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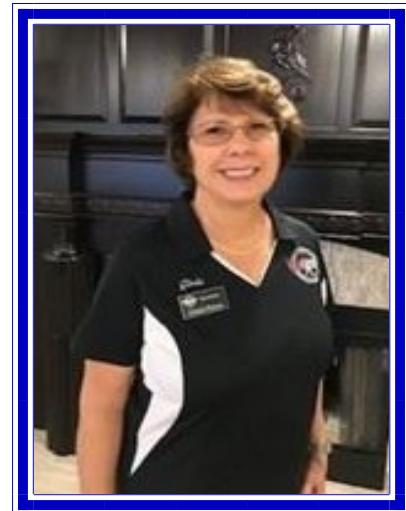
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Glinda Pareso

NOVEMBER 2022



We had a very active month for October. I want to thank the members who attended the different events scheduled in October. It is great to see our members support the club's activities. Thank you to Officers and Board Members for organizing each of the events for our club. We have some great activities planned for November and December. So try to attend and enjoy as many scheduled events as possible.

A big thank you to John Berry & Roger Ross for planning and organizing the TCC Club's first Annual Halloween Party. We had fun playing trivia and the scavenger hunt. We had a costume contest and plenty of good food, wine, and desserts. Thank you to Artie & Traci Tucker who hosted the Halloween Party at their Cotton Creek Winery.

November's Meeting: The Tri-City Corvette Club's (TCCC) November monthly meeting was held at Texas Star Bar & Grill in Beaumont on October 4, 2022.

I want thank Taylor Westphal, Shelter Director of the Humane Society of Southeast Texas for being the guest speaker for our meeting. Taylor shared some very interesting information and data about the humane society. We look forward to working with them and hosting the Pets for Vettes on December 10, 2022.

Thanks to Dan Pareso for helping to recognize our Veterans who served in the Armed Forces. Dan & Glinda presented a Veteran's Commemorative Coin to our Veterans and thanked them for their service. Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11, 2022, so remember to thank a Veteran.

Thank you to the members who brought toys for the KFDM/Fox 4 Toy Fest drive that will be held Friday, December 9, 2022. We started a nice collection of toys to donate to kids in need. We will also be collecting toys at the December meeting.

I would like to welcome our newest members who are now members of the TCCC: Dan & Tammy Coleman and Terry and Teresa Long. Congratulations to both couples.

To the Members: I would like to thank the members who drove their vettes in various parades, including homecoming parades. I shared those members who donated their monetary gifts to the club for driving a rider. It was very thoughtful of you. Thank you. The funds that were donated will be used to assist with some of our charity's needs.

Our next general membership meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, 2729 Jimmy Johnson Blvd in Port Arthur.

(President's Message continued)

The December 6 meeting at Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux will be a little different. We will not have a full meeting. We will start our meeting at 6:00pm to share important information about upcoming events and then our guest speaker will share some information about the SETX Food Bank. Afterwards we will order food and enjoy our dinner and fellowship. This will be our Christmas gathering time for us to relax and enjoy one another.

It is great to have Members, Officers and Board Members supporting the club. Thank you to each of our members and thank you for all that you do for the club.

A Sincere Thank You,

Glinda Pareso

President

Tri-City Corvette Club

VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Roger Ross

TCCC Family:

I love talking about new club members, and this month we voted in two more C8 owning couples. Teresa & Terry Long and Tammy & Dan Coleman were all unanimously voted in as full members. They have already become fixtures at TCCC events and will be fine assets to the club. Congratulations guys and welcome aboard!

Now let's talk about some past events! In case you missed them, here are some highlights.

On October 7th, 15 TCCC Corvettes participated in the Orangefield High School Homecoming festivities. The event resulted in a \$225 donation to the club. This was also Melinda and Kenny Royer's 2nd event to participate in.

Five TCCC members transported distinguished guests in the Port Neches - Groves homecoming parade on October 10th. The event resulted in another \$125 donation to the club.

