

SCCC PROGRESS REPORT



We came together for the cars, we stay together for the people...



Space City Corvette Club

DECEMBER 2022

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Lifetime Business Member
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National Corvette Museum

REMINDER

**Have you renewed your
2023 SCCC membership?**

IT'S A VERY EASY '5-STEP'
PROCESS FROM OUR SCCC
WEBPAGE!!!

FOR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT:

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YOU MAY ALSO RENEW AND PAY
AT THE JANUARY MEETING!!



Upcoming Meetings

January 10, 2023
February 14, 2023
March 14, 2023

New!

El Tiempo Cantina

20237 Gulf Fwy, Webster, TX 77598

New!

Food served at 6pm
Meeting at 7pm

Upcoming Events

45th Corvette Chevy Expo
March 18-19, 2023

Galveston Island Convention Center
(\$75, or \$50 early bird registration good
until Feb 3, 2023 - Indoor Car Show)

27th Annual Keels & Wheels
Concours D'Elegance

May 6-7, 2023

Lakewood Yacht Club

--- Honoring 70 years of Corvette ---
(pre-registration required - 'by invitation
only' show - Outdoor Car Show)

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I'm proud to announce Space City Corvette Club's (SCCC) first progress report!

Because our mission is to raise money for local and national charities, this report is intended to provide club members and other interested parties information about the club's activities and financial performance, both large and small - something we should all be proud of!

Since this is SCCC's first report, we'll take a look at what was accomplished throughout calendar year 2022. Publication will continue after each quarter to highlight our high points and our 'giving' statistics.

I hope you're as excited about this endeavor as I am, and you take the time to read through and enjoy the information.

Ultimately, it all happened because of *YOU* and is a total reflection of all fellow Corvette owners and lovers (i.e., you and me).

We came together for the cars, we stay together for the people...

Enjoy!

A.J. Loupe

2022 ANNUAL GIVING GOALS

131%

CY22 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Goal: \$75,000

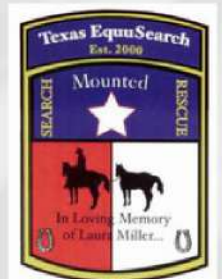
Collected: \$97,916

OVERVIEW

Our primary fund-raising activities are the result of a Corvette-only Car Show in May and an Open Car Show in October. The net proceeds are donated to a charity that our membership selects each year. For 2022, we donated to Texas EquuSearch.



Overall, SCCC has contributed \$91,916 to Texas EquuSearch, \$52,000 to the National Corvette Museum (memberships, raffles, and donations), \$3,500 to St. Jude's and \$2,500 for a UTMB Fellowship.



In addition, we'd like to THANK our Sponsors who have generously contributed to each event!

2022 UTMB FELLOWSHIP



What began in 1891 has grown to have worldwide impact. As we celebrate our pioneers in health care, education and research, we thank our benefactors for their support of UTMB.



Pioneer Herman A. Barnett, MD, the first African American student admitted to UTMB, who graduated in 1953. The future of medicine is represented by Puja Shah, SOM '24.



Pioneer Rose Grundfest Schneider, PhD, one of the first to identify the abnormal hemoglobin associated with sickle cell anemia. The future of research is represented by Abhijnan Chattopadhyay, PhD, GSBS '14 & '16.



Pioneer Truman G. Blocker, Jr., SOM '33, who became the first president of UTMB in 1967. The future of health care is represented by Savanna R. Russell, SHP '24.



Pioneer Wilma "Dolly" Vinsant, a 1940 School of Nursing graduate. She was the only Texas woman to die in active duty in Europe during WWII. The future of nursing is represented by Julian E. Quiceno Lopez, SON '17 & '21.

The University of Texas Medical Branch Endowment

REPORT

Endowment: Fichtner Space City Corvette Club Memorial Fund

Recipient: Sindusha Reddy Gudipally, MD, fellow, Division of Hematology and Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine
Use of Funds in Fiscal Year 2022

(September 2021 - August 2022)

Endowment distributions from the Fichtner Space City Corvette Club are advancing the technical skills and research endeavors of Dr. Sindusha Reddy Gudipally, a medical oncology fellow.



