



CORVETTER

Sam Houston Corvette Club Monthly Publication

April 1, 2016

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Meeting Information:

Board meetings –
6:30 p.m. the Tuesday before the
monthly Club meeting. Contact
Mike Ewers for meeting location.
All members in good standing are
welcome to attend.

Monthly Club meetings –
7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each
month at the Westador Club House
11715 Cali Drive
Houston, TX 77090

Website:

www.samhoustonscorvetteclub.com

We currently have 160
memberships, consisting of about
301 individuals.

New Members:

Glenn & Bridget Kourik
Barry Burke

From the President

Friday is April 1st. So Happy April Fool's Day. Here's a little history of where it started, or not::

"One explanation of the origins of April Fools' Day was provided by Joseph Boskin, a professor of history at Boston University. He explained that the practice began during the reign of Constantine, when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Constantine, amused, allowed a jester named Kugel to be king for one day. Kugel passed an edict calling for absurdity on that day, and the custom became an annual event.

"In a way," explained Prof. Boskin, "it was a very serious day. In those times fools were really wise men. It was the role of jesters to put things in perspective with humor."

This explanation was brought to the public's attention in an Associated Press article printed by many newspapers in 1983. There was only one catch: Boskin made the whole thing up. It took a couple of weeks for the AP to realize that they'd been victims of an April Fools' joke themselves."

Now that's funny!

April is Car Show month, so check the calendar for the dates. Space City, San Jac, TCA and COCH and even one in Enid, OK if you feel like traveling. The Wildflower Run is April 8-10, so please read the information included in this newsletter with all the particulars about the weekend. Gonna be a great event. One you don't want to miss!

Also be advised that we will be having a Street Meet April 16 at Munday Chevrolet, so please plan on attending that event.

For infotainment at Friday night's meeting, bring a childhood picture. Lois Laine will be collecting them and posting on a board. Try and identify as many members as you can and the winner will be given a raffle ticket.

Hope you all have a great month. Lot's to do, something for everyone!

"If you aren't having fun, it's your own dang fault."

Mike, Club President



Birthdays:

Amy Atkinson
 Suzanne Barker
 Neena Brownlee
 Joe Chauffee
 Charlotte Edgar
 Wendee Gamble
 Mickey Gray
 Richard Gustafson
 Chris Hernandez
 Gary Hirstein
 Harold Horton
 Lori Jonas
 Bruce Kelly
 Dawn Kikolla
 Kathy King
 Richard Kobes
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Past Club Events (click the link shown to take you to the website for detailed information-check out the photos link and go to the gallery to view pictures)

[Past Events](#)

March 4 – Club meeting
March 5 – Independents Run & Car Show at Hooks Airport
March 5 & 6 – Sports Car Club of America Autocross – Jay Lucas
March 12 – Bowties to the Brazos II – Doug & Wendee Gamble
March 19 – Houston Fire Museum – Jay and Lauryn Lucas (canceled)
March 19 – Street Meet at Portofino
March 26 – Rum Run II to San Leon – Roger Willingham

Calendar of Upcoming Events (click the link shown to take you to the website for additional information) (SHCC Club events in bold)

[Events](#)

April 1 – Club Meeting
 April 2 – Corvettes of Enid Car Show - Enid, OK
 April 2 – Space City Car Show - Seabrook
April 8-10 – Wildflower Run - Kerrville – Joe & Sue Chauffee
 April 9 – San Jac Car Show - Kemah
 April 15-17 – Texas Corvette Association Car Show - Boerne, TX
April 16 – Street meet – Munday Chevrolet
April 16-23 – All inclusive trip to Cabo – David & Kassy Johnson
 April 23 – Kruiise for K-9s Poker Run - Hockley
 April 23 – COCH Car Show – Sugar Land
 April 23 & 24 – Keels & Wheels at the Lakewood Yacht Club - Seabrook
April 24 – Southern Flyer Diner – Charlie & Lois Laine
May 6 – Club Meeting
 May 7 – NAACC car show
May 14 – Heels & Wheels – Kim Gates
 May 14 - Aero & Autos @ Ellington Field
 May 20-22 – Lone Star Corvette Classic
May 22 – Uncle Bob's BBQ Boogie – Jim Alexander
 June 2-4 – 6th Annual Big Cypress Corvette Weekend - Jefferson, TX
June 3 – Club Meeting
 June 3-5 – 2nd Annual Corvettes Cruisin' Galveston – Corvette World
July – NO CLUB MEETING FOR JULY
July 3 – Club's birthday and 4th of July celebration - Tom & Laurie Smith
 July 9-17 – Run for the Hills – Spearfish, SD – Jay Lucas & Skip Straus
August 5 – Club Meeting
August – The Olive Oil – Mike & Nikki Summerly
September 2 – Club Meeting
 September 9-11 – Vets & Jets on the Lex - Corpus Christi
October 1 – Messina Hof winery tour – Kim & Woody Gates
October 7 – Club Meeting
 October 15 – COCH car show in Sugar Land
October 22 – Fall Car Show – Town Green Park - The Woodlands
October 29 – Halloween party – Dave & Cathy Andreotti
November 4 – Club Meeting
November 5 – Rain date for car show
November 11-13 – Fall Foliage

