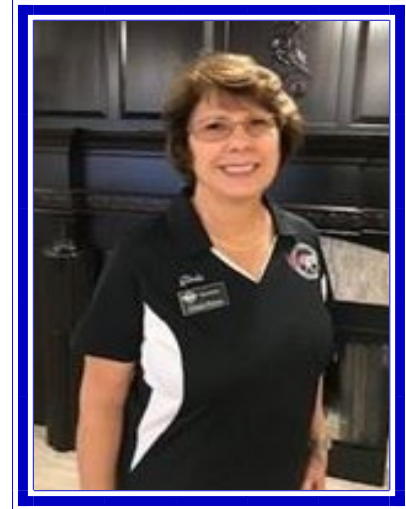
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

MARCH 2023

We had a lot of great activities for February and March. I would like to thank those members who organized the events and made each event special. Also, thank you to the members who attended the events.



- ◆ Thank you to Darrin Nepinsky for organizing the drive to help celebrate Lou's birthday. Also, thanks to Darrin for providing pizza for the members after the drive by.
- ◆ Thank you to Lynn & Judy Snowden for hosting the Texas Hill Country Cruise. The back road cruise and food stops were excellent, and everyone had a great time. Thank you again, Lynn & Judy for organizing the Hill Country Cruise.

- ◆ I wanted to say thank you to Michael Merideth for working with the Jefferson County Child Welfare office and organizing the Corvette rides for the Foster Kids Prom Event. Thank you to the 19 members who brought their Corvettes to provide rides for the foster boys. The foster boys had a great time riding in the Corvettes and having prom pictures taken with the girls, with our Corvettes in the background. Michael Merideth thank you for making this event a success.
- ◆ Thank you to Michael Frye for inviting the Tri-City Corvette Club to attend the Buna's 1st Annual Veteran Car Show. Michael, you did an outstanding job with the car show to raise over \$4,000. The funds that were raised will be used for improvements for the Buna Veterans Memorial.
- ◆ Again, thank you Michael Frye, for asking the TCCC members to participate in the Buna Redbud Parade. We had 14 Corvettes that participated in the Redbud Parade.
- ◆ Thank you to John Decker for inviting the TCCC to attend the Journey Community Church Show & Shine. We had a great showing of Corvettes. All donations collected go to purchase items to support the Foster Closet.

Thank you to all the members who participated in and supported the different events. We still have more great events coming up for March and April. So, come out and enjoy the upcoming events.

APRIL EVENTS:

- **Sponsored by TCCC: April 1st, Saturday, Pets for Vette Show & Shine Plus a Food and Supplies Drive for the Humane Society:** The Pets for Vettes will be in Port Arthur at PetSmart (by Hobby Lobby on Hwy 365) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The TCCC will host a Show and Shine in the parking lot. We distributed flyers that anyone can come and drive by in their cars to drop off donations for the Humane Society. POC is Dave Pareso 719-331-5288.

(President's Message continued)

- **April 15th, Saturday, Tri-City Corvette Club's Annual Poker Run:** Meet at 9:00am at Fuzzy's. At 9:45am, we will leave and start the Poker Run. The Poker Run is an event sponsored by the TCCC sponsors for our members to come and enjoy the ride, food, and fellowship. Thank you to Rod Johnstone & Shawn Bruno for organizing the Poker Run.
- **Sponsored by TCCC: April 29th, Saturday, SETX Food Bank Drive and Show & Shine at Market Basket in Port Neches:** There will be a food drive held from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Market Basket. In addition, an 18-wheeler of Tyson's food is being donated by Pat McCulley's sister and will be on site. We will meet the truck at the Food Bank and take pictures with the Corvettes and the Tyson 18-wheeler in front of the Food Bank. POC is Coach Burgess.

Our 29th Annual Tri-City Corvette Club's Car Show is 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.

- ◆ **Early Registration:** 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 print the registration sheets and have them ready for the day of the car show.
- ◆ **Sponsor Plaques** are available to purchase on our website. Each sponsor plaque is \$30.
- ◆ **Information for the Sponsor Plaques:** 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.

Please start collecting door prizes, silent auction items and items for the bucket list early. These items will be used for the car show.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, 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

Hey Tri City Corvette Enthusiasts:

Let's start by covering our new membership recruiting contest once again. We started the 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 of the club business cards and start sharing them with other Corvette owners you meet!

We also started another tradition of choosing a club member of the month, with the winner receiving 10 extra door prize tickets at the membership meeting. The board voted to make Darrin Nepinsky February's Member of the Month. Congratulations Darrin!



Now let's talk about some past events! In case you missed what February had to offer, here are some highlights.

We started the month with a drive by birthday Corvette caravan for Darrin Nepinsky's special needs neighbor Lou. Fifteen (15) Tri City Corvettes came out to participate in this event. The caravan made two laps around the neighborhood. Lou and his family enjoyed the gesture very much. Afterwards club members enjoyed a pizza dinner at the Nepinsky home. Great job Cindy and Darrin!

