

BRAZOS RIVER

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CORVETTE CLUB

Newsletter



BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB
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2016 Club Officers

President	Terry Varner
Vice President	Ed Pultorak
Secretary	Kim Sheppard
Treasurer	Teresa Batson

2016 Appointments

Cruise Coordinator	Kelly Fulmer
BRCC Charity	Pat Waddell, Berni Mull & Libby Lanzara
Car Show Directors	Jim & Sharon Hill
Charity Raffle	Larry DeYoung
Competition Coordinators	Neal Bellamy/David Penwell & Dale VanFosen
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Pat Waddell
Merchandise	Larry Sharp
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Guy Mabee
NCCC Governor	Neal Bellamy
Yahoo email Group Manager	Jim Hill
Web Master	Sandy Varner

Membership Meetings

General membership meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month, exceptions are posted on the web site and members notified via Yahoo mail.

Meetings are held at the Harbor Lakes Golf Club, Granbury TX (See web page for map), meeting begin at 6:00pm for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00pm and usually over before 9:00pm.

August Birthdays



Natalie Mathews	Aug 1
Betty Keck	Aug 5
Larry DeYoung	Aug 6
Bobby Pickett	Aug 6
Garry Sheppard	Aug 7
Terry Keck	Aug 16
Dorena Lawyer	Aug 17
Paul Kessler	Aug 21
David Batson	Aug 23
Jim Hill	Aug 24
Chip Mull	Aug 24
Wendell Sadler	Aug 25
Carolyn Penwell	Aug 28

August Anniversaries

Tim & Gina Page	Aug 8
Dale & Susan Van Fossen	Aug 19

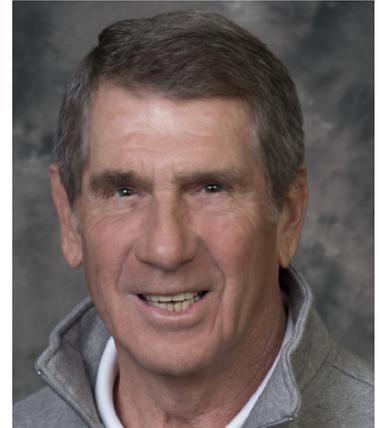


Happy Anniversary!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Terry Varner

HOT. HOT.

Welcome to Texas in the summer. Not much to report this Month. A lot of our members are pretty busy this time of the year what with travel, visitors and so on, so we don't have a lot of events coming up for August. Kelly and I are working on some idea's for August and September.



We had ten cars for the Heroes Cafe cruise. We took some back roads to Cleburne, which gave our cars a little workout. The lunch place turned out very good. I was a little worried about parking, but it worked out well. The food was good, everyone seemed to enjoy their orders. The Chicken fried steak looked like a good one. The Burger I had was great. After lunch we split up and cruised for home. Sandy and I, the leaders, seemed to have lost everyone on the way home. I'm blaming Sandy, she was driving.

Our annual Car Show, held on October 8th, is coming up pretty fast. Want to remind everyone to try to keep that date open. We will need all hands on deck to make the show a success again. If anyone has any new ideas to raise more money for our designated charity, Ruth's Place, let me know and I will bring it up at our next meeting.

I would like to welcome our new members David & Linda Dowell, and Beth Batista. David and Linda purchased their Corvette from Libby Lanzara. They have attended a couple of meetings, and decided to formally join us and came along with us on the cruise to Cleburne. Please join me in welcoming them to our club.

Things are still being worked out on our cruise to Arkansas, mid to late October. More details and possibly exact dates at our August meeting.

Don't forget dinner RSVPs for our meeting August 4th. Just a reminder, dinner is \$16.00 per person, not \$15.00. Thanks again for your cooperation on this matter it has been working very well.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our August 4th meeting

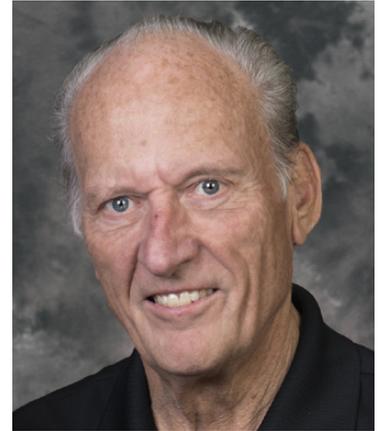
The Pres.

