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October 5, 2021

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The Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) newsletter is published monthly by volunteers and members of the TCCC. Subscription rates are free for members. Membership lists and financial data are not published. For change of address and all other TCCC inquiries, write to: **Tri-City Corvette Club, P.O. Box 636, Nederland, TX, 77627**. TCCC is an Unincorporated Non-Profit Association, which raises money for and participates with various local children's charities and high school college scholarship programs. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. We strive to promote exciting, safe & fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates a social time before and after the meeting. Our socials are always fun and are focused on getting to know one another. We have cookouts, day trips and weekend trips, and TCCC caravans to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. We participate in tours, holiday parades, and homecoming events at various high schools. We also participate in various car shows. Club dues are \$50 per person per year and are paid annually by the June business meeting. These dues cover membership in the NCM and the cost of running the club. Club officers, board and committee chairpersons serve as volunteers.

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike White

The Tri City Corvette Club Meeting was held September 7, 2021 at Sombrero Mexican Grill in Nederland. The meeting had 38 in attendance.

I would like to welcome back Curtis Horn for his second meeting. Welcome also to Camdon, Ken and Michelle Dollinger's son. Congratulations to Larry and Darlene Copeland, who were married August 1, 2021.

Andrea Johnson is still accepting ladies shirts for iron on club decals, so please bring your shirt to the meetings or an event.

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



For details of the meeting please read the meeting minutes in this Newsletter. Thank you Glinda for great club meeting minutes. Our VP Roger Ross will have an update on all past events and upcoming events in his VP report in this Newsletter.

Due to the concerns from several club members about Covid and being in a close confinement and the way they serve food at the Pickett House, we are canceling this event to a later date.

In case anyone has not seen this - it is posted in our website to help explain who we are:

Our Mission is to promote fellowship among Corvette Owners and to provide a source of information for Corvette enthusiasts. Our Club raises funds through membership dues, sponsors, and various events held throughout the year. These funds are used to support numerous local charities.

Dear Fellow Corvette Enthusiasts,

Greetings on behalf of myself, the officers, the ambassadors and general membership of the Tri-City Corvette Club. The Tri-City Corvette Club is comprised of Corvette owners throughout Southeast Texas who promote fellowship among its membership and is an organization that provides a source of information about Corvettes to those needing assistance.

The Tri-City Corvette Club is a civic-minded and community oriented organization. We provide Corvettes for the parades at various festivals, for homecoming dignitaries at area high schools, for car shows, car rallies, and other special occasions.

We donate time and club money to local charities like Buckner's Children and Family Services, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Jefferson County Foster Parent Association, Humane Society of Southeast Texas, and Texas Military Honors Team, Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH", 100Club of Southeast Texas, The Blue Santa Program, and The National Corvette Museum.

We are also proud to sponsor a scholarship to a deserving Lamar University upperclassman. In May we produce Southeast Texas' largest all Corvette Car Show to recognize our charities. Our membership has grown in the past several years to a friendly fellowship of Corvette enthusiasts.

We invite you to meet the necessary requirements for admission as stated in the club by-laws so that you can become part of this exciting organization. What other club in our area does this? The Tri-City Corvette Club is the Greatest.

**Congratulations to Ray Long winner of the ½ pot \$128**

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 meet October 5, 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!

We did not vote in any new members this month. However, prospective member Curtis Horn of Hemphill did attend the meeting. Curtis owns a black 1998 C5.

During the officer reports, John Berry told us that the Fin & Feather Run on August 28th was a big success. He wanted to thank Mark Mott, Bill Hanley and Rhett Lovelady for all of their help with the event.

Our Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum, Glenn Johnson supplied us with some background on the NCM's new President & CEO Sharon Brawner of Nashville, Tennessee. She brings an abundance of experience to the table and it should be an exciting time for the museum. Glenn also presented the club President with our club banner that flew over the museum last year. The club voted to offer the banner to the highest bidder in the silent auction at the 2022 TCCC Car Show.



Although it is not Corvette related, I would like to congratulate Dave Pareso for winning "Best in Class" with his custom 1951 Mercury at the Hot Summer Nights Car Show on August 14th. Congratulations Dave.....she is an awesome ride!

Summer is in full swing and the opportunities to drive and show your beautiful Corvettes are abundant. So, sign up for some events and spend some time with your fellow club members. 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 are a few upcoming events for your calendars.

September 11th Never Forget 9/11 Memorial Event in Beaumont

September 11th Monthly Journey Church Show & Shine in Lumberton

September 24th Annual Orangefield High School Homecoming in Orangefield

September 25th Big Boyz' Toys 8th Annual Car Show in Port Arthur

October 2nd Club Run to the Picket House in Woodville

October 30th Elite Auto Shield's 3rd Annual Car Show in Beaumont

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

**August Birthdays**

Bill Hammond  
Rickie Knott  
Jimmy Sattler  
Mark Mott  
Willie Walker  
Craig Horn

**August Anniversaries**

Sherrie & Roger Ross (9 years)



# 9/11 Memorial



**Never Forget  
9/11 Memorial**  
The Beaumont Botanical Gardens  
and  
The Colonel George Moffatt Chapter of The DAR  
request your presence at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11

To be held at the 9/11 Memorial inside the gardens at  
Tyrrell Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10 AM.