NAME BADGE DRAWING

A member's name is randomly drawn at the end of the meeting and if that member is wearing their badge they receive a cash prize. If that member is not at the meeting or, if they are, but not wearing their badge, that money will roll over to the next month's meeting and the Club contributes an additional \$20. The amount for March was \$20 and the name drawn was Skip Straus. Skip was at the meeting and had his badge on, so drawing will start over at \$20 for the April meeting.

Information for the following topics can be found on the Club website:

- National Corvette Museum
- Home Page: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org>
- This month's raffles: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle/>
- Featured article: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/four-2016-colors-on-the-chopping-block/>
- Classifieds <http://www.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com/classified.htm>
- Photos (click link and choose the gallery for that event.) <http://shcc.smugmug.com/>
- Charity Request for Donation <http://www.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com/index.htm>

MEMBER OF THE MONTH (MOM)

In an attempt to get to know our members better, a member will be selected from the signup sheet at our monthly Club meetings and that member will be interviewed by Skip Straus. It will be a short, 5 minute interview, which will then be posted on the website along with a picture of the member. David Johnson was chosen at the March meeting and the following is the interview:



Q1. What Corvette(s) do you own, your Corvette history, etc.

“Currently have a 2010 Grand Sport triple black 4LT, 2002 Custom pink/pewter twin turbo and a 1987 white convertible. I got my first Corvette when I was 18, in 1984 – a 1968 red convertible. Been a Corvette owner my entire adult life.”

Q2. How long have you been a member of SHCC? Why did you join SHCC?

“Almost 15 years. We were new to Texas and went to the Corvette Expo and met several people from SHCC at their booth and jumped right in. I think we went 4 years without missing an event.”

Q3. What club activities do you like best and why?

“ALL of them, but especially the ‘drive and eats’ and tours of museums and going places we’d never go to normally.”

Q4. What is your favorite club memory so far?

“There’s been a lot but some that stand out are the wildflower Fridays nights and, of course, the Christmas party.”

Q5. Where did you grow up? If the Houston area, what has made Houston your home? If not from the Houston area, what brought you here?

“Kassy and I are both from Dover, Ohio. We lived in New Jersey and Oklahoma and in 2000 we moved to Houston to start my own marketing company.”

Q6. Tell us about you, your family?

“Got married a year out of the Army. That only lasted two years but got a wonderful daughter out of it who is now 26 years old and a graduate of UT Austin and lives in San Diego. Married to Kassy and we’ve been together for 21 years.”

Q7. If I won a Million Dollars I would...

“Buy some mid-year Corvettes so I wouldn’t lose a million dollars.”

Q8. Who would you like to meet and why?

“I haven’t really ever given this a thought. Maybe people like great, great, great grandparents to hear about their growing-up stories.”

Q9. Tell us something about you we may not know.

“I really do have a job, some of you have wondered for about 15 years.”

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

SHCC General Meeting—March 4, 2016

Sergeant at Arms: Bob R. called the meeting to order at 7:40 and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy A. reported that our balance currently contains all PayPal money. We are financially in a good position. All account information is available for members to review.

NCM Ambassador: Skip S. reported that there was nothing specific this month. NCM Ambassador - Nothing specific. Featured article about Corvette in the newsletter MOM --David Johnson will be featured in April.

