



# CORVETTER

## Sam Houston Corvette Club Monthly Publication

January 1, 2016

### **Mailing Address:**

P. O. Box 7637  
The Woodlands, TX 77387

### **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.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com](http://www.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com)

We currently have 149  
memberships, consisting of about  
281 individuals.

### **New Members:**

Shane & Michelle Robinson

### ***From the President***

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all had a terrific Christmas and a wonderful start to 2016. Had our first Board Meeting on Tuesday and the calendar is already booked for the next 4 months with car shows, drive and eats, a movie trip and our biggest event of the year, Wildflower in April. Check out the upcoming events in the newsletter or website and mark your calendars. If anyone has an idea of something interesting to do, contact Charlie Laine with your proposal.

We'd like to form a couple committees in the next month or so. One to review the Club by-laws and also a safety committee. So if you're interested in getting involved, let me or one of the other officers know.

We will also be sending out information soon on how to submit a charity request. If you have a personal organization you support, you'll be able to submit a request to the Club's charity committee and a blind draw for two organizations will be held in April. Funds will be distributed at the end of the year. The amount of the donation will be a percentage of the Club's profit from the car show(s). More information is forthcoming.

We've got a growing membership and we're always looking for bigger and better things to do. Can't do it without you're involvement, so please let an officer know if you'd like to be more involved with the Club. We love to get new ideas and we get those ideas from our members. Doesn't always have to be a Corvette event. We're a social club, so doesn't have to involve cars. Also, if anyone is interested in being an officer or a committee head, let someone know. Nominations will be held in September and October for all positions and voted on in November, but it doesn't hurt to put your name out there now. All positions are open to anyone.

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

Mike, Club President



## Birthdays:

Angel Alvarez  
Debbie Belanger  
Cindy Chastain  
Susan Chauffe  
Don Davis  
Chuck Dixon  
Kent Kittell  
Regina LeDee  
Hazel Leighton  
Helen Mateos  
Nathaly Molinar  
Cathie Norwood  
Jesse Ramirez  
Karen Santellana  
Kirk Smith  
Laurie Smith  
Cindy Straus  
Michael Summerly  
Arthur Tepper  
Howard Tinsman

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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](#)

**December 5 – Club Christmas party (no Club meeting in December)**

**December 13 – Brunch & Putt Putt Golf – Walden for brunch – Mike Ewers**

**December 25 – Merry Christmas**

**December 31 – New Year's Eve**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events (click the link shown to take you to the website for additional information)**

[Events](#)

### 2016

**January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! (\*\*since January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on the first Friday of the month and is a holiday, the Club meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> instead\*\*)**

**January 2 – Silos at Sawyer drive and eat – Dave & Cathy Andreotti**

**January 8 – Club meeting**

**January 17 – Houston Marathon – David & Kassy Johnson**

**January 23 – Bandit Run VI - Jeb Jonas**

**February 5 – Club meeting**

**February 7 – Super Bowl party – Rick & Lynn DiGiovanni's house**

**February 13 – Alamo Drafthouse Movie Theatre at Vintage Park – John & Louise Cox**

**February 27 – Mod/Craft Day – David Johnson's shop**

**February 27 & 28 – Corvette Chevy Expo – Galveston Convention Center**

**March 4 – Club meeting**

**March 12 – Brenham/Chappel Hill Run – Doug & Wendee Gamble**

**March 19 – Uncle Bob's BBQ Boogie – Jim Alexander**

**April 1 – Club Meeting**

**April 2 – Space City Car Show**

**April 8 - 10 – Wildflower Run in Kerrville – Joe & Sue Chauffe**

**April 9 – Kemah Car Show**

**April 16 – Street meet – more information to come**

**April 16 – 23 – All inclusive trip to Cabo – David & Kassy Johnson**

**April 23 – COCH Car Show – Sugar Land**

**April 23 & 24 – Keels & Wheels at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook**

**May 6 – Club Meeting**

**May 14 – Heels & Wheels – Kim Gates**

**May 20 – 22 – Lone Star Corvette Classic**

**July 10-17 – Run for the Hills – Spearfish, SD – Jay Lucas**

## **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 November was \$60 and the name drawn was Tod Bradley. Tod was at the meeting and had his badge on, so drawing will start over at \$20 for the January 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: Corvette Specifications by Model Year: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-specs/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 David Andreotti, our Museum Ambassador. It will be a short, 5 minute interview, which will then be posted on the website along with a picture of the member. No Club meeting was held in December, so did not draw for MOM. Will have a drawing at the January meeting for the January MOM.