- First Responders
- Beaumont Police Department
- Beaumont Fire Department
  - EMS Ambulances
- Beaumont City Officials
  - Pastoral Staff
- West Brook High School
  - Navy Color Guard
- Boy Scouts of America
- Flag Bearers, Bugler and Bagpipers
  - The Corvette Club

Rocky Bruno (Austin, TX) to recite  
the Pledge of Allegiance and  
the Declaration of Independence



## Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

**Date: September 7, 2021**

**Meeting Location: Sombrero's 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 38 members in attendance.

**Welcome Guests:**

- \* Ken & Michelle Dollinger's son, Camdon who was with them for the meeting.
- \* Curtis Horn for attending his second meeting.
- \* Congratulations to Larry and Darlene Copeland who were married in August.
- \* We hope Kelly Cody starts feeling better soon, as she has Covid.

**Old Business:**

Andrea Johnson returned the ladies shirts with the TCCC emblems. The shirts turned out very nice. If you have not brought your shirts in, please bring them to the next meeting.

**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.

**Moore Chevrolet-Buick-GMC- Cadillac of Silsbee**  
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**TWFG Insurance Services: Terry Cauthen**  
**Elite Auto Shield**  
**Cotton Creek Winery, Tracy and Artie Tucker**  
**Asbestos Health Line**

**Mike shared the list of charities:**

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

- **Vice-President: Roger Ross**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Roger recognized the members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries for the month of September, 2021.

**Past Events:**

Roger Ross provided an overview of past events. Roger asked the members to continue to look at our website to stay informed about the upcoming events.

Hot Summer Nights Car Show, Sat, August 14, 2021, from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM held at Classic Southeast Texas Car Dealer in Beaumont. Dave Pareso took Best in Show with his 51 Merc.

Glenn Johnson shared that he thought that TCCC supporting Classic SETX Car show would offend our current sponsor, Moore Chevrolet, and members should not be attending the Classic Car Show. Glenn was concerned about the possibility of losing Moore as one of our sponsors. Glinda shared that TCCC did not sponsor the car show, The Front Row Vettes are the one who put the message out for all vets to meet at a certain location and drive into the car show as the Front Row Vettes gathering. Note: We have members who belong to both clubs. Plus, it was brought up by Bill Hanley that the Classic Car Show was to raise funds for Boys Haven. John Berry shared that as members of the TCCC, we should be able to attend other car shows to assist them in raising funds for a good cause.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Roger Ross shared information about our upcoming events.**

- September 11 at 10:00am—Misha shared the Beaumont Botanical Gardens and The Daughters of American Revolution 9/11 event. Shawn Bruno will be MCing the event. Please come attend the 20th Anniversary at the 9/11 monument inside the Beaumont Botanical gardens, Tyrrell Park at 10:00am. The TCCC is invited to line up with all Corvettes. They would like to have Red, White, & Blue corvettes on the front line.
- September 11 at 4:00pm—Journey Community Church will host their monthly Car Show Sept 11 at 4:00pm. John Decker ask for everyone to come join the car show and fellowship. All donations support the Foster Closet.
- September 25 at 9:00am—The Big Boyz Toys Corvette Club 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show will be at Reel Cajun Restaurant. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the car show is from 11:30 to 4:00pm. They always come out to support our car show so let see if we can have a great showing at their car show.
- October 2 at 9:00am—Pickett House run to Woodville. Meet at Fuzzy's at 9:00am and leave at 10am for a fun day of caravanning, fellowship and eating home style cooking at the Pickett House.
- October 30—Elite Auto Shield will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show at Tyrrell Park.

- **Treasurer – Willa White**

**Finance Report:** Willa provided an overview of the finance report for August. She explained some of our expenses and deposits that we received for August.

- **Secretary – Glinda Pareso**

No report.

- **Board Member – Michael Merideth**

No Report

- **Board Members – John Berry**

John shared that we had a nice showing of members and 14 cars attended the run to Fin and Feathers. He thanked Mark Mote, Bill Hanley, Rhett Lovelady for all their help with the event.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Board Member and Membership Director – Kelly Cody**  
Kelly could not attend the meeting since she has covid.
- **Board Member – Coach Burgess**  
Coach shared that he presented a check for \$152 to the Southeast Texas Food Bank from our August meeting. Coach thanked all the members for their generosity. The Food Bank was very appreciative of our donation. Coach shared that the Trophy is on order for the Big Boys Toyz Car Show.
- **Board Member – Rod Johnstone**  
Rod was on a work conference call and could not attend the meeting. Mike White shared that Rod would bring 4 sample jackets to our next meeting so the sizes can be verified before the jackets are ordered for the members.
- **Newsletter – Jane Barron**  
Jane shared she found a computer to help the registration at our annual car show go smoother. A printer was donated by Michael Frye. Mike White made the motion to approve the purchase of a computer and printer cartridges, and John Berry seconded it. Note: the purchase of a computer was approved by the members at a previous meeting.
- **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report – Glenn Johnson**  
Glenn shared that NCM Board of Directors has selected Sharon Brawner to serve as President and CEO of the Corvette Museum. Glenn explained with Sharon's background and experience, she will be a true asset to the NCM.  
  
