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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White

We had a great Tri City Corvette Club Meeting at Sombrero Mexican Grill in Nederland. We had 63 in attendance.

It was good to see many members and guests start getting out and enjoying the great fellowship and weather.

Congratulations to Mark & Christina Allen. They were voted in as members of the Tri City Corvette Club. Mark & Christina are from Lake Charles and own a Blue C8. Welcome to the club.

Welcome back Curtis Horn for his third meeting. Also welcome back Darrin Nepinski who has attended several meetings and events in the past. Darrin was living in Louisiana and has moved back to Texas.



On September 11, 2021 we had a great event at the Beaumont Botanical Gardens, Daughters of the American Revolution 9/11 Ceremony. Thank you Misha Bruno for inviting the Tri-City Corvette Club to participate in this great event. Thank you Shawn and Rocky Bruno for the great job in presenting the 9/11 ceremony. Never forget 9/11.

Thank you Rod Johnstone for organizing and handling the new club jackets. See all details in the meeting minutes in this newsletter.

We have a lot of new events coming up, so please read the Roger Ross Vice-President report in this newsletter.

For details of the October 5, 2021 Tri-City Corvette Club meeting, please read meeting minutes in this newsletter by Glinda Pareso. Thank you Glinda for great details of the meeting. This helps all our members understand what goes on in the monthly meetings if they are unable to attend.

Club members can now go to the Tri-City Corvette Club website and log in to see all members information. On the front page (after you log in) click on members and all the information on each member will be shown. Please log in and update your profile. If you need help, please let us know. The public cannot see this information, only members.

Andrea Johnson is still having TCCC decals placed on shirts. If you would like to have a shirt done, bring it to the meeting or an event, and we will get it to Andrea.

Again, I would like to thank all for attending the meeting and keep up the good work by signing in every meeting. This will help us keep track of the perfect attendance awards at the Annual Banquet.

Congratulations to Andrea Johnson winner of the ½ pot \$154.

What makes the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success and moving forward is our members. Thank you members.

See you at our next monthly meeting November 2, 2021 at Sombreros Mexican Restaurant, Nederland Texas.

Thank You,

Mike White

TCCC President

*Tri-City Corvette Club is a proud supporter
Of the Scholarship Program*



VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Roger Ross

Greetings my fellow Corvette lovers!

I would like to begin by welcoming our newest TCCC members, Christina and Mark Allen from Lake Charles, Louisiana. They are the proud owners of a beautiful blue C8. I had the privilege of speaking with them before the meeting, and I can tell you that they are a great couple with a strong resolve. Welcome aboard guys!

Rod Johnstone has been diligently working on club jackets. At the last meeting, he provided samples of the jackets in various sizes for members to try on. The jackets are made by Port Authority and are model #J317. If you were not at the meeting, contact Rod and let him know what size jacket you need.

Now I would like to cover a couple of issues with the club's website. Bryan Serafino and Terry Cauthen do a great job maintaining and updating the site for us, but the information that they put out is only as good as the information we put in. I say that because at the meeting we discovered that several of the birthday and anniversary dates we had for members were incorrect. Those dates are derived from the members personal profiles on the site. If you haven't logged into the site, please go to your profile and update it as soon as practical.

Another issue concerns the Events page. The vast majority of club sponsored events feature a "Register" button. By clicking that button and registering for that event, it allows the person in charge of the event and everyone else to see how many people are planning to attend. Registering will make it easier to finalize plans for the events.

The club had amazing turnouts for three events during September. The 9/11 Never Forget Event, the Orangefield High School Homecoming Parade and the 8th Annual Big Boyz Toys Corvette Show. Your participation was greatly appreciated at these events, and I must say that Shawn Bruno did an exceptional job as the Master of Ceremonies at the 9/11 event. Also, congratulations to all who took home a new trophy during the month!

Be sure to regularly check out the club's Facebook and Events pages (<https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events>), so you can stay apprised of your opportunities to participate. Here's a few upcoming events for your calendars.

October 11th - West Brook High School Homecoming Parade

- *(We need 15 Corvettes for this event, so let Mike White know if you plan to participate.)*

October 31st - Trunk or Treat at 5 Under Golf in Beaumont

- *(Check with Rod Johnstone for details)*

November 6th - 32nd Annual Bayou State Corvette Show in Scott, LA

November 13th - Lamar University Homecoming Parade in Beaumont

- *(We need 23 Corvettes for this event, you can register on the Events page.)*

November 20th - The Annual Bruno Winery Bonfire in Sour Lake



In closing, be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger M. Ross

Vice President

Tri City Corvette Club

October Birthdays

Larry Copeland

Traci Tucker

Joey Catalano

Ray Long

Lynn Snowden

Beth Wheeler

Glenn Johnson

Kathy Richardson

Mike White

Joe Robles

Mona Berry

Cathy Knott

Mike "Coach" Burgess

October Anniversaries

Gwen & Michael Frye

Vivianne & Chip Majors

Irene & Isaac Barbosa

Glinda & Dan Pareso

KOUNTZE HOMECOMING PARADE—September 16



LUMBERTON HOMECOMING PARADE—September 18



ORANGEFIELD HOMECOMING PARADE—September 24



BIG BOYZ TOYS CAR SHOW—SEPTEMBER 25



TCCC WINNERS

The winner of the TCCC trophy at The Big Boyz Toys Corvette Show was Claude Valentine with a 2014 custom red.