On October 15th Donalson Auto Group hosted their TCCC Appreciation Day. The event was attended by multiple club members and 30 TCCC Corvettes. Boss Burger set up and supplied some good food for the event as well. Congratulations to John Decker and Coach Burgess for capturing the crown in the washer contest.

When the Donalson event ended, some of the members headed over to the Journey Community Church's Monthly Show & Shine. John Decker told me that they had 45 cars at the event, of which 9 of them were TCCC Corvettes, and Dave Pareso's 1951 Mercury was chosen as the car of the month. I also heard that the free chopped beef sandwiches were pretty awesome!

Two of our members, Jenny Nguyen and Ray Long went west to participate in the Big Bend Open Road Race on the 15th. They finished 26th in the 110MPH class by finishing the race within 4 seconds of their ideal time. It should be noted that they shaved a full two seconds off of last year's run. Congratulations guys!

The 15th finished with a cruise up and down the Nederland Drag. As many as 10 TCCC Corvettes were seen on the drag at varying times during the evening.

Thirteen (13) TCCC members made the trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the 23rd Annual Hot Springs Corvette Weekend on October 21st - 22nd. The weekend included a poker run, parade and an indoor car show. The members said that they had a blast! Congratulations to Michael Frye, Patricia McCulley, and Gracie and Mark Mott who all brought home new hardware for their trophy cases.

On October 21st three TCCC Corvettes could be seen transporting some excited young people in the Vidor Homecoming Parade. The kids really appreciated their fancy rides.

Four (4) members made the run to Sulphur, Louisiana on the 22nd for the City of Sulphur's Stars & Stripes in the Park Classic Car Show. The event was completely free, including the show registration, food and drinks!

On the 29th of the month, the club held its first Halloween Party at Cotton Creek Winery. Some 36 club members participated in the event and all had a great time! The costume contest was won by Glinda Pareso (1st), John Berry (2nd) and Charlie Barron (3rd). The scavenger hunt was won by Melinda Royer and the trivia game was won by Traci Tucker, while the three candy jars were won by Jane Barron and Jeff Curl. Yes, Jeff won two of them!



(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. 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 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

November Birthdays

Kathy Woods

Lenora Robles

Patricia McCulley

John Berry

Isaac Barbosa

Kim Merideth

Charlie Buteaud

Jeff Breaux

November Anniversaries

Nancy & Craig Horn

Lisa & Brent Coon

Teresa & Terry Long

Nancy & Ben Harper

Kathy & Joe Vargas

Brenda & Harry Nichols

DONALSON MOTORS APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 15, 2022



23RD ANNUAL HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS CORVETTE CAR SHOW

OCTOBER 21-22, 2022



TCCC HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 29, 2022



COSTUME WINNERS

1st—Glinda Pareso

2nd—John Berry

3rd—Charlie Barron



TCCC HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 29, 2022



**BIG BEND OPEN
ROAD RACE DAY—
October 16, 2022
RAY LONG &
JENNY NGUYEN**



**33rd ANNUAL BAYOU STATE
CORVETTE SHOW
Scott, Louisiana
November 5, 2022**

Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

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 welcomed Dan & Tammy Coleman who have met all the criteria for membership into the club. Misha Bruno made the motion to vote them into the club. Coach Burgess seconded it, and the members voted and approved their membership.

We also welcomed Terry & Teresa Long who have attended two events and two meetings and have met the criteria to become members. Glinda Pareso made the motion to vote Terry & Teresa into the club, and it was seconded by Cecelia Mouton. They were voted and approved by the members.

Donald & Dayna Guest were recognized and voted in as members at the last meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Glinda welcomed Taylor Westphal, Shelter Director of the Humane Society of Southeast Texas. They are one of our approved charities for an annual donation. Mr. Westphal had some very interesting data and facts about the Humane Society, and he is looking forward to working with us when we host the Vettes for Pets. He shared some of the items they use are puppy formula, dog & cat beds, and blankets. We would like to thank Mr. Westphal for coming and sharing information with us about the Humane Society.

Glinda thanked everyone for coming to our meeting at the Texas Star Bar & Grill. She also thanked Lisa Coon for allowing us to use the room for our meeting and setting up the room with the microphone, tables and tablecloths, and tea & water.

