



# CORVETTER

## Sam Houston Corvette Club Monthly Publication

June 1, 2018

### Mailing Address:

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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  
17715 Cali Drive  
Houston, TX 77090

### Website:

[www.samhoustonscorvetteclub.com](http://www.samhoustonscorvetteclub.com)

We currently have 143  
memberships, consisting of  
271 individuals.

### New Members:

None for May.

**To keep the Club Directory  
up to date, If any of your  
information has changed  
please notify either Joel  
Henenberg at  
[joel\\_henenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:joel_henenberg@yahoo.com)  
or Jerry Henenberg at  
[js74041@gmail.com](mailto:js74041@gmail.com).**

### From the President

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

Well, summer is coming early with all this heat so next couple months we are working on some indoor events like bowling, movies and etc. so that will be fun activities to beat the heat. I will be looking into rescheduling the casino run to later date and not on a holiday weekend as they are way too busy I found out. Big thanks to Bob and Marlene Zwilling for hosting the May SHCC Night Out at BJ's Restaurant, we had an amazing 36 attendees. I'm hosting June 14<sup>th</sup> night out so lets keep it going strong. Also big thanks to Mark and Cheryl Kelly for hosting brunch and piloting the plane rides above Conroe. Not to leave out Charlie and Lois Laine for putting together the Skeeters Baseball night, great job guys; even though my car broke down after the game several people helped me get it up to Dave's place and we fixed it the next day. Thanks to all you guys.

The major event of June is the club's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Picnic at Spring Creek Park in Tomball on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Plans are made to make it an awesome time with a group photo of all the cars and owners and a day filled with games and challenges that at the end will result in a club champion. This picnic happens every 5 years and we would like everyone to participate; you get a free t-shirt and lunch too!

Watch for the weekly email updates for more information on events and checkout the facebook group page we have at [SHCC Members Only](#).

I want to share a behind the scene story about our Sunday Brunch and fly we had at the Black Walnut located at the Conroe Airport.

As you may or may not know that Mark Kelly had reserved as airplane for rental for that Sunday to take us up and circle the airport and any money raised is going to our charity this year, Children's Safe Harbor in Conroe, Texas. Well on Saturday Mark received a call that the plane he reserved had broken down and would not be available for our charity fly. Needless to say Mark was not a happy pilot and I'm sure communicated that appropriately. Well there happen to be a lady hearing this conversation and it's cause then asked the rental service person to call Mark back and ask if he could fly a certain type of plane which she did. Mark confirmed he could and he has 29,000 hours and retired commercial pilot. Here's the neat part the lady told Mark we could use their personal plane NO CHARGE just replace the fuel! They didn't even know each other and never met! Mark then asked to talk with the husband and he called him and he said yes it was true we could use the plane. Mark was blown away by this a many of us who learned of this also are amazed. On Sunday morning Mark met with Victor early and they done a short fly together to feel good about this offering. All of this because of raising money for a charity. Victor met us also that morning and said anytime we need to use a plane to raise money his plane is available no charge! Here is another awesome tidbit; He sold his 2015 Z06 to be able to fund getting his pilot's license and buy the plane. IS THIS AWESOME OR WHAT!!!!

Mark and his event raised \$400.00 for the charity and we plan to do it again in the fall when it is cool outside.

Mike  
SHCC President

**Members, please remember to bring new unwrapped toys for the Montgomery County Women's Shelter, to the next club meeting. We will let everyone know the delivery date in December. Thank you!**

**Birthdays:**

Greg Belanger  
 Bruce Carter  
 Whean Dobrowski  
 Mike Ewers  
 Ray Figueroa  
 Kim Gates  
 B J Cary  
 Lynda Gustafson  
 Mary Hirstein  
 Jeb Jonas  
 Dana Karlin  
 Jason Kempler  
 Ken Kinser  
 Barb Lamb  
 Jack McKeon  
 Connie Mentemeier  
 Marilyn Morris  
 Sam Plunk  
 Bob Zwilling

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|                      |                    |              |                            |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
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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](#)

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>May 4</b>  | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| <b>May 5</b>  | <b>Skeeters Baseball Game – Charlie Laine</b>  |
| <b>May 17</b> | <b>SHCCNite at BJ's Brewhouse - Portofino Shopping Center – Bob &amp; Marlene Zwilling</b> |
| May 18-20     | Lone Star Corvette car show in Ft. Worth   |
| <b>May 20</b> | <b>Eat &amp; Fly – Conroe Airport – Mark Kelly</b>   |

