



# Brazos River Corvette Club Newsletter



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**Brazos River Corvette Club**

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## 2024 BRCC Officers

President	Becky Skaggs
Vice President	WJ Gourley
Secretary	Jill Brown
Treasurer	Robert Williams
Cruise Coordinator	Becky Skaggs
BRCC Charity	Vickie Lawrence & Cindy LaRusso
Car Show Directors	Theresa Halford, Lead Bob Halford, Support
Charity Raffle	Bob Williams
Historian / Newsletter	Jim Hill
Member Care	Jan Walker
Merchandise	Nin Hulett
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Michael Hokanson
NCCC Governor	Robert Williams (acting)
Email Group Manager	Judy Fikes
Web Master	Bill Mozingo

## Happy Birthday

Arlene De Young	Sept 10
Robert Williams	Sept 10
Peggy Rogers	Sept 21
Emma Gourley	Sept 23
Carol Harris	Sept 29

## Anniversaries

Bill & Peggy Rogers	Sept 19
Nin & Jan Hulett	Sept 18
Fravel & Libby McHaney	Sept 23
Gary & Kim Sheppard	Sept 24

**Happy Anniversary!!**

## Membership Meetings

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

Meetings are held at Spring Creek BBQ, Granbury TX, begin at 6:00 PM for socializing and ordering dinner, club business starts at 7:00 PM and usually over before 9:00 PM.



**WORDS  
FROM  
THE  
PRESIDENT**



**F**all is nearly here. Although, we have had a pleasant summer compared to 2023, I know I am looking forward to cooler temperatures. Fall is my favorite time of the year. Spring is great, but it is usually windier so fall tops the spring season for me.

We had two wonderful cruises in August. Both the lunch cruise and Saturday cruise took wonderful routes containing both straight roads and curvy roads. Mary's and The Feed Mill were both enjoyed for lunch. See the detailed reports in the newsletter for both. If you want to find out about the U-turn and feral hog read the Gatesville report for sure.

Something all probably knows, but I just want to provide a friendly reminder. When we are on a cruise, and you see anyone with corvette issues that they are pulling over please make sure one or more corvettes assists and stays with them until the issue is resolved. We were on our last Saturday cruise, and we had an issue where you could not get a phone call out or receive one, yet I could see a cell tower not that far away. Never assume. If the people in the corvette were by themselves and they could not drive their corvette it could be a while before someone comes along to help them. We are a wonderful team that always takes care of each other.

Be sure you plan to attend our September 7th picnic. If you have not responded yet to the RSVP email with the detailed information, please do. We need a count so the Halfords who are hosting know how the number of Brisket Burgers to plan for. This should be a great social time for all attending to get to know each other better.

We have our next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 5th, at the Spring Creek BBQ restaurant on 377. The meeting starts at 7pm, however get there early for dinner and to socialize. Let's get those corvettes out for the meeting.

All the best,

*Becky Stagg*







**BRCC Meeting Agenda  
for August 1, 2024  
7pm at Spring Creek BBQ**



Meeting called to order: 7:01

**In Attendance:**

- 50 members
- 4 guests
- 54 Total
- Total members to date: 99 as of this time in 2024. We are only 1 away from our target membership maintenance goal of 100.

**Evening Prayer** – Led by Steve Crawford

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Tiffany Sprong

Birthday Recognition: Michael Hokanson

**Member update:**

New Corvette Babies

- Rob Reeves (got them within 10 days of each other
  - 91 C4 steel blue (aquired it from aunt) has 50,000
  - From his dad: 2000 convertible c5 (19,000 miles)
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - C7 black (1987 or 1967)
  - Sold 50th anniversary

Guests

- Mike Miller of Double M Garage Doors
  - owns a 2001 C5 z06 silver Corvette. 55,000 miles
- Mark Braswell
  - owns a 2003 c5 z06 red Corvette.
  - And a 1980 c3 black "slightly modified"
- Ken Dees
  - owns a C7 2019. Corvette.
- Micheal Drake
  - owns a 2019 Grand Sport with supercharger- Silver with red interior Corvette.



**Minutes:** Jill Brown

Minutes were posted on the website and newsletters. They were also sent out via email earlier in the week.

No corrections or amendments were made.

- Motion: Charles Curtis
- Seconded: Cynthia Sadler
- All in favor: motion carries unanimously

**Treasures Report:** Robert Williams (Read by Jill Brown)

Treasurer's Report for 1 June 2024 through 31 July 2024

NOTE: No meeting in July

Cash Balance at the Beginning of Period 1 June: \$3,035.30

Income:

- Subtotal-----:\$140.00.