Dr. Gudipally earned her medical degree from MedCiti Institute of Medical Sciences in Hyderabad, India. Before coming to UTMB, she conducted an internal medicine residency at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Darby, Sindusha Reddy Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. As a medical oncologist, Dr. Gudipally performs chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, biological therapy, targeted therapy or immunotherapy. Medical oncology is the diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment care of cancer patients.

This year, Dr. Gudipally gained additional exposure to oncology, sharpened her skills through research presentations during professional conferences and engaged in research collaborations through endowment recourses.

Dr. Maurice Willis, program director of the Hematology and Oncology Fellowship, said the Fichtner Space City Corvette Club Memorial Fund maintains a highly beneficial purpose for the division's fellows. The fund, he said, will continue to give fellows opportunities to disseminate research findings, sharpen presentation skills and allow them to acquire educational reference materials that aid in their studies.

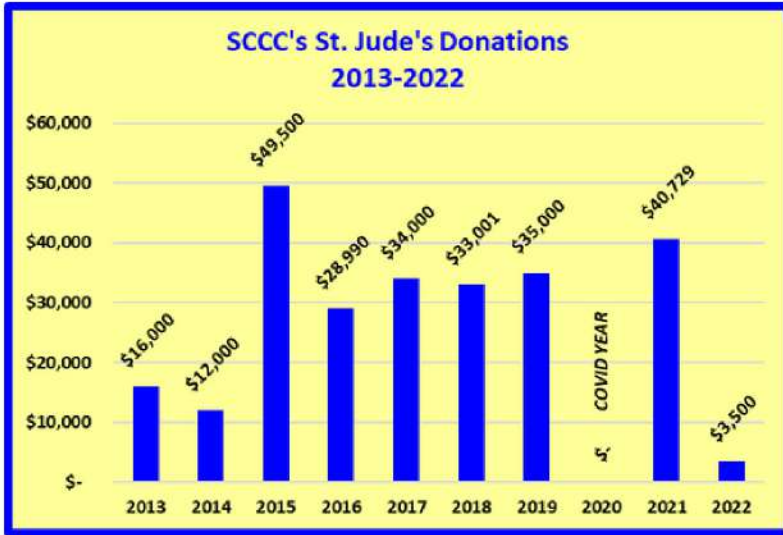
UTMB would like to express sincere thanks to those who invested in the enduring legacy of endowments at our institution. Our endowments provide crucial funding—both now and in the future—to help us fuel innovative education and training, leading-edge research and the highest quality patient care for the people of Texas and beyond.

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OTHER SCCC CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you!

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital



Total Donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
\$252,719

SCCC has been the #1 Donor to St. Jude's over any other Corvette Club in North America for the last 9 years

UTMB Endowment Fund – Corpus Value Amount

(As of November 30, 2022)



SCCC NEWS

40 OF AMERICA'S SPORTS CARS LEAD INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

24 Jul 2022

It's a Friendswood tradition, the Nation's longest continuous running 4th of July Parade in America. This year Friendswood celebrates the 127th year in a row. The parade is being led by 40 Corvettes from the Space City Corvette Club. The City of Friendswood has invited Space City Corvette Club to lead the parade again in 2023!!

SCCC BECOMES LIFETIME MEMBER OF NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

3 Sep 2022

After a successful rally to raise the needed funds to become a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum, a group of club representatives travelled to Bowling Green to submit their application in person during the 28th annual celebration of the opening of the Museum. According to the club's Ambassador, Kevin Brady: "The support shown by our membership demonstrates our commitment to supporting the mission of National Corvette Museum to educate and excite the public about the heritage and future of America's Sports Car."

Upon greeting the group, Sharon Brawner, President of the NCM stated: "It is a pleasure to welcome each of you in hopes that our relationship continues to flourish. We come together for the cars, but we stay for the people." The following people made the trip: AJ Loupe with Catie Philips, David and Amy Garza, Curtis and Janie Russel, Gary Riley, Jay and Jill Jahn, Kevin and Alma Brady with their daughter Katherine.