GOOD NEWS/SAD NEWS

Our prayers are with Gene Van Meter Jr. Gene had a stroke last week and was hospitalized. Gene is doing better, and he is now at home recovering from his stroke. So, keep Gene in your prayers.

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

- ◆ Special presentation to our Veterans was presented by Dan & Glinda Pareso.
- ◆ They had all our Veterans come to the front and share information about their branch of service, how long they served, and what career field they were in while they served in the Armed Forces.
- ◆ Dan & Glinda gave each Veteran a Commemorative Coin. The Coin states "Thank you for Your Service" on the front and "Proud of You Veterans" on the back.

OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **VICE PRESIDENT ROGER ROSS:** Roger recognized members with birthdays and anniversaries in October. He also shared past events for October.
 - 10/7—**Orangefield High School Homecoming**. The TCCC provided 15 Corvettes for their Homecoming Parade. Thank you to the members who volunteered to drive for the homecoming.
 - 10/15—**Donalson Auto Group: TCCC Appreciation Day**. Thank you to Donalson Auto Group for hosting an Appreciation Day for TCCC. It was an impressive Show & Shine with all our Corvettes on display. Boss Burger provided us with hamburgers. We had fun playing washers, and it was a nice day to enjoy each other's fellowship.
 - 10/21&22—**23rd Annual Hot Springs Corvette Weekend**. We had some members make the run to Hot Springs to attend the car show. Congratulations to Michael Frye, Patricia McCulley, and Gracie & Mark Mott, who all took home trophies.

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- **VICE PRESIDENT ROGER ROSS (past events continued):**
10/22—**Stars & Stripes in the Park Classic Car Show, Sulphur, LA.** TCCC had a good number of members who attended the show and quite a few of our members brought trophies home.
10/29—**TCCC 1st Annual Halloween Party at the Cotton Creek Winery.** Thank you to John Berry and Roger Ross for organizing our first Halloween party. We had a great time with Trivia, Scavenger Hunt, Costume Contest, good food, and tasty wine. Thank you to Traci Tucker for graciously hosting us at Cotton Creek Winery.
- **SECRETARY LIZ HANLEY:** Liz was unable to attend the meeting.
- **TREASURER MONA BERRY:** Mona reviewed our financial statements for the month of October. She explained our expenses. She shared that we placed a deposit for the Holiday Inn to host our annual car show. She also stated the deposits: a check from Orangefield ISD for our participation in their Homecoming Parade and donations from different drivers for various parades. Mona provided a summary of our checking account balance.
- **BOARD MEMBER & SPONSOR/MARKETING BRAD METZ:** Brad was unable to attend the meeting.
- **BOARD MEMBER & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR JOHN BERRY:**
33rd Annual Bayou State Corvette Club Show, November 05, 9:00 AM in Scott, LA. This is a Corvette only car show.
Veterans 4 Veterans Annual Veteran's Day Picnic Show & Shine, November 12, 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Claiborne Park, East of Vidor. The Veterans 4 Veterans have requested that the Tri City Corvette Club set up a Show & Shine for their annual Veteran's Day picnic. We would like a strong showing from the TCCC.
Bruno & George Winery Annual Bonfire, November 19, 3:00 PM, 400 Messina Road in Sour Lake. Open to all TCCC members. Food served from 3 PM - 6 PM. Wine on hand to sample and purchase & bonfire after dark!
Blue Santa Toy Run Parade, November 26, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Cavender's Boots. Parade starts at 10 AM & goes from Cavender's to Cowboy Harley Davidson.
Buckners Children's Annual Toy Run, December 03, 11:00 AM. More details to follow.
Tri-City Corvette Club General Membership Meeting, December 6, 6 PM, Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux in Port Arthur. There will be a short meeting, then we will eat and socialize.
KFDM/Fox 4 Toy Fest, Friday December 9, at 8 AM. We will meet at Mike & Willa White's, 3855 Kenwood Drive in Beaumont. The donated toys will be distributed among the participating Corvettes. Then the group will caravan over to KFDM Studios to drop off the club's collected toys from the members.
TCCC Vettes For Pets, December 10, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, PetSmart on Dowlen Road. We will collect dog and cat food for the Southeast Texas Humane Society.
- **BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL MERIDETH:** Mike explained that Jefferson County Child Welfare needs candy for the Foster Kids Christmas Party. We had a donation of \$125.00 from drivers who drove in the parades. The Board Members recommended donating this money to Child Welfare to assist with the Foster Kids Christmas Party.
- **BOARD MEMBER COACH BURGESS:** For the October meeting, Coach shared that we collected \$117.00 from the members to donate to the Southeast Food Bank. He thanked all the members for donating to the Food Bank. Coach shared that for the November and December meetings we will try to collect extra funds for the Food Bank, since the month of November is Thanksgiving and December is Christmas. The more funds we can donate to the Food Bank the more families in need they can feed for the holidays.
- **BOARD MEMBER JOHN DECKER:** Thanked the members who have been supporting and attending the Journey Community Church Monthly Show & Shine. The funds collected are donated to the Foster Closet.
- **BOARD MEMBER DAN PARESO:** No report