Expenses paid and checks cashed:

- Subtotal-----:\$337.70

**Cash Balance at the end of Period 31 July: \$2,837.60**

- Motion to accept: Sonny Morgan
- Seconded: Ed Amos
- All in favor: motion carries unanimously

**Car show update:** Theresa Halford with Bob Halford

- BRCC Car show date is October 12, 2024
- **Charity committee leads:** Vicki Lawrence and Cindy LaRusso
- **Car Show items:** Theresa Halford
  - Looking for volunteers 8-10 people to stuff envelopes on Thursday at 6:00 pm 8/8/24
  - Trophies are verified
    - 50 trophies will be given out
  - Sony Morgan will do the sound
  - We will need volunteers to change the labels on wine bottles
  - Liability insurance has been requested



- Jim Morrison will be in charge of judges
  - Judging school will be 9/28/25 at 10:00 am
  - Need 10 judging teams
- Terry Varner is in charge of parking cars
  - Needs 6 more volunteers to help organize cars
- No silent auction this year-please if you want to donate - give monies to Mission Granbury
- Will have the 50/50 raffle
- Member Parking: please park on Bridge Street
  - Will need volunteers to help park

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Member Care:** Jan Walker

- Updates: sent out 4 cards get-well cards

#### **Webmaster:** Bill Mozingo

- Updates: website is updated

#### **Email Distribution list update:** Judy Fikes

- Updates: all members should be getting emails on BRCC updates
- Check your spam if you are not or check with Judy to be sure your email is correct

#### **Club Merchandise:** Nin Hulett

- Updates:
- 25 new corvette stickers
- \$5.00 for T-shirts
- Have other apparel

#### **National Corvette Museum:** Michael Hokanson

- Updates: caravan to museum 8/29-30/24
- We are now up-to-date with membership
- Website - have added a car-show event calendar will add our car show to that calendar

#### **NCCC:** Robert Williams

- Updates: no updates

#### **Events Coordinator:** Becky Skaggs



### July completion activities:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> - Parade: Granbury 4th of July Celebration with the Parade held on Thursday, July 4th. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the town. We were allowed 4 corvettes to enter the parade and we drove the Grand Marshal at the request for a red convertible. Thanks to those who represented the club well.
  - Event drivers for the 4 corvettes in the parade
    - Bob and Theresa Halford
    - WJ Gourley
    - Ray and Ellen Horn
    - Rick and Janice Price
  - Red Convertible driving the Grand Marshal – Michael Hokanson
- July 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Charles Curtis led a cruise to the Possum Kingdom area for lunch at The Cliffs. This was rescheduled from May due to the weather.
- July 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday - Lunch social for the Ladies of BRCC at Christina's on the Granbury square.
  - There has been input from a few ladies that they would like to have a lady's luncheon to get to know each other better.
  - Driving a corvette was not required
  - Fifteen women joined
  - We had ice breaker questions during dessert which was provided at our first ladies luncheon by the club. Lots of laughter and fun was had as we heard from each person attending.
  - Becky read a poem that she wrote for the women of the club
    - It was well received

### August save the dates:

- August 8/20/24 Saturday cruise
  - Lead – Terry and Sandy Varner
  - Meet at Racetrak
  - Drive to Gatesville, Texas
  - Lunch at The Feed Mill
- August 8/7/24, Lunch Cruise
  - Lead – Bob and Susie Williams
  - Meet at CFCO on north loop at TX 51 9:00-leave at 9:30
  - Drive to Hill Country
  - Stop at truck stop in Thurber
  - Lunch at Mary's cafe

Key future dates to make sure you have on your calendars



- September 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Annual Member Picnic
  - Bob and Theresa Halford will host
  - In July meeting, we approved up to \$500 for the Halford's to provide the meat. Anything not spent will be included in our donation to charity.
  - Potluck event for the rest with more detail coming on what to bring, time, etc.
  - Becky will send out more details
- December 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Christmas Party
  - Location Harbor Lakes Country Club
  - Start time: 6:00pm drinks and socialize, 7:00pm Dinner, 8:00pm Gift Exchange with finish around 10:00pm

Jim Hill:

- Has posted more pictures to website

### **New Business**

- Tom McElroy wants to update the club on:
  - Lance McLean foundation
    - Has some raffle tickets for sale to help sell monies for the foundation
  - The Chisholm Trail 100
    - Started in Houston in 1953 - through donations and funding from business - set up an insurance policy for any 1st responder who dies in the line of duty or is hurt, family to receive money.
    - Has a car show; clay shoot; and golf tournament to help raise money.