CORVETTES SHATTER PARK RECORD WITH STRONG CAR SHOW ATTENDANCE

18 Nov 2022

This year's 10th Annual Good Grub and Gears Fall Car Show and Fall Festival was held at Stevenson's Park here in Friendswood on October 8th. This car show has become one of the premier car shows to attend in the area. Space City Corvette Club produced another Stevenson's Park record with 223 cars shattering their previous Stevenson's Park record of 203 at the same time while raising \$70,000 for Tim Miller with Texas EquuSearch.

SCCC NEWS

OUT AND ABOUT | DOREEN HUGHES

Space City Corvette Club event, fundraiser big success

Space City Corvette Club recently held its membership dinner at Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant in Webster to celebrate its successful 10th annual Good Grub & Gears Car Show & Fall Festival. The event, held at Steven-



DOREEN HUGHES

son Park in Friendswood, attracted 223 cars and a great turnout of car enthusiasts, fans and supporters. It also raised a record \$70,000, the largest in the club's history, with the help of major sponsor Bayway Chevrolet.

Established in 2007, Space City Corvette Club has more than 150 members. Its mission is to raise funds for local and national charities. This year, the club's activities helped raise funds to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Texas EquuSearch. Additionally, the club awarded its annual scholarship to a fellow at the University of Texas Medical Branch in the Fichnter/SpaceCity Corvette Club Memorial Fund name.

During the dinner events, Glenn Johnson, mayor of Port Neches and a current board member of the National Corvette Museum, shared news from the national level with club members and guests. Johnson presented club president A.J. Loupe with a unique recognition pin. The highlight of the



DOREEN HUGHES/For The Daily News
Space City Corvette Club President A.J. Loupe presents Tim Miller, founder/director of Texas EquuSearch with a check for \$70,000 at the celebration dinner of their successful 10th Annual Good Grub & Gears Car Show & Fall Festival.



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From left: Space City Corvette Club members Kate Brady, Kevin Brady, Janie Russell and David Garza pose for a picture during a celebration dinner at Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant in Webster.

evening was the guest appearance of Tim Miller, founder/director of Texas EquuSearch, the volunteer search and rescue organization. Miller captivated the audience by sharing powerful true-to-life stories from his 20-plus years leading many search and rescue teams to find missing persons. During the

dinner, it was announced a generous donor offered a matching dollar-for-dollar donation of up to \$25,000. SpaceCity Corvette Club presented Miller with a check for \$70,000.

Doreen Hughes covers events and happenings across the county. Her column appears each Sunday. Contact her at newsroom@galvnews.com with "Out and About" in the subject line.

TECH TIP

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR VEHICLE



1. Inspect Your Tires

One of the most important things for winterizing your vehicle is inspecting your tires. If the tread is worn, you'll experience diminished performance, longer stopping distances, and possible increased hydroplaning on wet and slippery roads.

Using the old-age method of determining whether there is enough tread on your tires, take a penny, with Lincoln's head facing you and in an upside-down position, and insert it into one of the grooves between the threads.

This practice should be repeated in 10-15 areas of the tire.

In each of the areas, if you see all of Lincoln's head the tread depth is less than 2/32 of an inch, meaning the tire is dangerous and tire replacement is recommended.

If a portion of Lincoln's head is not visible, your tire is okay.



2. Tire Pressure

Severely deflated tires can easily result in a blowout when hitting a pothole, or can contribute to a potential accident on a slippery road, or even cause drag on a warm day lowering your gas mileage.

Frequently checking air pressure in each tire is recommended. Each 10-degree drop in outside temperature can mean a one-pound loss in air pressure. Be sure to check the sticker on your vehicle's door jam or trunk lid, including the owner's manual, for recommended air pressure.

The best time to inspect tires is when the car has been sitting for 30 minutes or more.

Many newer cars today have built-in notification methods indicating low tire pressure.



3. Test the Battery

Because engines are more difficult to start in cold weather, it's wise to get your battery checked early. Batteries dislike cold weather and tend to become more dormant.

Chemical reactions in the battery make electricity slow down as the temperature drops, making it difficult to produce maximum power. Batteries generally prefer an outside temperature of 80 degrees. Luckily, for the most part, Texas residents experience milder weather during the winter months.



4. Change the Oil

During the winter months, lighter weight oil is as important for starting an engine in cold weather as a strong battery. The cold tends to thicken the oil, making it difficult for parts to turn the engine during start, which places a strain on the starter and battery.