TOP WATER GRILL RUN—OCTOBER 9



Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2021

Held at Sombrero Mexican Grill

- **President: Mike White**

President, Mike White opened the meeting for the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all who serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome members:

Mike White said it is great to see everyone, and he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting. We had 63 members in attendance.

Welcome Guests:

- Curtis Horn attended his second meeting. He is from Hemphill and drives a C5 1998 Black Corvette.
- Mark & Christina Allen were voted in as members to the TCCC. They are from Lake Charles, Louisiana. They are trying to rebuild their home after both hurricanes. They have a blue C8 Corvette.
- Darrin Nepinsk has attended several meetings and he is moving back to Texas. Darrin created some TCCC window stickers, if you want to see them, or if you are interested in a sticker see him after the meeting.

Old Business:

Andrea Johnson shared that if the ladies have not brought in their shirts to have the TCCC emblem transferred to the shirt, please bring your shirts at the next meeting. TCCC had purchased 25 silver bling transfers and 25 dark transfers. Andrea wants to make sure all the ladies receive their two shirts before additional shirts are made for members who have requested extra shirts.

Rod Johnstone brought in several different sizes for the men in the club to try on the jackets so they can order their size. Rod explained that the jackets were supposed to be unisex jackets but are big on the ladies. Rod will be bringing different jackets for the ladies. **NOTE: Rod will be at Fuzzy's on Wednesday, October 20, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and will have the jackets for anyone who wants to try on and order.**

Bryan Serafino asked everyone to please take the time to update your profile on the website so that we have accurate information.

Good News/Sad News:

Kathy Vargas' 86-year-old father Mike McMahon Sr. is in hospice. Prayers for her father, Mike. Please keep Kathy, Joe, and their family in your prayers too.

Keep Mike White in your prayers as he is having a procedure on his eye lens. They will polish the lens on his cataract to provide him a clearer vision.

Sponsors:

Mike recognized our sponsors and thanked them for their support. Please remember to bring your business to our sponsors because the more business we can bring to our sponsors, the longer they can support us.

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Mike shared the list of charities that we donate to annually:

- * Buckner Children and Family Services
- * Humane Society of Southeast Texas
- * Jefferson County Child Welfare
- * Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"
- * The American Cancer Society
- * The Blue Santa Program
- * Southeast Texas Food Bank
- * Lamar University Scholarships
- * Texas Military Honors Team
- * 100 Club
- * The National Corvette Museum

- **Vice-President: Roger Ross**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Roger recognized the members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries for the month of October, 2021. Roger thanked Rod Johnstone for taking time to arrange for the jackets to be at the meeting so that the members can try them on for size and to be able to place orders for the jackets.

Past Events: Roger Ross provided an overview of past events.**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

Roger shared that the Beaumont Botanical Gardens and The Daughters of American Revolution 9/11 Ceremony event was awesome. Roger also thanked Misha for inviting the TCCC to attend the 9/11 event. Roger also recognized Shawn and Rocky Bruno for the outstanding job they did in presenting the 9/11 ceremony.

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Journey Community Church held their monthly car show. We had a good turnout and John Decker shared all the donations received will be donated to the Foster Closet.

Friday, September 24, 2021

TCCC had a great turnout of 15 corvettes to attend and support the Orangefield High School Homecoming.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

The Big Boyz Toys Corvette Club held their 8th Annual Car Show at Reel Cajun Restaurant. It was a great show and there were a lot of clubs from all different areas attending the car show. TCCC had 21 Corvettes in attendance and 18 of our members received trophies. The winner of the TCCC trophy at The Big Boyz Toys Corvette Show was Claude Valentine with a pretty 2014 custom red Corvette.

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Picket House Run to Woodville is canceled.

Upcoming Events: Roger Ross shared information about our upcoming events.

- **Saturday, October 9, 2021**

We will be making a run to the Top Water Grill in San Leon. We will meet at Fuzzy's in Beaumont at 7:30am for breakfast and fellowship, leaving at 8:30am. Mark Mott will lead, and we should arrive for a 11:00am lunch.

- **Monday, October 11, 2021**

West Brook High School Homecoming parade. Line up at 5:30pm, parade starts at 6pm. Short route again from back of the school to front and around the track. We need 15 corvettes.

- **Saturday, October 30, 2021**

Elite Auto Shield 3rd Annual Car Show at Tyrrell Park.