Secretary's Report: Tom S. announced that no minutes are printed the back of the agenda. Members should have seen the minutes in the newsletter. Motion to approve and seconded. Minutes approved.

2nd V.P. Report: John C. recapped past SHCC activities.

- Feb. 5 monthly meeting-- 77 attendees
- Feb. 7 Super Bowl party 35 people
- Feb. 13 drive to the movies 20-30 people
- Feb. 20 Top Golf (20 golfers + swing coaches)
- Feb. 27 mod craft day, 27-28th Chevy expo in Galveston

1st V.P. Report: Van K. reported on upcoming events

- Mar. 5 car show at Hook's airport,
- Mar. 5 & 6 Sports Car Club Autocross event,
- Mar. 12 Bow ties to the Brazos,
- Mar. 19 Houston Fire Museum,
- Mar. 26 Rum Run at the end of the month
- Apr. 8-10 Joe Chafee talked about the Wildflower Run. Right now we have 46 cars. Pizza Friday night. Lost in the 50's night (have the proper attire) Buffet dinner Saturday night. Will be collecting the money Friday morning before we leave so have cash or check ready. Will be about \$25. Details will follow.

Governor's Report: - Don Mc. gave information on upcoming car shows,

- Mar. 5 open car show at the Budweiser plant,
- Apr. 2 car show in Oklahoma,
- Apr. 2 Space City car show in Seabrook, Kemah car show put on by San Jacinto
- Apr. 15-17 Open car show in Boerne, TX
- Apr. 23 Poker run benefiting K-9 officers also on April 23rd COACH car Show,
- May 7 NAACC Show
- Jun. 2 - 5 Big Cypress Corvette Weekend , See Don for further info if interested in any of the above shows.

Don also presented information on new radios that we have been testing. 5 watt radio costs \$15, 8 watt \$52. There is a sign-up sheet to purchase.

****We have a date for our fall show Oct 22nd (Rain date Nov 5th) at Town Green Park in the Woodlands****

Garage Talk: Rick D. shared info that the new cars are always drawing current. It starts shutting systems down to save battery. You can buy a charger for \$100 when you buy the car through a dealer. Rick suggested don't buy it, but purchase a different one which works better, you get more for the same price through Amazon. C-Tec is the company.

Safety Talk: New safety committee developed safe driving tips for our trips

Members Talk: Jerry S. was at a car show. The judge asked who owned the car. Jerry said he did. The judge said he saw this very same car being unloaded. Tom S. mentioned that if you use one of those chargers make sure you have something to remind you to unplug it so you don't drive off with it connected as he did once. For those who have a coupe with a removable top. Think about purchasing a suction cup handle to help you lift off the top. You can get it at Harbor Freight. Discussion about a problem with the module for the C5. C5 gas gauge drops to empty all of a sudden. Float sensor goes bad, or just use Chevron Techron more often. Discussed issue with getting locked in on a C6 and how there is an emergency lever to get out. Skip Straus talked about the run to the Black Hills Corvette Classic in South Dakota, the Corvette version of Sturgis motorcycle get together. Have 7 cars so far.

President: Mike asked for a volunteer to complete the finance committee team-team now Cathy A., Joel H., and Kim G. Also looking for volunteers for the nominating committee. By Laws Committee Woody G., Mike S. Upcoming events Wildflower run, Street Meet April 16th, April 16th -23rd all-inclusive trip to Cabo that Dave & Kassy are organizing. Apr. 23-24 Keels & Wheels, Heels & Wheels drive on May 14th, going to do a pinball wizard get together will be on Sunday in the summer. \$10 per person, we will have the kitchen.

Birthday's and Anniversaries were recognized.

