Terry Varner

MESSAGE FROM THE Vice PRESIDENT

ED PULTORAK

As you may already know, I am on a long road trip. We left the 100+ weather for a cooler location. So far, I've had a week of 105+ with my personal record of 118 in Needles, CA. We are now in Napa Valley where the weather in the high 80's seems almost cold.



The only car related stuff was ...

Saw a car hauler dropped in the middle of I40 with the first 2 or 3 new cars burned out, the next 2 flaming, and last waiting for their turn -- no fire truck to be seen, and traffic at a standstill for more than 25 miles.

Saw a Packard 160 coupe convertible being towed behind a motor home.

Saw a Porsche SUV.

Kind of boring car stuff ... I'll try to come up with something better next time.

Ed Pultorak

JULY 7TH BRCC MINUTES

On July 7, 2016 the Brazos River Corvette Club meeting was held at Harbor Lakes Country Club.

Terry asked John Bratta to bless the meal. John asked for blessings for the fellowship and the meal shared by the group.

At 6:59 PM Terry Varner came forward to open the meeting. Terry requested veteran Bob Brandies to lead the members in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Terry introduced and welcomed the guests present. David and Linda Dowell and Beth Batista.

Three guests and 28 members were in attendance.

Terry spoke about the upcoming trip to Arkansas in October, lead by Kim and Gary Sheppard. A sign up sheet was being passed around and he requested members to sign up, even if they were not sure if they could attend. The dates of the Arkansas cruise are October 20, 21, 22. The club picnic went well and Terry thanked Kelly, Debbye, Teresa and David for all that they did. Terry spoke about how wonderful the trip to Nacoma was. Robert and Susie Williams lead the group to The Horton Museum. It was filled with many awesome older cars and was well worth it. The 4th of July parade was a great time. He also reminded the group about the car show in October. It takes a lot of members to contribute their time in working the event and donating items for the silent auction. Speak to Jim Hill about what is needed.

Reports:

Terry requested any corrections or changes to the June minutes. None were given. A motion was made by Terry Keck to accept the minutes and seconded by Bob Brandies. All unanimously accepted the minutes.

Treasurer Teresa Batson came forward to read the balance of the club. David Batson made the motion to accept the Treasures report and Larry Sharp seconded it. All present unanimously approved the Treasures report.

Committee Reports:

Events/Cruise

Kelly Fulmer was not present. Terry reminded the group of the July 23rd cruise to Cleburne he and Sandy are leading. It is an eclectic place for lunch and listed on Trip Adviser. Meet at Starbucks at 10:00 AM. Larry Sharp is working on a cruise to Rough Creek Lodge in August.

Newsletter/Car show/Yahoo Group Manager/Photographer/Historian

Jim Hill reported their was an error on the last page of the newsletter. He asked if anyone had noticed the incorrect date. A few raised their hands. Jim has the new shirts listed in the Newsletter with prices. Bob Brandies wrote the car show judging program we have been using for about eight years. Bob is helping with the judging. Jim informed us that our cars are not in the show. Jim will put out a mailing at the end of the month. It cost around \$300.00 and includes the postage and ink cartridges. Jim asked for a vote to approve the expenditure.



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Questions from the group asked which was more affective the mailings or the internet? Sandy has had a few inquires on the web site. Jim did not have the answer but would put that on the form. The show is the same times as last year. October fest will be on the side streets and draw more people in. A 100% of the proceeds goes to our charity, Ruth's Place. Jim's son donates the trophies and Lipan bank gives the BRCC \$500.00. Terry then asked for a vote to spend the \$300.00. David Batson made the motion followed by Bob Brandies. All were in favor. Terry thanked Jim for a tremendous job along with the women that work the auction.

Member Care

Pat Waddell was not present.

NCCC Governor

Neal Bellamy reported the Track day is the same format and planned for November 19th. A maximum of 25 cars allowed. On August 13 and 14 at Motor Sport Ranch, there will be 14 low speed events. Cones are set up and maximum speed is 60/70 mph. Seven events on Saturday and seven events on Sunday. Early registration is \$130.00. Neil has information available for the Cowtown event on September 17 and 18. Phil Harris asked Neil to explain how to prepare your corvette for a track day. Very easy....check tires, oil, brake fluids, wear long pants, a helmet, closed toed shoes. It is lead and follow with classroom sessions provided.

Web master:

Sandy Varner had nothing new to report.

National Corvette Museum:

Guy had National Corvette brochures to had out and was selling the tickets for the black 2016 Sting Ray. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be drawn on September 3, 2016.