## **NEW COMMITTEE HEAD POSITIONS**

Rick DiGiovanni recently retired as the Club Treasurer, leaving the position in the capable hands of Cathy Andreotti. As most of you know, Rick loves his Corvettes and enjoys (maybe enjoy is too strong a word), reading everything he can and studies the technology and inter-workings of the cars. Because of that, Mike has appointed and, the Board approved, the new committee position for Rick called Garage Talk. Club members can email or call Rick, information is listed under the Committee Heads section and ask him questions or also pass on information they've uncovered. Rick will compile a list of the questions and info monthly and we'll include this information in the monthly newsletter for everyone to read. Hope you all find this position informative and useful.

Last year, a new committee head position was created for Jay Lucas who was appointed Performance Coordinator by Mike and the Board approved. Jay's duties will include planning long distance trips for the Club, as well as, on occasion, plan racing events at places like Royal Purple Raceway or touring racing facilities. Jay will do a masterful job and is already planning a couple of great events later this year, so be sure to read your monthly newsletters for more information in the future.

## **MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING**

### **SHCC General Meeting November 6, 2015**

**Sergeant at Arms:** Meeting called to order at 7:43 pm. Pledge

**Treasurer's Report:** Ample amount to run club related activities. Balances are available for members to review.

**NCM Ambassador:** MOM picked --Tod Bradley

**Name Badge pick:** Tod Bradley--\$60

**Secretaries Report:** Minutes from last month were passed. Nominations for board were taken and voted on by secret ballot. Counted during the meeting.

Mike explained our charity committee and how we decided who our charities would be this year.

**Guest Speakers from the charities:** Paul Taylor? with the **Emergency Chaplains Group** services for emergency responder personnel (police & fire fighters) to help them through the emotional issues resulting from what they see and have to do on their jobs. Help with PTSD and suicide prevention. All chaplains have to have worn the badge to be a part of this group.

**Montgomery county women's center.** Dana Garcia. They have an emergency shelter & a crisis hotline. (2200 calls per month). Women, men & children can stay for 45 days. Counseling. Help with getting jobs, transitional housing for women & children who have gotten jobs and are working through a program to better themselves. Lori Howard talked about being a volunteer there. **Operation Military Embrace:** Jerry Reed showed a video that explains what they do for injured military and their families. **Camp Hope** - Blue Faith based program. Deals with veterans from all wars. Work on their bodies and their minds. Deal with PTSD, drug issues, court issues. Put out 2 manuals, a combat manual and a family manual. They helped Blue, saved his life. Growing. Take veterans from anywhere. Donated \$1000 to each of the 4 charities.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Report:** Past Events John Cox club meeting Oct. 2-- 84 members, 3rd Drive & eat to Huntsville organized by Charlie Laine (25 cars), 10th Conroe Cruiser Show & Halloween party at Dave & Cathy Andreotti's, Munday street meet rained out.

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report:** November Events: next week Nov. 13-15 Fall Foliage Run - new roads, new restaurants, great entertainment, Nov. 21 Heels & Wheels, Nov. 28 Fanthorpe Inn in Anderson candle light event

**Car Show Report:** Gary couldn't be at the meeting to talk about the car show so Mike reviewed the car show. Netted about \$3000. 54 of our cars were in attendance. High quality cars for this show. Had outside judges. Gary would like comments good and bad so we can have the next one be even better.

**Governor's Report:** Don Nov. 7 Super Car, Nov. 14 COCH having their open car show in Sugarland, Jan 15-17 Houston Marathon (will need volunteers to be road guards), let Kassy know if you want to help. Feb 26-28 CODA event, July 10 -17 run to the Black Hill Corvette Classic

**Members interesting stories/facts:** one member asked if anyone had used Brad for detailing. He paid the \$75 cash. He cleaned the car, but didn't do the best job. Would not have been happy if he had paid the full price. Bob R used him, it was OK. Tod Bradley won a free detailing from him. Said he wouldn't do it again. Chris uses Details R Us. He is happy with it. \$75.

Recognition that Rocky is back to the meeting after having open heart surgery.

**Christmas Party** Nathan talked about the Christmas Party. Need help for decorating. Bring a silent auction item (and/or your checkbook/cash), bring a white elephant gift (if you want to be a part of it) and a toy for the women's shelter. Bring your own refreshment of choice.

**Halloween costume awards:** Had about 31 people attend the party. Best male costume - Woody Gates. Tie for the women's - Lois Laine & Lori Howard.

**New members** - 2007 red coupe Monica & Fabian; Jim & Joan Alexander 2002 C5 magnetic red.

**Birthday's - 42nd anniversary.** 9 yrs anniversary. New car Charlie Laine 2016, Don M 2016

**Raffle draws.** 50/50 Blue \$100

**Election results: Cathy Andreotti New Club treasurer** all other board members remain the same. Thank you to Rick DiGiovanni for your service a Treasurer.