Glenn brought the TCCC Banner back to the club. This is the banner that hung at the NCM for the last year and shared that we can put banner in the TCCC Silent Auction at our annual car show.  
  
Glenn reminded everyone of how proud he is of the TCCC for having 100 Percent membership in the NCM.  
  
Thanks to Kim, Andrea, Mona, and Willa for selling the split the pot tickets. Thanks to Willa for handling the drawing for the split the pot.

**Split the Pot:** \$128 won by Ray Long

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Sombrero Mexican Grill**

**6:00pm dinner**

**7:00pm meeting**

(Meeting Minutes continued)

- **Members Comments:**

Liz Hanley shared there are no addresses on our list of members on our website, only phone numbers. Mike said he would investigate it.

Andrea shared that she, Michael Merideth and John Berry are working on putting together a run to the Pickett House.

**Split the Pot:** \$131 won by Brenda Nichols

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## *NCM Corner*

*Glenn Johnson,  
TCCC NCM Ambassador*

### **September 2021**

#### **NCM Support**

The Museum is a living, growing organization inspiring generations of Corvette enthusiasts through public tours and special events onsite and across the country. To benefit and sustain its growth, the Museum encourages support through its membership program.

Contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations are essential to support our core operations, maintain the Museum's outstanding collections and facilities, and further our expansion efforts. Naming opportunities are available to honor your business, family member or friend as well as recognize your generosity and commitment to the Museum.

The NCM welcomes the opportunity to discuss your interest in making a charitable, tax deductible gift, pledge commitment, or including the Museum in your estate plans. For additional information, please contact us at 800-53-VETTE(8338) or email at [giving@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:giving@corvettemuseum.org).

#### ***Membership in the National Corvette Museum***

##### **Current TCCC Lifetime Members of the NCM**

**Tri-City Corvette Club (SE Texas)**

**Glenn & Andrea Johnson**

**Ronnie & Cindy Jones**

**Buzz & Cathy Long**

**Jerry & Pat McCulley**

**Chip & Vivian Majors**

**Lance Marchand**

## **NCM Lifetime Members enjoy the following benefits:**

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Your contributions are welcome through participation in our programs:

1. Make an **annual gift**.
2. **Gift the Museum a Corvette** or Corvette related memorabilia.
3. Purchase a **brick or bench** to honor, celebrate, or recognize a special person.
4. Become a part of the Museum's ongoing efforts to enhance our facilities, exhibits, and educational opportunities with an **outright gift**.
5. **Place your name on our Flint Wall** or on one of our **Theater Seats**.
6. Contribute to our educational programs. Donations earmarked for education help subsidize the cost of a field trip for students who might not otherwise get to participate, school field trip transportation costs, classroom outreach programs, and teen driving academy fees.
7. **Include the Museum** in your estate plans through a bequest, life insurance policy, retirement plan or other opportunity.

## NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK



Have a need for SPEED? The NCM Motorsports Park is located less than two miles from the Museum and offers the chance for you to ride in a Corvette, drive your car on the road course for a lap, participate in a high performance driving school and/or spectate at one of many motorsports events going on throughout the season.

Don't have a performance car? No worries! The track offers Hot Laps where one of our professional drivers will take you for a spin in a Corvette or you can drive one of the track's C8 Corvette Stingray Z51s for a few laps in a lead/follow format. Laps are available when the track is not in use for an event. When planning a trip, you are welcome to call ahead to check availability and make an appointment. No appointment? Give us a heads up when you are in town and we will do our best to accommodate you for a ride!

### Hot Laps

One session includes pit out, one time by, and pit in (approximately two laps around our Grand Full Course). Minimum age to participate is 15. Average speeds top 100 MPH.

Cost: \$125/session

### C8 Corvette Touring Laps

One session includes four laps in the track's C8 Corvette Stingray Z51 in a lead/follow format. Minimum age to drive is 18. Must sign a Vehicle Damage Policy and Indemnity Agreement.

Cost: \$220/session

If you have your own car to drive on the track, consider a Touring Lap.

### Touring Laps

One session includes four laps in your own car at average highway speeds in a lead/follow format. Passengers 14 years or older are welcome.

Cost: \$50/session



Gift certificates are available for laps.

Laps are available weekdays when the track is not rented and during select National Corvette Museum sponsored events and activities. Laps are offered on the hour, every hour, starting at 11:00am CT and ending at 2:00pm CT. Please call in advance to give the Motorsports Park staff a heads up that you'd like to participate so that cars and equipment are ready when you arrive. Laps are not available during private events, or while the track is in use by an event. Track availability is dependent on weather. **NO REFUNDS.**

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### Spectating

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