Club Merchandise:

Larry Sharp reported the website has the shirt information.

Open Discussion:

Jim Hill is willing to give up car show responsibilities. He will train you. Betty Keck spoke that Kerry Lawson made tonight's cake and she is willing to always bring a dessert for the meetings. Terry and the group thanked Kerry for the cake and John Boyd for sponsoring the golf.

Charity Raffle:

Larry DeYoung sold 50/50 tickets and Larry DeYoung won.

Adjourn:

David Batson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Larry Sharp.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Sheppard

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRCC 2016 Calendar

The primary interest in our club is centered on activities. Our best months are those with two cruises. We need each of you to organize and lead an activity. You will get all the help you need to contribute to our club success.

Please contact our Activity Director Kelly Fulmer 817-296-7554 to plan an event.

Feb 7	Super Bowl 50	Libby Lanzara
Feb 27	Lunch Cruise to Hico	Hill's & Harris's
March 19	Hard 8, Stephenville Cruise	Terry & Sandy Varner
March 25	Cranfills Gap Cruise	Gary & Kim Sheppard
April 2	Granbury High School Auto Tec Club Show	Terry & Sandy Varner
April 24	Vettes at Lost Oak Winery	Neal Bellamy 817-975-1422
May 14	Revolver Brewery	Terry & Sandy Varner
May 21	Pecan Plantation Car Show	Terry & Sandy Varner
May 28	Cowboy Stadium Tour	Nick Griffin 817-776-3824
June 4	BRCC Annual Picnic	Kelly & Debbye Fulmer 817-296-7554
June 11-17	Hot Rod Power Tour	
June 25	Nacona Horton Classic Car Museum	Robert & Susie Williams 214-802-3143
July 4	4th of July Parade	John Bratta 817-0573-2272
July 23	Cleburne Cruise & Lunch Hero's	Terry & Sandy Varner
August		
Sept ?	Classic Chevrolet	Jim and Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Oct 8	11th Annual BRCC Car Show	Jim and Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Oct 15	Cowtown Annual Car Show	Jim and Sharon Hill 817-279-0959
Oct 22	Sulphur Springs Car Show	
Oct 20-22	Arkansas Cruise	Gary & Kim Sheppard
Nov 11	Veterans Day Parade	John & Peggi Bratta 817-0573-2272
Nov 19	Motor Sport Ranch Track Day	Neal Bellamy 817-975-1422
		David Penwell & Dale Van Fossen 817-999-1621
Dec 7	Christmas Party	BRCC
Dec ?	Christmas Toy Car Show	Neal/Jane Bellamy 817-975-1422

Granbury 4th of July Parade



2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport



Chevrolet announced today the track-bred 2017 Corvette Grand Sport will be priced at \$66,445 for coupe models and \$70,445 for convertibles, when they go on sale this summer

Wider is Better

Chevrolet bolts to the '17 Grand Sport the current Z06's cooling systems, wider rear fenders, and a look-alike grille. The 19-inch front and 20-inch rear wheels wear Z06-fitment 285/30 and 335/25 Michelin Pilot Super Sport rubber. The regular Corvette's optional Magnetic Ride Control adjustable dampers come standard, as do specially tuned anti-roll bars and front and rear transverse composite leaf springs. The GS's brakes are in-betweeners, with 14-inch front rotors and 13.4-inch rears being larger than the Corvette Stingray's (even those on the optional Z51 performance package) but smaller than those on the Z06. Brembo six-piston calipers squeeze the front rotors, while four-piston units clamp the rears. Finally, the Stingray Z51's electronically controlled rear differential is standard.

Power comes from the same LT1 6.2-liter V-8 engine used by Corvette Stingrays, albeit with those models' optional dual-mode exhaust bolted up to every example. The sweet-sounding exhaust adds loudness and five horsepower to the Corvette's V-8, bringing the sums to hellaciously loud and 460 horsepower. Chevrolet will offer both its seven-speed manual transmission and its eight-speed automatic, and the Grand Sport will be available in both coupe and convertible body styles. The fender hash stripes are optional—in your choice of six colors!—and so, too, are full-length body stripes.