(Meeting Minutes continued)

PAST PRESIDENT MIKE WHITE: Mike explained that the contract for the Holiday Inn has been signed and a \$1,000 deposit placed to hold the facility for our annual car show. Mike shared that 39 members have signed up for different show committees to help with the car show. He thanked everyone who volunteered. For the Toy Fest, please meet at Mike's house at 8:00 AM to load the toys. We will caravan to KFDM Studios to drop off the toys. They will do an interview of the club, so please gather around for the interview with Roger Ross & Mike White.

- **AMBASSADOR, NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM GLENN JOHNSON:** Glenn was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMITTEES

Annual Picnic/Bonfire Shawn Bruno or Misha Bruno – Shawn Bruno shared some information about the Annual picnic and Bonfire. He invited all the TCCC members to come out and enjoy themselves. The Bruno Winery Bonfire has been scheduled for November 19, 2022 .

NEW BUSINESS: GLINDA PARESO

Glinda shared our December meeting will be a little different. We will host a short meeting to share important information and have a guest speaker from the Food Bank. Then we will just enjoy dinner. We had four options of where to host our next meeting: Texas Star Bar, Crazy Cajun, Walk-On's, or Pine Tree Lodge. Glinda shared the pros & cons on each area. Michael Merideth made the motion to host the meeting at Walk-On's, Roger Ross seconded it, and the motion was voted and passed by the members.

Our Next Meeting: **Tuesday, December 6, 2022**, at 6:00 PM at Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux. We will begin with a brief meeting, and guest speakers from the Food Bank Tamera & Jimmy Sparks, will share some information. After that we will order our food and just enjoy dinner and each others friendship. It will be our Christmas gathering & dinner. So come join us at Walk-On's, 2729 Jimmy Johnson Boulevard in Port Arthur.

A special thank you to all the members who participated in the various events that the TCCC offers. Your participation is what makes the TCCC Outstanding.

Thank you to the members who brought toys for the Toy Fest.

Also, thank you for bringing the door prizes for the raffle drawing. Thank you to Mona and Cecelia for selling the raffle tickets and thanks to John Berry for calling the ticket numbers.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mike White, and Roger Ross seconded the motion.

Split the Pot Winner: Cecilia Mouton won \$120.00.



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

November 2022

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Plant Tours Begin

- ◆ Key Dates
 - Tickets go on sale to members beginning October 25
⇒ 2 tickets per membership
 - Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning November 1
 - Current blackout weeks for the plant are:
 - ⇒ Week of October 31 (may change after next week, more information to come)
 - ⇒ Week of November 14
 - ⇒ Week of December 5
 - ⇒ Week of December 26
- ◆ Pricing
 - Tickets will be available for purchase on our website. Currently, we are not booking by phone. Online or in-person tickets are all that will be available.
 - ⇒ \$50 combo ticket for all paying guests.
 - ⇒ We will not sell separate plant tours and NCM tickets.
 - ⇒ NCM Members will be the only exception as they will not pay the NCM portion of the ticket, only the plant at \$35 per person.
 - ⇒ Plant employees and military are free (for plant tours only) but must book their tour directly with Paul Haley. phaley@corvettemuseum.org
- ◆ Rules
 - You must be 13 or older to tour the Plant
 - No backpacks, purses, or bags of any kind
 - You must wear close-toed and close-heeled shoes and no high heels allowed
 - No cameras, cell phones, tablets, or other electronic devices
 - No food or drink
 - No walking assists (canes, crutches, etc.)
 - ⇒ Wheelchairs will be available after some safety modifications are made by BGA.