In conjunction with the oil, a strong battery is needed to crank the engine. Check your owner's manual to determine proper engine oil weight. The basic rule is to use thinner oil for cold weather, and thicker in warmer weather.



5. Add Proper Coolant

Coolant, or antifreeze, is a liquid that absorbs engine heat and dissipates energy through the radiator. It keeps the engine cool in the winter and summer, preventing overheating issues and extensive damage to the engine. The coolant is formulated to resist freezing.

Insufficient coolant can cause serious damage to your engine. Frequently checking the amount of coolant in the radiator's reservoir tank is advised. A line on the side of the tank, a small plastic clear container located near the radiator, shows the proper level required for sufficient cooling. If coolant is needed, make sure your engine is cool. If the engine is too warm, hot liquid could bubble up and burn your hands or face.

An additional note is to make sure you purchased the correct coolant for your engine. Check your owner's manual for the proper type, including when the system must be flushed.

There are six different types of coolant, and each is a different color. If the wrong coolant is used, your cooling system or engine could be damaged.

When adding coolant, check the bottle to determine how many parts of water, if any, should be added to one part of coolant.

If you smell antifreeze (normally a sweet, syrupy smell) but do not see a leak, coolant may be escaping from a clamp or a hose may have failed you cannot see. Check for a puddle under your vehicle. If there is no puddle under your vehicle also check the passenger side floor for any wetness or puddling inside your vehicle; this can indicate a potential leak in your heater core which will need replacing.

TECH TIP

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR VEHICLE, CONTINUED



6. Check Belts and Hoses

Wires and belts should be checked for cracks and wear. Check hoses for leaks, and cables for lubrication. Cold temperatures can weaken these items, causing hoses to become brittle.



7. Choose AWD or 4WD

If your vehicle offers one of these options, your vehicle offers improved road traction. Check your owner's manual to determine when maintenance may be required. If your 4-wheel drive system has manual controls, check your user's manual for further instruction.

Some AWD and 4WD crossovers offer a locking differential that equalizes power to the wheels on the same axle. When the differential is locked, vehicles offer better road traction.

Check the owner's manual to determine if the differential can be manually locked while the vehicle is in Drive, or if it is required to be in Park or Neutral before activation.



8. Monitor Brakes

Brakes should always be in top operating condition, especially with wet or icy road conditions. When applying your brakes, do you hear metal-against-metal? Is the car pulling to your left or right when the brakes are applied? Does the brake pedal pulsate under normal driving when the brakes are applied and the anti-lock brake system not activated? Does your steering wheel shimmy quickly back and forth to the left and right when applying your brakes?

If any of the above conditions exist, it will be wise to do a brake job or take your vehicle to your local dealer or automotive service dealer for repairs, or your local auto parts store for parts if you're the do-it-yourself on brake jobs.

If you're able to, check the inside of your tires to make sure there is no wet substance leaking out on any of them. If you see any wet substance, it could be a sign that your wheel cylinder is leaking. If this is occurring, it could mean a caliper is stuck or not functioning properly. If the wheel cylinder is leaking, it can cause a glaze on your brake rotor and will impact the amount of time between pressing your brake and actually stopping.

If your brake pads are thin or worn, your stopping distance will take longer which could result in an accident, no matter if it is cold or hot outside.



9. Change Wiper Blades

Weather elements can build up on your windshield and can cause excessive wear on your wiper blades. Be sure to replace your wipers if they look dry or brittle or leave streaks of liquid on your windshield.