Other new business?

- Ed Amos is selling coasters - money will be donated to BRCC club (Mission Granbury)
  - \$12.00 was given to Becky to provide to our Treasurer, Robert Williams.

**Entertainment:** Ed Amos shares a joke





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**50/50 Raffle**

- Update on collection amount: \$94.00
- Winner: Carol Reeves

**Motion to adjourn:**

- Motion: Tiffany Sprong
- Seconded: Charles Curtis
- All in favor: motion passed unanimously

*Jill Brown*

BRCC Secretary



# BRCC 2024 Calendar



## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS



- Feb 7 Rattlesnake Roadhouse Lunch - Walnut Springs  
Bob & Jill Brown**
- Feb 24 Granny Clark's - Dublin                      Montgomery's and Sikes**
- March 20 Wednesday Lunch Cruise Meridian Tx    Steve Hamilton  
& Suzi Johnson**
- April 6 Granbury Chevrolet 9 - 11:00 coffee & donuts**
- May 27 Field of Flags**
- June 14 Waterview Senior Living car display                      Becky Skaggs**
- June 15 Cranfills Gap /Horny Toad                      Michael & Gloria Hokanson**
- June 20 Rio Vista/Los Primos Mexican Restaurant  
Jim & Cindy Morris**
- July 4 4th of July Granbury Parade**
- July 20 Possum Kingdon Cruise    Charle Curtis**
- July 25 Womans Lunchen at Christina's    Becky Skaggs**
- Aug 7 Strawn TX & lunch at Mary's Cafe    Bob & Susie Williams**
- Aug 24 Gatesville, lunch at The Feed Mill Restaurant                      Varner's**
- Sep 7 Potluck Picnic    Halfords**
- Oct 12 18<sup>TH</sup> BRCC Car Show    Halfords 432-413-3099**
- Oct 19 Cowtown Annual Car Show**
- Oct Annual BRCC Picnic**
- Nov 25 Granbury Christmas Parade**
- Dec 6 Christmas Party Gift Exchange**

*Always looking for volunteers to host a cruise. It can be a nice drive in the country then stop for lunch or a lunch with another interesting place to visit while on the way. Don't be shy, let Becky know you're interested in setting something up. She can help with suggestions.*





# Weekday cruise to Strawn then Lunch at Mary's Cafe

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

We had a Wednesday lunch cruise with eight corvettes to dine at Mary's Café in Strawn. Bob and Susie Williams led us on a nice drive primarily via FM 4, 1189, 1188, 108 and FM 16, which is a great route to drive our corvettes on. The countryside still has a lot of green pastures thanks to our wetter spring and even some rain in June and July.

Mary's Café had a place set up for us and the food was good. Be careful ordering the 'Texas-Size Burger' as it is so large that I could not believe it. I thought the chicken fried steak was huge, but this matches in comparison. The person who had it took home a Togo box and had to go with the larger Togo box as what was remaining would not fit in the smaller one.

For the return trip, we took a more direct path home via I-20 and corvettes peeled off on the exit that was best for them.

Thanks, Bob, and Susie for a great weekday lunch drive.



Additional pictures on BRCC web Picture page.







# Cruise to Gatesville to have lunch at The Feed Mill Restaurant

Reporter: Becky Skaggs

On the way to Gatesville, we had an unfortunate incident. Cindy LaRusso with her cousin Cecilia in her 50th anniversary corvette had a feral hog dash in front of her. They struck it almost head on. I saw what looked like smoke coming up, but that turned out to be from the air bags that were deployed. The corvette was covered in muck, so we were not 100% sure of the damage until cleaned up, but the bumper had a crack in it and the running light on the right side was not working. The engine was not damaged as it ran fine. Although this terrible thing happened, I want to share how impressed I was with Cindy and her cousin in how they handled the incident. They were positive, taking the situation in stride. When asked, they wanted to continue the cruise, and they did. You should see a picture included in the report for what the front of the car looked like. When this occurred, we were not too far from Clifton where our rest stop was to occur. Two of the corvettes did not realize until they got to Clifton that the rest of us went missing. Unfortunately, the area we were in had no cell coverage. They were trying to call but we could not receive or make calls to them. Yet, I saw a cell tower not too far from us.



After we left the rest stop in Clifton, we were on 219 with the intention of turning on 182. Unfortunately for Terry, our U-Turn leader, he had to do a U-Turn with all of us at the right turn onto 182 as the road was closed for traffic. We of course were all enjoying this incident at Terry's expense. 😊 All in fun of course.