(NCM Corner continued)

- ◆ Other important information
 - Tours are now 90 minutes long; previously, they were an hour in length
 - Tour groups are limited to 15 people; previously, it was groups of 25
 - Tours will now operate whether the line is operational or idle
 - We have permission to conduct tours during a portion of the second shift; this will allow us to extend tours till 4:45 (ending time) if we can staff and it is needed.
 - Tours will go out every 30 minutes, beginning at 8:15 am
 - There will be limited locker rental availability for a fee
 - Communication has gone out to Delivery Customers who took delivery from 2017 – 2022 and did not receive their tour. These customers must book their tour through the Delivery Department
- ◆ Any questions you are unable to answer, have them contact Paul Haley by email. phaley@corvettemuseum.org

Build Sheets & Window Stickers

Your Corvette Collection just isn't complete without a copy of your build sheet and a reproduction window sticker! The National Corvette Museum offers build sheets and window stickers for any Corvette assembled in Bowling Green since the GM Plant opened in 1981.

Build Sheets

There's a lot of nifty paperwork associated with cars. Most people throw the stuff out shortly after buying their car but in some cases the original paperwork is still available with the car.

The Build Sheet, often considered "the holy grail" too many folks, is a cool item to find. It is often the only means of verifying exactly what options came with your particular car, and helps you determine how many Corvettes were produced exactly like yours. The build sheet is what goes down the line with the car when it is being assembled. It indicates to the line worker exactly what goes on that specific car.

Build sheets vary in size from year to year, 8½ x 11 to 11 x 17 and you have the option for it to be laminated.

FAQ

Q. Does the build sheet contain the build date?

A. No. In 2006 the Assembly Plant quit putting dates of any type on the build sheet. Prior to that, the date on the build sheet was NOT the date the car was built, but the date the order was entered for production. It has been reported that it took 7-10 the working days from the time the order was entered until the Corvette rolled off the production line.

Q. Does the key code appear on the build sheet?

A. No. The key codes do not appear on the build sheets due to security reasons. Key codes can only be obtained through an authorized dealer.

Q. How can I obtain a build sheet for a Corvette built in St. Louis?

A. We do not know. We have been told by General Motors that all records from the St. Louis Plant were destroyed in a fire after the Assembly Plant was re-located to Bowling Green in mid-1981.

Build Sheet (Paper) – \$35 Members* / \$45 Non-Members

Additional Paper Copy – \$10 Members* / \$12 Non-Members

Lamination – \$5 each

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Notice: we are missing the following build sheets for 1982 – VIN numbers 109001 thru 117800, 118201 thru 118400, 119201 thru 119800

(NCM Corner continued)

Window Sticker

Also called a Monroney Label, this is the sticker that is affixed to a new car when it is delivered to the consumer. A law was passed by Congress in 1958 requiring all automobile manufacturers to affix a price label to all new automobiles showing Manufacturers Suggested Retail Prices for a vehicle and all options installed at the factory. This law was proposed by Senator John Monroney, and was to begin with new 1959 models.

If your car is a show car, this informational piece is a must! Some car shows such as Bloomington Gold require you to have a list of options on the car. What better way than a reproduction of the window sticker? ***If you are ordering a reproduction window sticker, you must order the build sheet at the same time.***

1981 – current Window Sticker/Build Sheet Combo – \$75 Member* / \$90 Non-Members

Additional Copy Window Sticker – \$10 Members* / \$12 Non-Members

Lamination – \$5

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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.