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

[Events](#)

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>June 1</b>        | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| June 1 - June 3      | Big Cypress Corvette Classic – Jefferson, TX – Joel & Jerry Hennenberg         |
| <b>June 14</b>       | <b>SHCC Nite – Mike &amp; Mary Ewers</b>                                       |
| <b>June 16</b>       | <b>SHCC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic at Spring Creek Park in Tomball</b> |
| <b>June 23</b>       | <b>SHCC Spaghetti Cookoff – Joel &amp; Jerry Hennenberg</b>                    |
| <b>June 30</b>       | <b>Larry Bruce Gardens – Doug &amp; Wendee Gamble</b>                          |
| <b>July 4</b>        | <b>Independence Day party – Roger &amp; Jeanette Willingham</b>                |
| <b>August 3</b>      | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| <b>August 11</b>     | <b>Munday Chevrolet Street Meet (Inside) – Mike Ewers</b>                      |
| August 17-19         | Arkansas Topless 100 – Mike Ewers  |
| <b>September 7</b>   | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| <b>September 8</b>   | <b>Munday Chevrolet Street Meet – Mike Ewers</b>                               |
| <b>October 5</b>     | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| <b>October 13</b>    | <b>SHCC Car Show – Dave Johnson</b>  |
| <b>October 20</b>    | <b>SHCC Car Show – RAIN DATE</b>   |
| <b>October 27</b>    | <b>SHCC Halloween Party – Dave &amp; Kassy Johnson</b>                         |
| <b>November 2</b>    | <b>Club Meeting</b>  |
| <b>November 9-11</b> | <b>Fall Foliage – Natchitoches – Jim &amp; Joan Alexander</b>                  |
| <b>November 24</b>   | <b>Fanthrop Inn in Anderson – Van &amp; Lynn Knox</b>                          |
| <b>December 1</b>    | <b>SHCC Christmas Party – Lois Laine &amp; Kim Gates</b>                       |
| <b>December 15</b>   | <b>Wreaths Across America – Joel &amp; Jerry Hennenberg</b>                    |

## **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 May was \$20 and the name drawn was Mark Denham. Mark was not at the meeting, so amount will be \$40 for the June meeting.

## **NCM AMBASSADOR CHAT**



"The Ambassador will act as a Museum representative to promote and solicit support for the Museum through promotional activities and encourage other Corvette enthusiasts to join the Museum. Additionally, the Ambassador will be the voice of the Corvette club/organization, communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions to the NCM." [BECOME a MEMBER](#) of the NCM and help support and preserve the legacy! There are lots of great reasons to become a member of the National Corvette Museum. Watch this video: [https://youtu.be/iS70jGzC\\_al](https://youtu.be/iS70jGzC_al) See Skip Straus, our NCM Ambassador, at any club meeting.

## **Stories from the NCM**



As a Corvette Club of the National Corvette Museum, the NCM Motorsports Park wants to help you take full advantage of our facility when planning your next club visit to Bowling Green. Contact Taylor Howard at (270) 777-4554 or email [taylor@motorsportspark.org](mailto:taylor@motorsportspark.org) to learn more.

Drive your Corvettes on the same track Corvette Racing has used to test! Spend a full day driving touring laps on our 3.15-mile, 24 turns road course. Insurance is required, and plans are available through the NCM MSP.

Not sure if you want to track your Corvette? Have you been dreaming of driving a C7 Stingray? Schedule your club for a private Corvette Experience. Spend half a day at the racetrack receiving instruction from the pros both in the classroom and on track driving our 2017 Z51 Stingrays or your Corvettes.

**\$599 per person**

### **Autocross Event**

Corvettes are built to perform! Test its limits in a safe yet thrilling environment. We can put your club in direct contact with our sub-contractors to ensure a successful autocross event. Insurance is required, and plans are available through the NCM MSP.

**\$1,000 per day**

### **Group Activities**

Let us host the event for your club! Race head to head or in teams in our new go-karts, build trust and communication within your members during our backseat driving exercise, or battle it out on an autocross course driving our Corvettes.

Also, this is the Spring Campaign fundraising letter from the NCM that we have been asked to share:

Dear Friend,

We are excited about spring, our upcoming event season and plans for a lot of new things for the National Corvette Museum!

