



# CORVETTER

## Sam Houston Corvette Club Monthly Publication

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

We currently have 166  
memberships, consisting of about  
313 individuals.

### New Members:

Paul & Claudia Gallagher  
King & Karen Jefferson  
Russell & Richard Hernandez  
Jim & Sheryl Privett  
James & Corina Privett

### From the President

Hope everyone stayed high and dry during our recent monsoons! If you were affected, directly or indirectly, please know the Club is here for you. Just reach out and let us know what we can do to help. Giving back and helping out is what the Club loves to do.

If April showers bring May flowers, then the Houston area in particular and the state in general, will certainly have an over abundant supply of flowers for the rest of spring. El Nino can take La Nina's hand and head off in the sunset! And June 1 starts hurricane season. Hope this rainy period isn't a precursor of what's to come for the next few months.

We've got a lot of great stuff lined up for May, so hopefully the rains are over for now and we can get out and enjoy the weather and events.

Couple of car shows this month and the ladies Heels and Wheels, plus a street meet at Munday Chevrolet on May 21. Please plan to come out and join us for any or all of the great activities.

In addition to the Club events, May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, May 9 is Mother's Day (you still have time to order those flowers), Armed Forces Day is May 21, thank you for your service, and Memorial Day is Monday, May 30.

If you have an idea for an activity or drive and eat, there are several dates are open in June, so please contact a board member or Charlie Laine and pass on your thoughts. Any and all ideas are welcome, so please feel free to discuss or submit any plans with any board member or Charlie.

Whatever you do during the month, have a great time and stay safe and,

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



**Birthdays:**

Yvonne Ammerman  
 Chris Burks  
 Lollie Duroy  
 Judy Fulton  
 Bob Geiss  
 Cliff Jenke  
 David Johnson  
 Les Jones  
 Bridget Kourik  
 Jill Kranson  
 John Martin  
 Michael Melton  
 Michael Murski  
 Bob Romsland  
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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](#)****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 Chauffe**

April 9 – San Jac Car Show - Kemah

April 15-17 – Texas Corvette Association Car Show - Boerne, TX

**April 16 – Street meet – Portofino****April 16-23 – All inclusive trip to Cabo – David & Kassy Johnson**

April 23 – Kruse 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****Calendar of Upcoming Events (click the link shown to take you to the website for additional information) (SHCC Club events in bold)****[Events](#)****May 6 – Club Meeting**

May 7 – NAACC car show - Fox & Hound on Westheimer

May 7 - 'Vettes for VETS

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

May 14 - Aero & Autos @ Ellington Field

May 20-22 – Lone Star Corvette Classic

May 21 – Street Meet – Munday Chevrolet

May 28 – The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Navy Seal Danny Dietz Memorail Team Roping & BBQ Cook Off

June 2-4 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Cypress Corvette Weekend - Jefferson, TX

**June 3 – Club Meeting**

June 3-5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corvettes Cruisin' Galveston – Corvette World

June 26 – Walden Brunch & Arcade Challenge

**July – NO CLUB MEETING FOR JULY****July 3 – Club's birthday and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration - Tom & Laurie Smith**

July 9-17 – Run for the Hills – Spearfish, SD – Jay Lucas & Skip Straus

July 23-24 – Invasion of the Corvettes – Circuit of the Americas/The Oasis

**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: [National Corvette Museum - May Raffle](#)
- Featured article: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/chevrolet-corvette-plant-gets-439-million-in-upgrades/>
- 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. Kimberly Gates was chosen at the March meeting and the following is the interview:

### ***...Kimberly Gates***



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

*"2005 Coupe – Millenium Yellow."*

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

*"2 years."*

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

*"Love to go on the club runs. We get to drive 'spiritedly' and get to visit new places."*

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

*"The Spring Run 2015."*

**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?**

*"Grew up in Comstock Park, Michigan. Married Woody Gates and moved here to be with his family. I am an only child, so I moved my parents (here)."*

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

*"I have been married to Woody for 5 years. We have a 'yours & mine' family. We have 4 children, Bradix 21, Neely 19 (my children), Eden 21, & Jonathan 25 (my step-children) ."*

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

*"Pay off our bills & buy a house with a big garage for Woody (after we bought his other Vettes)."*

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

*"This has stumped me. I really don't have any one person that I would like to meet that is still living. So, if I could meet someone, it would be Channing Tatum. But, before you judge, he was first in "Step Up" – a dance movie, then "Magic Mike."*

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

*"I have been dancing since I was 2 years old. I have danced in several festivals, internationally, and on a cruise ship. I have taught dance and have danced jazz, tap, hip hop, Tahitian, ballet, point and gymnastics."*

## MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

### SHCC General Meeting—April 1, 2016

**Sergeant at Arms:** Bob R. called the meeting to order at 7:44 and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cathy A. We are financially in a good position. Club made a \$200 donation to the American Lung Association in memory of Walt Davis. We have 309 members.

**NCM Ambassador:** (Dave A.) - Weekly newsletter from the museum. At the bottom of the newsletter they list car shows from Corvette clubs.

**MOM** (Skip S.) - Kim Gates is the April MOM

**Secretary's Report:** Tom S. - minutes accepted

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Report:** John C. recapped past SHCC activities.