Fortunately, Terry and Sandy know this area well and got us on a different route to the Feed Mill. Lunch at the Feed Mill was particularly good. We had a fun time with several people getting dessert as well.



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# Cruise to Gatesville & Back

Reporter: **Becky Skaggs**

For the return trip, we decided for time reasons with the couple of incidents happening to not stop in Hico at the Chocolate shop. One corvette needed to do a rest stop in Hico, and two other corvettes were kind enough to wait so that we could return in a small pack for safety.

Thanks, Terry, and Sandy for a beautiful drive. Special thanks to Bob and Susie Williams for being the tail going and Donny and KK for being the tail returning.

Special thanks to Cindy and Cecilia for how well you handled your corvette run in with the feral hog. We all hope that the damage to your corvette is not any more than we could see and that when it is repaired the corvette will be in a condition like the incident never happened.







# Cruise to Gatesville & Back Additional Pictures

*Shot by Ed Amos*







## What A Can Can Do

Shot by Ed Amos



**this is** the story of a little girl who wished very hard and very long for a Corvette, and finally saw her wish come true. Unlike the fairy tales she heard as a baby, however, there was no fairy godmother to grant her wish. What she did have was a very determined mom— and a pile of aluminum cans.

In 1984, while engaged in disaster drills with 412th Medical Detachment, the medivac helicopter that Brian and Cheryl were riding in experienced a mid-air collision with another helicopter and fell 75 feet to the ground below. Cheryl was seriously injured. Although she would resume a normal life, the wounds sustained in that terrible accident would re-emerge years later.

In 1991, Brian and Cheryl welcomed the child they had so long hoped for, a little girl that they named Jessica. But by the next year, the marriage had ended in divorce. Cheryl looked for a babysitter to take care of her daughter during her shifts at a Louisville hospital and found college student Rachel Wright.

The Wright family were Corvette people. They lived outside Louisville in a home that sits far from the main road. Each day, Rachel would put Jessica in one of the family Vettes and drive the long gravel path down to the mailbox.

“They had no idea the impression this was making on Jessica,” says Cheryl. “How many two year-old girls ask

for a Corvette for their birthday?”

Cheryl wrapped a little metal Corvette to give to Jessica at her birthday party.

“Later I noticed she wasn’t playing with it and asked why,” Cheryl remembers. “She told me, ‘Mom, we can’t ride in it!’ It took me aback. Here I had a three year-old asking for a drive-able vehicle.”

Not many adults would have taken such a request seriously, but Cheryl did.

“I had always driven a fairly sporty car, and I could have had a Corvette when I was younger, but [at that time] girls just did not drive Corvettes. When Jessica said she wanted one, that struck a chord deep within me,” said Cheryl. “So, after her third birthday I introduced her to chores to save money for that Corvette.”

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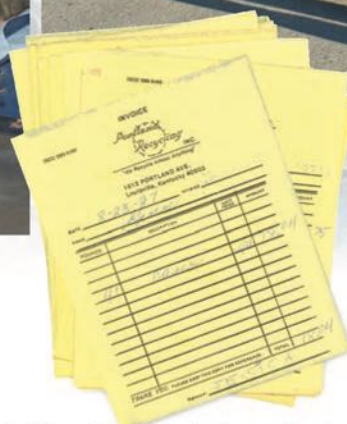






### trading aluminum for fiberglass

For more than ten years Jessica and Cheryl (above) took their cans to Portland Recycling, owned by Stacy Seibert (far right). Though she could barely reach the counter, Jessica signed her own receipts (below right) as soon as she was able. Says office manager Crystal Collins (right), "We've had people save for a vacation, for their kids—but only one Corvette!"



CHERYL ROWLAND KNEW exactly what she wanted, and it wasn't to settle down in the tiny farming community where she had been raised. Nor would she join the stream of graduates from her Western Kentucky high school looking for work in the nearby factories. For as long as she could remember, Cheryl had wanted to be a nurse — preferably an army nurse, thereby following in the footsteps of her father and uncle who fought in World War II. She enlisted in the 807th Army Reserves while still in college and, upon completing her training as a licensed practical nurse, she became a first sergeant and senior flight medic. In her unit was another medic named Brian Ginn. The two were married in 1979 and made plans to start a family.

It seemed that Cheryl was on her way to achieving her dreams when adversity struck.

Still, Cheryl wanted her daughter to learn the lesson of earning and saving her own money for something she wanted.