10. Fill Fluids

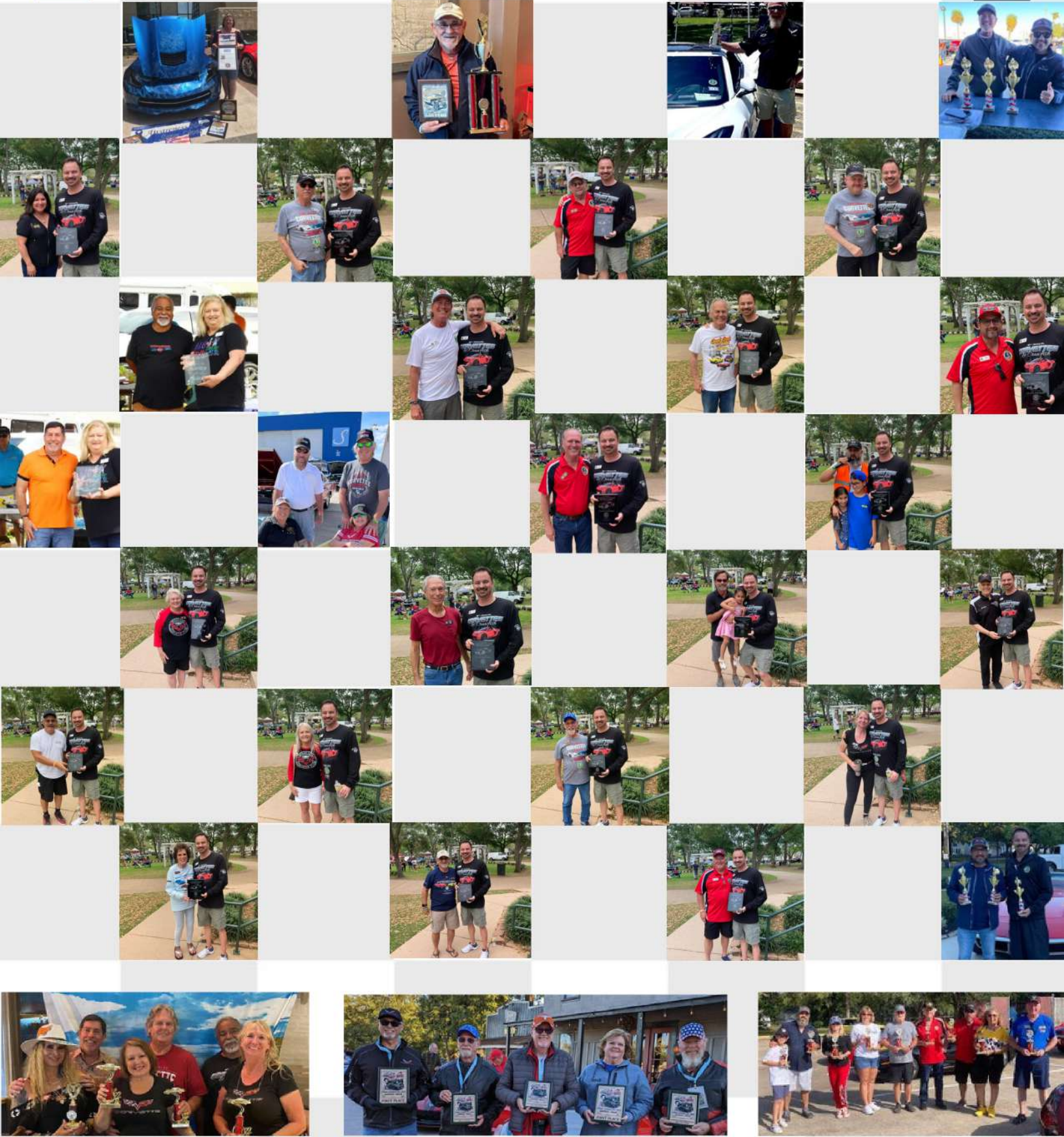
Be sure to check your windshield fluid tank frequently and make sure the liquid you're using will not freeze when the temperature reaches freezing.



11. Make Time

Leave a little early to your destination, especially in ominous weather conditions. This is important because it will keep you from rushing and will allow yourself more time for braking and accelerating, as required. Drive slower and brake earlier to allow greater distance between you and any vehicles in front of you to prevent becoming embedded in someone else's bumper.

SCCC WINNERS CIRCLE



SCCC ACTIVITIES



September Street Meet
Area Corvette Clubs
Hemi Hideout

SCCC ACTIVITIES



October Street Meet - Caravan to Topwater Grill



November Street Meet - American Heart Association 2022 Heart Walk

SCCC ACTIVITIES



Good Grub & Gears Sponsor plaque presented to Pier 6



Toy Donation to DePelchin Children's Center



League City Holiday Parade



Clear Lake Greek Festival



Bastrop Veterans Day Car Show



SCCC ACTIVITIES



SCCC Christmas Party 2022

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