February 18th was the date of the Snowden's Hill Country Cruise sponsored by Judy and Lynn Snowden. This was an all day cruise through the Texas Hill Country, with stops at Speeding Springs Garage, Luckenbach TX and the Dog & Pony Cafe. Mona & John Berry participated in the event with the Snowdens, as well as numerous other non TCCC vehicles. As always, excellent job by Judy & Lynn.

More locally on the same day, there was a Coffee & Cars event held at the Beaumont Hard Bean location. The event sponsors reported that 64 cars and trucks, including 9 TCCC Corvettes, participated in this event. The weather was good, the cars were awesome and next one is going to be held on March 18th.

February 25th was the date for the 2023 Foster Kids Prom, sponsored by the Jefferson County Child Welfare and organized by Michael Merideth. TCCC members got to transport 9 prom boys from haircuts at Sport Clips in Beaumont, to formalwear at Ortiz's in Nederland and finally to Groves for their big night. Nineteen (19) TCCC Corvettes showed up to participate in this event. Some of the members met at Hooters in Beaumont for dinner afterwards. Great Job Michael!

March 4th saw the 1st Annual Buna Veteran's Memorial Car Show. The event registered 73 cars and trucks, with 14 TCCC Corvettes and 8 of those 14 took home awards! More importantly, over \$4000 was raised for the memorial. Congratulations to Mike Frye for organizing this very successful event! It should be noted here that at our March meeting Darrin Nepinsky won \$131 in the "Half Pot Drawing" and he immediately donated his winnings to the Buna Memorial. Very classy Darrin!

(Vice-President's Message continued)

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. The spring is 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.

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 me 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

March Birthdays

Dayna Guest

Kelly Cody

Tammy Coleman

Jeanine Bidwell

Misha Bruno

Charlie Barron

Chris Pareso

Donald Guest

Michael Frye

March Anniversaries

Christy & Juan Juarez

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FEBRUARY 4, 2023



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RECOGNITION FOR TCCC ANNUAL CAR SHOW



JEFFERSON COUNTY CHILD WELFARE PROM NIGHT

FEBRUARY 24, 2023



CORVETTE DRIVE-BY FOR LOU!

Thursday, Feb 16 • 4:15pm • Beaumont

Stop by and help celebrate my buddy Lou's birthday by participating in an all-Corvette drive-by parade!



Pizza & beer will be served at Darrin's & Cindy's house after the parade (donations accepted)



CORVETTE
DRIVE-BY

PARADE

FOR LOU

FEBRUARY 16,
2023

Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

PRESIDENT GLINDA PARESO

President, Glinda Pareso, called the meeting to order. John Berry offered an opening prayer. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. There were approximately 58 members and guests in attendance.

WELCOME GUESTS

President, Glinda Pareso introduced our guests, Stacey and Chris Cormier and Wes Spincic. They shared the particulars of their cars with the membership.

GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS

Glinda asked that the membership keep those members that are having serious health issues or other hardships in their prayers. She mentioned Traci Tucker who recently lost her husband, Cathy Knott, Liz Hanley, Sharlene Hammond, Gene VanMeter, Coach Burgess, Buzz Long, Doug DeVaugh, Joey Castellano, and Dave Pareso. She informed the membership that the board had decided that TCCC would recognize a member each month who went above and beyond. Their reward would be a certificate and 10 raffle tickets.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT ROGER ROSS:** Roger Ross reported that the first Member of the Month was Darrin Nepinsky for planning and implementing a wonderful drive-by birthday for his neighbor, Lou. Roger also recognized Mike Frye for his excellent work on the Buna VFW Memorial. There were 14 TCCC cars and out of those 14, 8 of them brought home awards. The event raised approximately \$4000.00 for the memorial. Great job Mike for your first time. Roger reminded everyone of the referral program and that business cards were on the sign in table for that purpose. Roger recapped the past events. Lou's birthday on 2-16, the Snowden Run on 2-18, Hard Bean event also on 2-18 had approximately 64 cars and 9 of them were Corvettes, 2-25 was the Foster Kids Prom, and on 3-4-2023, was the Buna Memorial. A busy month and much more coming.
- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Liz Hanley shared all items that had come in the mail to TCCC. A thank you from our charity, OATH for the \$1000.00 donation, Traci Tucker sent a lovely thank you card for everything the club has done, Buckner's sent a card, The 100 Club sent a request for donations, a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs asking for volunteer drivers, a letter of appreciation from the SETX Food Bank, and a couple of miscellaneous items. Liz reminded the members that the minutes of the last meeting were published in our newsletter and asked if there were changes of any kind. There were none. She then called for a motion to accept the minutes as published. Roger made the motion, Brenda Nichols seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Mona Berry gave a brief overview of our finances. We are in a good financial state as of now and sufficient funds to satisfy our obligations for our charities and our car show. She reported that the half pot last month was \$175.00 .
- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR JOHN BERRY:** John Berry presented some upcoming events. He asked for a hard count on those attending the Rosebud Parade in Buna on 3-11. 11 members confirmed. John reminded all members to be very cautious when transporting children in our cars. Be responsible and safe. No showboating. He stated again that the Redbud Festival is planned on 3-11, 3-18 is the Nederland Heritage Festival, Chevy Expo as well as a show in Lake Charles, 3-25 is the Spindletop Show. In the month of April there are a number of events. On 4-1 is the Vettes for Pets at Petsmart in Port Arthur, the monthly show at Journey Church will be 4-8, our Poker Run will be on 4-15, 4-22 will be the Boerne Car Show (John is working on something for us here, and on 4-29 is the SETX Food Bank show at Market Basket in Port Neches. Last but not least our TCCC Car Show is May 6, 2023. A lot of activities coming up. John also said that Brad had reported that Coughatta had invited us for April 15th.
- **BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL MERIDETH:** Michael Merideth thanked the membership and especially those that brought their cars for the kids to ride in for their prom on 2-25-2023. There were 19 cars but only 9 needed. Many of the ones that were not chosen rode along with the group and several went to dinner after. It was a successful event.
- **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ:** Brad Metz was unable to attend but Glinda recognized each and every one of our sponsors. We are grateful for all of our sponsors.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** Coach Burgess shared that SETX Food Bank sent TCCC a letter of thanks and a Certificate of Appreciation. He reminded the membership that the food drive will be on April 29th in the parking lot of Market Basket in Port Neches. There is an 18 wheeler full of food being donated by Patricia McCulley's sister. He will have details about times etc. and will inform the membership so that we can take pictures. This is a Corvettes only event.
- **BOARD MEMBER DAVE PARESO:** Dave Pareso was under the weather and Chris Pareso stood in for him. She stated that the Humane Society desperately needs more pet food. There is an event planned at Petsmart on April 1, 2023 from 10-2. She said donations such as collars, leashes, toys and of course food as well as cash donations are always welcomed and much needed. Please come out to help boost donations. We will be accepting drive by donations as well.
- **PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MIKE WHITE:** Mike White reported several items for Brad Metz. There were 40 rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn. Those rooms have all been spoken for and the hotel is opening up 40 more. Gulf Credit Union donated generously with enough funds to cover our trophies and t-shirts. Jay's Golf Carts at Crystal Beach donated funds to purchase two sponsor plaques. The Beaumont Convention Center will be meeting at the end of this month and will be providing extra items for hospitality night. Brad will be meeting with Rao's in April. We will have a new food truck joining us this year called Dudes Food and Traveling Tom's who sells all kinds of coffees, cappuccinos, Chai etc.

Glinda recognized Mike and Brad for attending the Beaumont Convention Bureau dinner and for each of them receiving recognition for promoting business and bringing new business to our area. Our one and only Brad Metz was inducted into the Beaumont Convention Center "Hall of Fame". Congratulations Brad. Mike White reported on progress of plans and preparations for our TCCC Car Show to be held on May 6, 2023. Everything is on track. Need more volunteers for different committees that make the car show work. Glinda showed the membership the bags that were donated by TWFG (Terry and Karen Cauthen) to hold the goodies that participants receive.

SUPPORT STAFF

NEWSLETTER EDITOR JANE BARRON: Jane Barron, who does our beautiful newsletter, ask everyone to pre-register on line for the car show.

NCM AMBASSADOR GLENN JOHNSON: Glenn Johnson stated that the Chairman and CEO of NCM, Sharon Brawner, is going to attend our car show. He also informed the membership that NCM will be bringing the "store" with them to our car show even though they have dropped some other clubs. It was also reported that he got to ride in the new electric Corvette among others when he was there. He expressed his thoughts on opening up events we sponsor to cars other than Corvettes. He wants Corvettes only.

COMMITTEES:

POKER RUN DIRECTOR ROD JOHNSTONE: Rod Johnstone said the Poker Run would be on April 15.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Andrea Johnson said everything is in place for our annual banquet on June 3 at The Pompano.

Roger Ross recognized birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March with the heavy hitters being Bill and Sharlene Hammond who have been married 60:years. Congratulations to both. He had some interesting and informative trivia questions all related to Corvettes. Winners were John Kupper, Lynn Snowden, Max Dawson, Patti Kupper and Rod Johnstone. Each received a scratch off. Don't know at the time of this writing if there were any instant millionaires.

Raffle winners were Roger Ross, Darrin Nepinsky, Brenda Nichols, Rickie Knott, Gene VanMeter, Joe Robles, Juan Juarez, and Willa White. Congrats to each of you.

Glinda reminded everyone that we have a Vice president whose term is ending and also three board members. She asked that members be thinking of nominations to fill those vacancies as we will need to do the nominations in May and election in June. She asked for a vote on the meeting place for the April meeting and the membership voted for Catfish Cabin.

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot Winner was Darrin Nepinsky, and he won \$131.00 on Split the Pot.

Glinda declared the meeting complete and asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene VanMeter moved to adjourn and Mike Frye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

MARCH 2023

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