"The only way I could think of for a three year-old to earn money," Cheryl said, "was to recycle aluminum cans. I made it her responsibility to take the cans from the kitchen to the recycle bag in the garage. I showed her how to step on the cans to flatten them, because she was too small to do it by hand."

Soon Cheryl and Jessica became regular visitors to the Portland Recycling Center in Louisville. Office Manager Crystal Collins asked the child what she was saving for as she counted out the bills into Jessica's tiny hand.

"She told me she was saving for a Corvette," recalls Collins. "I thought, okay. Kids have all kinds of crazy things in mind."

Cheryl took Jessica to visit the newly-opened National Corvette Museum at the age of four. Jessica picked out a





### member for life

There was no question in Cheryl's mind that Jessica must become a member of the National Corvette Museum. After all, Jessica had grown up with the Museum (see photos from 1994, left, 1998, below). The same month the Corvette was paid off, Cheryl purchased a Lifetime Membership in both their names so that "Jessica would never have to worry about having a membership."



t-shirt at the gift shop that proclaimed her intent to drive a Corvette when she grew up. She toured the Corvette Assembly Plant a year later.

Mother and daughter put together a Corvette model kit, collected diecasts, and made a game of identifying Corvettes on the road. And they recycled cans.

"That was my daily chore," says Jessica. "Sometimes it would get annoying."

"Sometimes I would say, 'Jessica, you need to take the cans out.' When she [didn't listen] I'd say, 'Fine. I'll take the cans, I get the money, I get the Corvette.' Then she'd come," Cheryl said.

When Jessica was eight, Cheryl required more surgery as a result of the helicopter accident. Her health deteriorated.

"In the spring of 2004, when Jessica was 13, I... realized I was going to have to learn to live with disabilities," says Cheryl. "I thought, here we have worked all these years for her to have this Corvette. What if I get really down and can't even sit in it? I'm just going to have to bite the bullet and buy this Corvette."

Despite straitened finances due to her many health problems, Cheryl started shopping online. She struck up a friendship with Dan DaPonte at Bachman Chevrolet in Louisville. After searching for eight months, Dan found a 2001 Magnetic Red Coupe in the Ginn's price range. On

December 13, 2004, Cheryl called Jessica to say she would be coming home a little late. Jessica knew something was up and was waiting for her mom when she pulled into the driveway. As Cheryl got out of the gleaming red Vette, Jessica had just one question: "Is that ours?"

There can be no doubt that the car is theirs. Cheryl paid the lion's share, but one quarter of the purchase price came from Jessica's own money saved scrupulously for ten years: birthday money, "grades" money, and cans. Thousands of recycled cans.

And while most everyone the Ginns know thought it was unrealistic to encourage a three year-old to save for a Corvette, there are no doubters now. Stacy Seibert, owner of the Portland Recycling Center, smiles when she thinks of that three year-old, the "Corvette girl" as they called her.

"At first it was, Oh, ain't she sweet? But then they kept coming. As the years went by I thought, Dang, she's gonna get a car!"

An excited Cheryl called the recycling center the day they bought the car, remembers Stacy.

"She brought it down to show [us], and we were all clapping. It was very touching."

Cheryl knows that her daughter got much more than a car out of the experience.

"I wanted her to earn the money," says Cheryl. "I wanted her to learn about a market economy, [how] to handle money, how to save."

# BRCC Logo Merchandise



**Nin Hulett**  
 Merchandise  
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**Nin Hulett** 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 items upon request.

*All prices are subject to change.*

**Nike Polo Shirts 363-807 .....\$ 60.00**  
 Color options subject to availability.

**Sport Wick Stretch 1/2 Zip Pullover .....\$35.00**  
 Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL  
 Color options subject to availability.

**Sweatshirt 1/4 Zip 9-Oz Pullover.....\$35.00**  
 Mens & Ladies styles XS-4XL & Tall  
 Color options subject to availability.

**Long Sleeve Dress Cotton/Poly S608 ..... \$25.00**  
 Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar  
 Color options subject to availability.

**Long Sleeve Denim Mens & Ladies .....\$35.00**  
 Mens Button Down Ladies Open Collar  
 XS-6XL and Long  
 Color options subject to availability.

**ADD \$6.00 FOR EMBROIDERED NAMES**

**Name Tags .....\$12.95**

**Caps ..... \$16.00 - \$20.00**  
 Color options subject to availability.

**Tote Bags ..... \$20.00**

**Key Chains ..... \$10.00**







# Next Club Meeting September 5th Spring Creek BBQ



*That's All  
Folks*