New Members: Glenn & Bridget Kourik 2008

Name Badge Winner: Skip S. \$20

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$145 Mike Summerly

SAM HOUSTON CORVETTE CLUB

TRAITS OF A SAFE & COURTEOUS DRIVER

-  A safe & courteous driver obeys all local traffic laws.
-  A safe & courteous driver wears their seat belts.
-  A safe & courteous driver passes only when safe and conditions allow for it.
-  A safe & courteous driver always ensures their Corvette is in sound mechanical condition.
-  A safe & courteous driver is courteous to other drivers and pedestrians.
-  A safe & courteous driver maintains 1 car length in front of them for every 10mph of speed.
-  A safe & courteous driver uses their signals when turning or changing lanes.
-  A safe & courteous driver is constantly aware of their surroundings.
-  A safe & courteous driver does not text while driving.
-  A safe & courteous driver does not drink alcohol when driving or just before driving.
-  A safe & courteous driver maintains the mandatory insurance on their Corvette.
-  A safe & courteous driver keeps his walkie talkie with them on Club rides and always informs the group of hazards.
-  A safe & courteous driver does not race.
-  A safe & courteous driver when tired, or has an emergency will pull off to the side of the road and engage their flashers.
-  A safe & courteous driver drives with their safety lights on.
-  A safe & courteous driver will not make a turn without seeing the Corvette behind him. (This will help ensure no driver will be separated from the group.)



Welcome to the 2016 19th Annual Wildflower Trip

The 2016 Wildflower is scheduled for April 8th – 10th. As the Inn of the Hills is currently booked solid, their sister hotel the YO Ranch is handling the overflow. If you still need a reservation; it can be made by calling:

Y O Ranch Hotel & Conference Center
2033 Sidney Baker St.
Kerrville, Texas 78028
1-877-967-3767 Toll Free

As it is now after the Mar 9th deadline you will need to negotiate your own rate as the Sam Houston Corvette Club special rate will probably not be honored! FYI the special rate was \$99.00 Single/Double, to help you negotiate. I recently stayed there overnight and it is a very nice place and the breakfast was great! The YO is 3.4 miles from Inn of the Hills. Please RSVP to me at jchauffe@enscoplc.com so I can send you updates as they become available! I will be sending out the route maps just prior to the run. If you did not RSVP by e-mail you will not receive one until the morning of the run. If you are late and do not have a copy you will probably not find us!! At this time we have: 48 cars and 82 people based on reservations at the Hotels. I have RSVP's for 19 cars that mean's 29 of you haven't responded. I will have a list at the next meeting and will try to get a club mail out. Please note that due to the number of people on this year's run Pit Stop Time is Critical!! Do not dally, get in and get out quickly. We have a tight schedule on Friday to make lunch. Due to the roads we are running the pit stops are few and far between, make the most of when we do stop. If you need to stop more often, do so and catch up with us at the next stop.

Itinerary

Friday April 8th – Meet at Bucee's on Hwy 290 and FM 362 in Waller. Recommend getting there no later than 8am. Short Drivers meeting at 8:15. Please have your Saturday Night Banquet money ready as we will be collecting as you sign in. \$25.00 a person – It's really good!!!! Please bring exact cash or check. Wheels Turning at 8:30 sharp (we will not wait) - If you sent me an e-mail RSVP you will get a copy of the route by e-mail. We will cruise to Kerrville with a stop for a Bar-B-Q lunch at the Old 300 in Blanco TX. \$12.00 Buffet – Brisket, Sausage, Turkey Breast, Tater Salad, Cole slaw, Tea, Water, and the usual bread, onions, pickles, and sauce available. Lunch will be later around 2:00pm due to the number of people on the run. (Pit Stops take longer and restaurants to handle 100+ people are hard to come by.) Get snacks at the stops! Friday Night is a Pizza Party at the Inn of the Hills Cabana Room, out by the Adult Pool, starting around 7pm. Pizza, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks provided by the Club. The theme for this year is Lost in the 50's with prizes for the best Period Dressed Guy and Gal. Break out the Hair Tonic and Poodle Skirts and lets Party!!!!!! Time permitting there will BINGO!!! Bring some dollar bills – you will buy your cards, there will be several different games played and based on the number of people playing the money you paid for the cards will be divided and paid out. (All of It)

Saturday April 9th - Drivers meeting 8:15 we will be leaving at 8:30. We will line up on the road that exits the back of Inn of the Hills on the west side (right if looking at the Inn from the Hwy). We will run the 3 Twisted Sisters and have a picnic lunch (which each member needs to bring) at the Park in Camp Wood. After the run there will be an Evening Club Dinner starting at 7:00pm in the Bluebonnet Room at Inn of the Hills!!! There is a social hour starting about 6:30pm with a cash bar.

Sunday April 10th. Return Home – Leaving about 8:30 – 9:00 – Stop in New Braunfels for lunch. The run ends there and on your direction sheet you are advised as to the easiest way back. Lunch location will be determined at last pit stop based on number of people.