- **Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Rod Johnstone shared about the Truck or Treat at the 500 Club from 12:00pm to 5:30pm. This will be held for the kids. We will arrive in our Corvettes and open our trunks and pass out candy to the kids.

- **Saturday, November 6, 2021**

32nd Annual Bayou State Corvette Show at 724 IH 10 South Frontage Rd, Scott, Louisiana.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

Upcoming Events: (Continued)

- **Saturday, November 13, 2021**

Lamar Homecoming: Cathy Long shared that Lamar will need 23 corvettes for their homecoming parade. The lineup for the parade will be at 11:15am and the parade is at 12:00pm. More information to follow.

- **Saturday, November 20, 2021**

Shawn and Misha Bruno's 21st Annual Bon Fire Gathering. More information to follow.

- **Treasurer – Willa White**

Finance Report: Willa provided an overview of the finance report for September. She shared that everyone's dues were sent in to pay for our annual membership with the National Corvette Museum.

- **Secretary – Glinda Pareso**

Glinda read a thank you note from Misha Bruno. Misha shared on behalf of the Col. George Moffett Chapter of **the** daughters of the American Revolution. I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Tri-City Corvette Club for their participation in our 9/11 ceremonies. The beautiful corvettes lined up in salute to those we lost that day was so special. Thank you all for being such patriots!

- **Board Member – Rod Johnstone**

Rod Johnstone explained that the jackets he brought in were supposed to be unisex jackets, but they are too big for the ladies. He shared that he will be picking up some different jackets for the ladies. Rod shared that he will be at Fuzzy's on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Rod ask for the members to stop by and try the jackets on and enjoy some friendship and socializing.

Rod shared that the 500 Club asked us to be a part of the Trunk and Treat for the children on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:30pm. More information to follow.

Rod shared that he visited the Lingenfelter Museum. They gave Rod the last poster of the Lingenfelter upgraded Corvette. Rod brought the poster to the meeting and gave it to Brad Metz since he lost his Lingenfelter Corvette in the flood waters of Hurricane Harvey.

- **Board Member – Coach Burgess**

Coach shared that he presented a check for \$77.00 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank from our September meeting. Coach thanked all the members for their generosity. The Food Bank was very appreciative of our donation.

- **Board Member – John Berry**

John shared there will be a run to Top Water Grill in San Leon, Texas on Saturday, October 9. We will meet at Fuzzy's in Beaumont at 7:30am for breakfast and fellowship and leave at 8:30am. Mark Mott will lead the group to San Leon. We will arrive at the top Water Grill for a 11:00am for lunch.

- **Board Member– Michael Merideth**

Michael shared that October is the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. So, ladies please ensure that you get your mammograms completed.

Also, Michael shared that there are blood drives going on this month since they have a shortage on blood. Please take the time to donate a pint of blood.

Michael and Andrea Johnson attended the Child Welfare meeting since they are board members. They shared that they are planning a Drive through Christmas Party on December 11, 2021, for the children. The TCCC will be handing out stockings and candy. More information to follow.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Board Member and Marketing Chair – Brad Metz**

Brad explained that the Beaumont Convention Center pulled the TCCC records for 2016 to 2021 showing our contribution to the Beaumont community. Our annual car show brought business to the Holiday Inn by our guests. Last year there were 88 rooms booked at the Holliday Inn. The previous years we had 22 rooms, 35 rooms, and 30 rooms booked. They just wanted to thank the TCCC for bringing in business to the Beaumont area. The Beaumont Convention Center has put in a request to have additional funds to help us with our car show.

SPONSORS: Brad thanked and shared information about our sponsor donations:

Thank you to Thermacon Service Company who provided a donation to sponsor the TCCC.

Brad wanted to thank Gulf Credit Union for sponsoring us for the last 13 years. Also, Gulf Credit Union has provided a donation to sponsor us again this year.

We have also received a sponsor donation from Cotton Creek Winery. Artie and Traci Tucker are members of the TCCC. Thank you both for sponsoring us.

Thank you to Asbestos Outreach Texas, they have made their donation to the TCCC.

- **Scholarship for Lamar University– Cathy Long**

Cathy shared that Lamar Homecoming will be held on November 13, 2021, and they need 23 corvettes for the homecoming parade. Line up will be at 11:15am and the parade is at 12:00pm. Lamar is also providing us with a lunch.

Thanks to Pat, Andrea, and Willa for selling the split the pot tickets. Thanks to Rod Johnstone for handling the drawing for the split the pot.

Split the Pot: \$154 won by Andrea Johnson

Michael Fry recommended we close the TCCC Meeting and Patricia McCulley seconded the motion.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Sombrero Mexican Grill

6:00pm dinner

7:00pm meeting



NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson,
TCCC NCM Ambassador

October 2021

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 up 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

***eMemberships are excluded**

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

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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.***

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Lamination – \$5

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