Many of our supporters helped us financially in 2017, and we were successful in purchasing and installing a new Corvette Racing Simulator. The simulator sits on Corvette Boulevard and is being enjoyed by guests of all ages. It is so much fun to watch the faces of those sitting behind the wheel of a Corvette for the first time. Just last week we had a family with a

disabled member who will probably never drive a real car. At the Museum they could enjoy the feel of driving a Corvette. What fun they had!

Plans are being made for more upgrades and enhancements to the Museum. The photo at the top of this letter is a rendering of our remodel plans for the Gateway entrance(pictured) and Admissions areas of the Museum. This remodel is scheduled to begin in the fall so that we have a whole new look when guests roll in for the 2019 Caravan and 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Do you have plans to make charitable gifts this year? Will you please consider a gift to the National Corvette Museum that supports this year's remodel? The National Corvette Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization qualified to accept tax deductible donations as allowed by law.

NCM friend and Corvette Designer Kirk Bennion has donated his time and talents to provide a Corvette design for us to use on our spring commemorative gifts. Supporters making a \$200 gift before July 15, 2018 will receive a 3D magnet depicting Kirk's design. Supporters making a gift of \$500 or more before July 15 will receive a Tervis tumbler and 3D magnet. Donations may be made online at: [corvettemuseum.org/support/give-now](http://corvettemuseum.org/support/give-now) or by calling me at 270-467-8815. Thank you for supporting the National Corvette Museum!

Connie W. Russell  
Development Coordinator

### **NCM Caravan Marks 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NCM –Aug 27-Sept 1, 2019!**

SHCC has, as of this date, SIXTEEN cars and 31 people on our "interested list." Sign up now to get in on this trip: [morevette@gmail.com](mailto:morevette@gmail.com).

Maybe you are new to the Corvette world, or maybe you do not know of the 2019 Caravan, so what is the 2019 Caravan? It is a gathering of Corvette enthusiasts from around the U nited States, Canada and several other countries. Caravans will form from locations close to your home for a great road trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Your Southern Texas Caravan is led by Rick Creekmore from the Texas Corvette Association and includes clubs from San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Corpus Christi and the Valley. We anticipate 170 Corvettes travelling together in this caravan. Rick and his team have exciting events planned along the way!

Two caravans, one near San Antonio lead by Rick and the other near Houston, lead by Suzanne Ansley from the San Jacinto Corvette Club, will leave Tuesday morning August 27, 2019 and travel to Little Rock Arkansas to stay the night. There are 170 rooms booked for both caravans at Four Points by Sheraton near I-630 in Little Rock.

Both caravans will then travel together to Bowling Green on August 28th. Over the next four days (28th Aug to 1st Sept) you will have the opportunity to visit the museum, go on daily driving tours to caves, distilleries, and other things the Museum has planned. There will also be tours available at the Corvette assembly plant right across the street as well as hot laps and touring laps on the NCM Motorsports Park Raceway.

We have 170 rooms booked near the Museum. Three hotels are located in Glasgow, KY and one in Lucas, KY both approx. 30 miles or 40 minutes, from the NCM. Please visit the Southern Texas Caravan web site for complete details: <http://www.corvettecaravan.com/southern-texas/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2019southerntexascaptain/>

If you are interested in joining in the fun and signing up, please send your name and email address to Skip: [morevette@gmail.com](mailto:morevette@gmail.com) Questions, call Skip 713.865.2217



## **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 Susan Moss. It will be a short, 5 minute interview, which will then be posted on the website along with a picture of the member. Laurie Smith was chosen at the May meeting and the following is the interview:



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

*"First was a new 2000 Torch Red convertible. Currently own a 1992 yellow ZR1 and a Long Beach red 2017 Grand Sport."*

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

*"Almost 5 years. When we moved to Houston, we didn't know anyone. We joined to make friends with like minded Corvette owners."*

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

*"I really have enjoyed them all, but probably like the road trips the best. I enjoy going to places I haven't been before."*

**Q4. What is your favorite club memory so far?**

*"Bottle cars. It's great to see adults having fun acting like kids. The horse races at this year's wildflower run. were prettv hilarious."*

**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?**

*"Tacoma Washington. Moved from Green Bay Wisconsin to Houston to retire someplace warm."*

**Q6. Tell us about you, your family?**

*"Just my husband Tom and our 2 Maltese dogs Bogie and Cooper."*

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

*"Give some to charities and travel."*

**Q8. Who would you like to meet and why?**

*"Scott Kelly, the astronaut. He has to have some amazing stories."*

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

*"I had a 1968 Firebird that I drag raced."*

## **MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING**

### **SHCC GENERAL MEETING—5-4-2018**

**Members present: 51**

**Sergeant at Arms:** Laurie Smith called the meeting to order and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34.

