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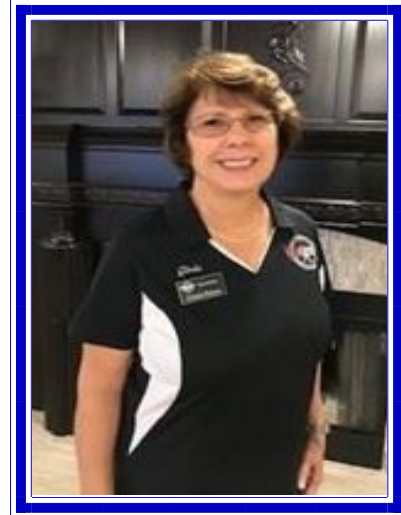
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

MARCH 2024

We had a lot of great activities in February 2024. I would like to thank those members who organized the events and made each event special. Also, I would like to say thank you to the members who attended the events.

Thank you to Lynn & Judy Snowden, who hosted and organized the Snowden's Texas Hill Country Cruise. Lynn shared that they had a great turnout. They had a nice drive on curvy backroads, plus they drove on the Twisted Sister's Highway. Then they stopped for lunch, which they said was excellent, then took the northeast route back home. Lynn shared that they had an awesome time on the Texas Hill Country Cruise.



I wanted to say thank you to Andrea Johnson, for working with Jefferson County Child Welfare and for setting up the time and date for the TCCC to provide rides for the Foster Boys Prom Event.

Also, thank you to Chris Cormier who organized all the male members to drive the Foster Boys to the Prom in the Corvettes. There were 19 members with their Corvettes that attended the Foster Prom Event. The Foster Boys were so impressed to see all 19 Corvettes lined up waiting for them. The boys were thrilled to be able to pick out the Corvette that they wanted to ride in to get their haircuts and then to be driven to their prom. The foster boys had a great time riding in the Corvettes and taking prom pictures with the foster girls with our Corvettes in the background. Chris Cormier, thank you again for making this event a success.

Thank you, Michael Frye, for asking the TCCC members to participate in the Redbud Car Show. We had 9 Corvettes that participated in the Redbud Car Show. Michael shared they raised over \$1,600 from the car show and these funds will go to assist with the scholarship programs for the students. Plus, we had quite a few of our members take home trophies for winning in their categories. Michael did a great job hosting the Redbud Car Show.

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.

I wanted to mention a few events that the TCCC is hosting or committed to for March and April 2024. There are a lot more events scheduled, so continue to look at our website, our TCCC Facebook page, plus I will email all members a full event list for each month.

(President's Message continued)

March:

Saturday, March 23, Taylor from the Humane Society of SE TX asked if we could do a **Show & Shine in front of PetSmart in Port Arthur since they are having a pet adoption day in PetSmart**. We will be asking for pet food donations for the Humane Society. Anyone who is not attending the Spindletop Car Show, please come out and support the Humane Society at PetSmart in Port Arthur (by Hobby Lobby on Hwy 365) from 10am to 2pm.

Tuesday, March 26, Humane Society of Southeast Texas is hosting an **Open House Celebration of their new facility from 3pm to 6pm, located at 2050 Spindletop Ave in Beaumont**. Come join the Humane Society staff & volunteers as they celebrate their new shelter. Enjoy the light refreshments and lots of puppy kisses.

Saturday, March 30, TCCC Show & Shine for Donalson GM Appreciation Day from 10am to 2pm. Food, Games, Music, & lots of fun.

April:

Thursday, April 4, Mecum Auto Auction 2024, located at NRG Center in Houston. We will meet at Pappadeaux's and will leave at 8am to caravan to NRG Center. The auction begins at 10am. Tickets are \$30 in advance online, and there will be a parking fee at NRG Center.

Saturday, April 6, TCCC Drive & Dine to Camp Margaritaville RV Resort, Crystal Beach, 8am to 3pm. We will eat at Margaritaville restaurant. We will meet at Fuzzy's at 8am and depart at 9am to cruise the back roads to Margaritaville. Then we will cruise back.