Mar. 4--club mtg.--66 in attendance

Mar. 5--Hook's Airport Show

Mar. 6--SCAA autocross

Mar.12-- Bowties to the Brazos

Mar. 19--Street meet (28 cars), some went on to Conroe cruisers

Mar. 26--Rum Run

**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Report:** Van K. reported on upcoming events. We have 1 or 2 events every weekend this month.

Apr. 2 & 3 ...Space City Car Show, Mustang Club of Houston open car show Lone Star Flight Museum, Galveston

Apr. 8- 10--Wild Flower run. Joe C. went over the details of the wild flower run. Also San Jacinto has their car show.

Apr. 15-17--open car show and drive in Boerne,

Apr. 16--Street Meet at Munday go to eat afterwards, All inclusive trip scheduled to Cabo planned by David and Kassey J

Apr. 23--Cruise for K9's poker run, 23rd COCH car show in Sugarland (no caravan planned)

Apr. 23-24--Keels & Wheels in Seabrook,

Apr.24-- run to the Southern Flyer diner in Brenan at the airport. 1950's diner, then somewhere else TBD,

Nifty Fifty's has started up again every Sat night from now to November.

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

Galveston event no new information.

Vettes and Jets on the Lex registration has started. Have to mail it in.

Oct. 22--SHCC show at the Town Green Park in the Woodlands.

Don has flyers on the various car shows coming up.

New Radios are in.

**Garage Talk:** Rick D. got a deep scratch on the windshield. Found Cerium oxide which takes out deep scratches; comes in a kit with a buffer from Amazon. Don't let it get on your car. Coming out with a clear windshield wrap that can be peeled off like NASCAR uses. Talked about oil changes for C7's, with dry sump 16's. Confusion about the number you get. Dealers are saying 2. Rick got it in writing from GM that it is 3. You can buy an oil cap from Amazon that says Mobil One on it. Replace your cap that says Dexos. This will tell the service dept to use Mobil 1. Rocky M - Showed us a very small battery charger that you can keep in your car. You can plug your cell phone in it also. It has a light like a flashlight. It is \$33 including shipping. Brand name is Aukey. Jim A. talked about losing a hubcap on his C5. It was loose when he washed it and he didn't think anything about it. Got one from Frank's. Frank's suggested that you put some black tape on the prongs makes it fit tight.

**Performance Coordinator:** Jay L. talked about the SCCA autocross. he liked the condition of the track. A "Rookie" school for \$300 is being offered.

April 23rd dirt track modifieds will race at Battle Ground Speedway.

**Safety Talk:** David B. did a Quick Driver's knowledge quiz on Powerpoint. Last 2 questions were worth a raffle ticket.

Members Stories

**President:** Saturday Oct 22nd will be our car show. The Woodlands is updating the sod at the park. We're improving it this year based on our learning from last year. Rain date will be Nov 5th. The exotics want to do a show there after seeing ours.

Lynn D. has asked to step down from being our newsletter editor. Mike thanked her for the great job she has done. Sandy Cox has agreed to take it over.

Mike talked about our charity committee: Jon Cox, Bob Romsland, and Jeff Dobrowolski. They developed a questionnaire to get the members to suggest a charity. Charities were submitted for this year. 4 applications, Operation Military Embrace, Emergency Ministries, and Humble Area Assistance Ministries ( HAAM) and animal welfare. The 2 charities drawn were Emergency Ministries and Humble Area Assistance Ministries ( HAAM).

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** were recognized.

**New Members:** Paul Gallagher 2015 Z51 Yellow, Barry Burke 2015 shark gray Z51, King Jefferson white 96 C4.

**Name Badge Winner:** (\$20) - Jim Alexander won

















Baby Pictures were brought in by members. Members guessed who they were. Person who got the most correct received a raffle ticket. Kassey J. got the most with 9.

**Raffle:** all raffle gifts were secret because of April Fools.

**50/50 Raffle Winner:** \$150 winner Tod Bradley

# 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.)



## Well the 2016 19th Annual Wildflower is over and in the book!!!!

The weather held up and we were able to complete all 3 Sisters on Saturday, it certainly was a lot cooler than everyone thought it would be!!!

Susan & I want to offer a big Thank You to everyone who attended. It's you the members of SHCC that make this possible for without your participation the run wouldn't be as fun or might not happen at all. It is your interest and desire to go that makes it possible. Trust me we enjoy bringing this to you as much as you enjoy going!!!

Thanks to all those that dressed up for the theme, You all looked great – Wish I could give everyone a trophy!!! Hopefully if you didn't dress up this year you will next year, as you can see you won't be the only one!!!!

To those that stopped and helped John Cox, I offer a hearty Kudo's, it is that kind of comradery that make this club what it is! It takes a special effort to forgo a cruise that you have been looking forward to, to stop and help a fellow member!!! It's not a good feeling to be stuck out in the middle of nowhere broke down, alone and no phone service. Thank You to those that stopped and stayed with them!!!

For those that made the Cruise back Sunday, they saw some awesome Flowers and Color. I am attaching the photos I took at Garven's Store, if you have any photos you took Sue and I would love to see them, just email them to me at this address.

We hope everyone had a Great time, and Sue and I are looking forward to putting this trip together for you next year!!!

Joe & Sue