**Secretary's Report:** Gina Wheat

- Reported that the minutes were distributed to all members in the latest newsletter.
- Asked if there were questions or corrections, with a nay response. A motion was made to accept the minutes, which was seconded and voted to accept by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Alexander

- Reported the status of the Club's current finances. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.
- Financials are available for review by members.
- Mike Ewers encouraged members to look at the budget.

**President:** Mike Ewers

- There are 2 Calendars left for sale at \$18 each. We can order additional calendars in lots of 25.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Mike will lead a ride to Nasklia Casino.

**NCM Ambassador:** Skip Straus

- Discussed Corvette Insurance through the NCM. Several members discussed the pros and cons and talked about their experiences.

- NCM 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary drive should have approximately 170 corvettes expected to meet in Little Rock. There should be a Police Escort from Little Rock to Bowling Green. Encouraged members to sign up. Passed out info.
- Charlie Lane reminded the Club that our lifetime membership of the NCM includes 10 free tickets for the Museum each year. If you're planning a trip contact Skip Straus and he will get you set up.

#### **MOM:**

- Susan Moss agreed to take over MOM duties from Skip.
- Laurie Smith was selected as the May MOM, and will be featured in the next newsletter.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Van Knox

- Niftee 50ees is now located at Grogan's Mill Shopping center in the Randall's parking lot. They're Grand Opening will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Skeeters game. We meet at 3:00 and Charlie Lane has tickets.
- May 5 & 6 – Keels and Wheels in Kemah.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> BJ's in Portifino Shopping Center at 6:30 hosted by Bob and Marlene Zwilling.
- May 18-20 Lone Star Corvette Club in Dallas at Texas Motor Speedway. You can drive your car on the track.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Picnic.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Jeb Jonas will lead a run that ends up at Papas on Lake Conroe.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Spaghetti Cook-off at Joel & Jerry Heneberg's.
- Date TBD in July Top Golf
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Party at Roger & Jeanette Willingham's
- Date TBD Escape Room
- Date TBD should be soon, maybe short notice Mark Kelly is going to rent a plane at Conroe Airport and give rides for \$20 per person. Money goes to Safe Harbor.
- Date TBD in August Bowling
- Jim Alexander encouraged members to book their rooms for the Fall Foliage trip. Once you book your room you need to let Jim know.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Tom Smith

- Went over all of our April Events.
- Skip told everyone about our participation in the Little Rock Car Show.
- Van told everyone about the TCA Car Show in Boerne.

#### **Governor's Report:** Joel Heneberg

- May 5<sup>th</sup> NW Houston Vet & Roods at Fox and Hound
- May 5 & 6 - Keels and Wheels in Kemah.
- June 1 & 2 – Big Cypress Corvette Show in Jefferson. Joel is leading a ride. There will be a Flea Market. Get details from Joel and let him know if you're interested.
- SHCC Annual Car show will be on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> will be the rain date.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** were recognized.

#### **Introduced new members**

- Annabelle and Ray Figueroa. They have a 1961 project car they're restoring.

#### **Officer at Large:** David Johnson

- April 29<sup>th</sup> Mod/Tech day changed 3 sets of brake pads/ the ladies did Glass Etching and Washer Jewelry.
- Everyone had a great time on the drive to JW's steakhouse in Carmine.

**Name Badge Winner:** Mark Denham's name was drawn but he was not present. The May drawing will be \$40.

**Raffle 50/50:** The clubs portion of the 50/50 raffle will go towards the money that the club is contributing to Skip's attendance of the NCM Ambassador's Convention. Ok Sun Waters won \$130 on the 50/50 raffle this month.

















Meeting was adjourned at 9:05

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

- Sam Houston Corvette Club – [www.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com](http://www.samhoustoncorvetteclub.com)
- National Corvette Museum – [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)
- This month's National Corvette Museum Raffles – <https://corvettestore.com/corvette-raffle>
- Photos (click link and choose the gallery for that event.) <http://shcc.smuqmuq.com/>

# 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.)

### **MEMBER ITEMS FOR SALE**

2007 Corvette convertible for sale. It is a 3LT preferred package, 6 speed auto paddle shift, ZO6 style wheels, exterior paint Machine silver metallic, Titanium gray interior. Call Perry Edgar for complete list at 281 358 4499, low miles 24k plus. Asking \$30,000.00 or best offer.