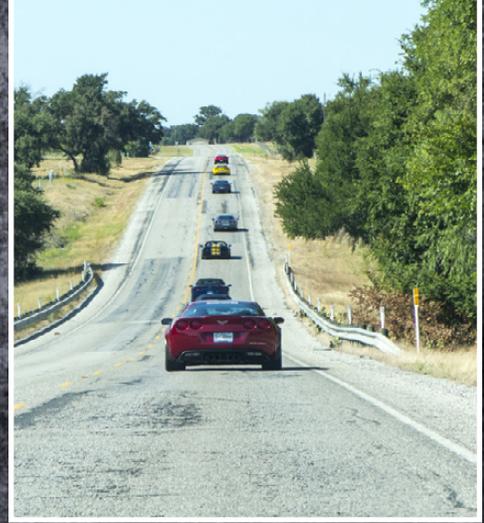
Critically, the Grand Sport's V-8 borrows its dry-sump lubrication system from the Z51-package Corvette Stingray. This lubrication setup is well equipped to handle engine oiling during high-g cornering—and the Grand Sport is certainly capable of some seriously high-g cornering, with Chevrolet claiming that this newest Vette can pull 1.05 g of lateral grip on the standard Michelin tires. The optional Z07 package is modeled after the Corvette Z06's identically named bundle and brings that figure to a claimed 1.20 g. The Z07 kit includes Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires, carbon-ceramic brakes, and a passel of functional carbon-fiber pieces for aerodynamics. Of course, testing procedures and the size of the test skidpad can affect lateral-g readings, but we've coaxed 1.19 g out of a Z07-equipped Corvette Z06 on our 300-foot-diameter skidpad. Which is to say that Chevy's estimates for the Grand Sport might not be hyperbole.

Grand Sporting, for Less

We enjoyed the C6 Corvette Grand Sport's affordable-performance vibe throughout that model's two-year production run, and we're excited by the C7 version. The idea of throwing top-notch, track-worthy suspension components and tires at an otherwise base-level Corvette dovetails nicely with legendary Corvette maven Zora Arkus-Duntov's efforts to slip racing-spec bits into '60s-era Vettes to give consumers an edge at the track. While everyone remembers the five original Grand Sports as greatly underutilized racing cars that were cut down in their prime by General Motors' arbitrary internal racing ban in 1963, Duntov sneakily offered consumers larger brake and fuel-tank options, as well as the famous L88 big-block engine option, in order to keep Corvettes winning at the racetrack. Unbeknownst to him at the time, the cherry-picking of high-performance components from GM's parts bin laid the groundwork for the future Grand Sport line.

The supercharged, 650-hp Corvette Z06 is today's halo Corvette, and while it remains a performance bargain at \$80,395, its suspension, tires, and brakes are the critical components for track duty. (Okay, the extra 190 horsepower ain't bad, either.) Chevrolet Grand Sport will cost less than Z06 like the previous-generation model, it will cost only a few thousand bucks more than a standard Corvette Stingray. For those jonesing for a track weapon on a budget, that makes the Grand Sport the ultimate toy. As bonuses, it can pull double duty as a daily driver—and leaves one with plenty of Z06 savings for replacement tires and brake pads.

June 23rd Cruise to Cleburne for Lunch



FOR SALE



2013 Corvette Convertible Grand Sport 4LT Z16



888-382-8171

2013 Chevrolet Corvette
White Convertible, Automatic 6.2L
V8 Diamond Blue, Navigation

13,541 miles
Classic Price \$44,300



2010 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 3LT
Yellow Coupe, Manual
Ebony Interior

13,980 miles
Classic Price \$38,450



BRCC Logo Merchandise

Larry Sharp has lots of great merchandise for sale with the BRCC logo on them. Here is a sampling of most of our items. *We are open to additional item upon request.*

Larry Sharp
Merchandise
817-475-9692
LarySharp2004@gmail.com



Flame Caps\$ 12.00
Solid Color sandwich bill caps\$ 12.00



Nike Polo Shirts 363-807\$ 30.00
Many colors, Yellow, Light Blue, Med Blue, Varsity Red, White, Black, Pink & Others



Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL
Mens: Black, Charcoal Grey, Navy Blue, Med Blue, Forest Green, Maroon
Ladies: Black, Charcoal Grey, Med Blue, Dust Rose, Pink Rush, Navy Blue, White



Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00
Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall
Black, White, Vintage Heather, Graphite Heather, Light Heather, Forest Green, Dark Pink, Pink, Maroon, True Red, True Navy, True Royal



Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 \$25.00
Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
All colors



Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies\$35.00
Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar
XS-6XL and Long



ADD \$3.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES

Name Tags\$9.00



Next Club Meeting Aug 4th