Friday, April 12, Neches River Festival Parade from 5pm to 7pm. The TCCC has been invited, and has signed up to participate with 12 to 15 corvettes in the Neches River Festival Parade again this year. The line-up will begin at 4:45pm with the parade starting at 6pm. We will meet at the Beaumont Library in the parking lot facing Main Street. The police will close the roads at 5:15pm. You can bring candy, beads, or small promotional items to throw to the kids.

Saturday, April 20, TCCC Annual Poker Run. Rod & Shawn shared that we would meet at 8:30am at Fuzzy's. Then at 9am we will leave to start the Poker Run. Also, please ensure you have a full tank of gas before we leave to go on the Poker Run. A big thank you to Rod Johnstone & Shawn Bruno for organizing the Poker Run for the club.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024. We will eat & socialize at 6pm and the meeting is at 7pm at a location to be determined.

A Sincere Thank You,

Glinda Pareso

President

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VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

MARCH 2024

John Berry

We had 55 members turnout at the March meeting at Nice Guy Ricky's, and it was great to see everyone. As our club continues to grow, we are constantly looking for restaurants that can hold up to 60 people in the Golden Triangle area. We try to alternate locations to meet everyone's needs and make it fair for all that have to travel. So if you find a location, let a board member know and we will check it out!

It was nice to meet Brad Green, which has an orange C8 and was a guest of Donald Guest. We look forward to seeing you again.

The Board will be choosing the first Quarter Member of The Month and will be announced at the April meeting. I'm excited to see who it is!

Prayers & Thoughts:

We had a member in the club that couldn't attend (Cecelia Mouton) due to illness, so say a prayer for her for a quick recovery. Get Well Soon. Keep "Coach" Mike Burgess in your continued prayers as he is recovering from a stroke and is seeing more doctors for evaluation.



Activities:

We have several events for March coming up, so check out the Events' page on the website and Facebook page and find one to participate in.

Split the Pot was won by Dave & Chris Pareso for \$175.00. Congratulations you lucky couple.

Birthdays: Dana Guest, Tammy Coleman, Roy Cheramie, Misha Bruno, Charlie Barron, Chris Pareso, Stacie Cormier, Donald Guest and Michael Frye. **Happy Birthday to you all.**

Anniversaries:

Juan & Christy Juarez (25 years)

Doug & Shelia DeVaugh (53 years)

Bill & Sharlene Hammond (61 years)

Happy Anniversary you Love Birds!!!

Tech Corner: If you have a Corvette that has a battery drain, it is always good to carry a small battery jumper in your car. They are small and compact and can charge off a wall plug, and even has USB charging capabilities and works great without having to carry bulky jumper cables and no need for another vehicle if you are stranded or in need.

Thank you all and have a great March.

John Berry

TCCC, Vice President

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Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

PRESIDENT, GLINDA PARESO

- President, Glinda Pareso called the meeting to order and led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked John Berry to offer the opening prayer. She then thanked everyone for attending and reported there were 55 members present and one guest, Brad Green. Brad had a few words to say to introduce himself to the members. She then thanked John Berry for presiding over the February meeting in her absence. She attended the 32nd Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau Hall of Fame banquet. Both Brad Metz and Mike White were recognized for their contributions to the community. Glinda presented Cathy Long with a pen in recognition for her work with the Lamar Scholarship Fund. Glinda then had the membership raise their glass in a salute to our member, the late Corky Wheeler.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT JOHN BERRY:** Vice President, John Berry informed the membership that our member, Cecelia Mouton, is ill and in need of our prayers. He gave a brief overview of the dates we will announce our member of the quarter. He then did a review of past events and thanked members Chris Cormier and Andrea Johnson for their efforts in making the foster children's prom night a resounding success as well as all the members who came and provided the Corvettes. He also thanked member, Michael Frye, for his hard work on the Redbud Car Show. There was about \$1600.00 raised for scholarships and members John Decker, John Berry, Stacie Cormier, Roger Ross, and Dan Pareso all brought home new hardware. John then took a quick poll of the various areas our members live in. He asked that everyone please help find other places that have the ability to host our meetings. He then recognized the birthdays and anniversaries in the month of March. For a list of those, please see his letter in the newsletter.

Glinda called on Darrin Nepinsky to show the membership a sample of the banner that will be displayed at the National Corvette Museum to represent the TCCC and it's 100% participation in the museum. Darrin is also working on the TCCC calendar and had no additional information to share with the membership.

- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Secretary, Liz Hanley shared a thank you card from Cub Scout Pack 9 with the membership. She asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the February membership meeting that were published in the newsletter. There were none and Andrea Johnson moved we accept the minutes as published and Mike White seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Liz then brought up that the membership had not approved the January minutes. She again asked if anyone had any changes and there being none, Andrea moved we accept January's minutes as published, and Joe Robles seconded the motion, and the motion passed..
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Treasurer, Mona Berry gave a detailed financial report to the membership. We are in good financial shape to take care of our obligations to our charities and to support our car show in May.
- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** Board Member, Mike Burgess stated he is working on setting up a food drive after our car show. He thanked everyone for their prayers and concerns.
- **BOARD MEMBER CHRIS CORMIER:** Board Member, Chris Cormier said the Foster Prom was a big success. He thanked everyone who participated. He stated that donations for our car show are starting to come in and that he is contacting volunteers for the committees.
- **BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:** Board Member, John Decker was unable to attend.
- **BOARD MEMBER BRAD METZ:** Board Member, Brad Metz was unable to attend but sent word that he has 2 food vendors plus an ice cream truck committed. Rao's will provide dessert and Fuzzy's will provide food for hospitality night. The Visitors Bureau will have a table set up on Friday with bottled water, pretzels, and other items. Brad also sent word that he is working on plans for a Coushatta run in June.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **BOARD MEMBER DAN PARESO:** Board Member, Dan Pareso informed us about the Open House Celebration for the SE Texas Humane Society will be March 26th from 3pm to 6pm at 2050 Spindletop Avenue in Beaumont. They have invited the TCCC membership to come and celebrate their new facility with them. He also reminded all the guys of Romeo lunch on Wednesdays.
- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR ROGER ROSS:** Board Member, Roger Ross gave a long and informative list of upcoming events. He puts all the events on our website, in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, and Glinda sends info via email to everyone so you can get all the pertinent details. Check any one of these places for a complete list. There is at least one event every weekend and sometimes two through the month of April so there should be something that appeals to everyone.
- **PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MIKE WHITE:** Past President and Membership Director, Mike White reported he is up to date on name tags and jackets for new members. He pleaded with members to register early and reminded everyone that the club would refund the registration fee if you could not attend. He passed out flyers with a registration form on the back. He also reminded everyone that May 1, 2024, is the last day for online registration. He told membership that the first car show Committee meeting will be March 14 at 6pm at Crazy Cajun in Beaumont. On May 2, 2024, we will meet to put together Goodie Bags. Please bring items for the silent auction, raffle, door prizes etc. Mike also reported that Brad Metz has gotten a Corvette pace car go kart donated and we will sell raffle tickets for \$20 each at the show. Mike also said that Coach would now be Entertainment Director.
- **NCM AMBASSADOR GLENN JOHNSON:** NCM Ambassador, Glenn Johnson had nothing to report.
- **SUPPORT STAFF AND COMMITTEES:** Andrea Johnson told the membership that she had 10 sparkling TCCC designs available for \$15.00 each. It will be first come, first serve and you just supply your own shirt. You just put your shirt and money with your name in a bag and bring to the next meeting.

Jane Barron thanked all the officers for getting information to her for the newsletter in a timely manner. She encouraged everyone to pre register for the car show.

Glinda had new business to discuss with the membership regarding our upcoming election for officers and board members in June. She asked for a show of hands if there was interest in digital voting. She explained it would require a change in the by-laws if we proceed. There were only 2 people who appeared to be interested, so nothing will change in regard to our election.

John Berry had 5 trivia questions and a prize of a scratch off awarded to the following winners; Roger Ross, Cheri Cheramie, Terry Long, Patty Kupper, and Lenora Robles. Congratulations. Door prize winners were as follows; Bill Hammond, Judy Snowden, Mona Berry 2x, Patricia McCulley, Joey Catalano, Roy Cheramie, Gene VanMeter, and Terry Long.

Glinda asked if there was any further business before the club and there being none, Joe Robles moved we adjourn, and Judy Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Raffle & Split the Pot: Split the Pot was won by Chris Pareso for \$175.00.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2 at a location to be determined later.

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



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

March 2024

For NCM information about the NCM visit the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org

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