



Second Quarter

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## *The Vette*

### Quarterly newsletter

Since 2003 the National African American Corvette Club (NAACC) has been the only Corvette Club of its kind, bringing Corvette owners of like minds together from coast to coast. The NAACC is an energetic group of Corvette lovers who enjoy fun activities centered around their favorite cars.

The NAACC's members and events are primarily located in Houston where we support "**No More Victims**", a shelter for children of incarcerated parents. We are however hoping to build chapters nation-wide. Join now and help us build a club chapter in your town!

### Why the "National African American Corvette Club"?

There are millions of Corvette owners in America. There are thousands of Corvette Clubs in America. There are several Corvette magazines in America.

If you are a minority and own a Corvette, you are in good company. There are hundreds of thousands of Corvette owners who happen to be minorities. We are in every state. We are in every town. Search for a Corvette Club whose members are minorities in cities where you travel, and if you're lucky, there is one. But the clubs are scattered and singular. If you subscribe to any Corvette magazines on the market, you would think no minorities own Corvettes.

The NAACC is the only club in America designed and formed with the specific purpose of bringing Corvette owners of like minds together under one club, one banner, one purpose: "Promote the Corvette hobby and provide the catalyst for members to meet, associate, form new and continuing friendships and have fun."

The vision of the NAACC is to establish a network of chapter clubs from coast to coast. As a member of the NAACC, you are a club Ambassador and can help us achieve our goal by sharing your experience with your friends, associates and relatives in cities and states all over America. Direct them to the website and encourage them to contact us; we will help them get started.

Thank you in advance for helping us share the vision!.

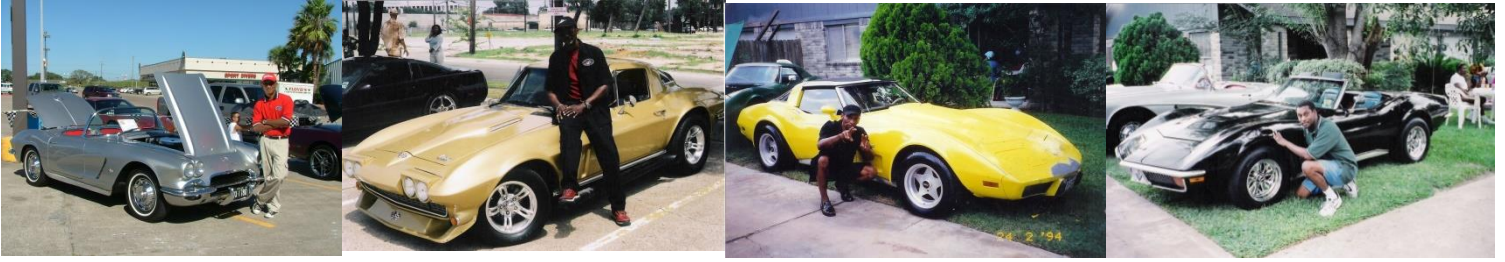


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## Founders

**Clayton 62' – Dave 66' – Jimmie 79' – Adrian 71'**



### **THE HOUSTON CHAPTER**

Welcome NAACC Members to the start of year 2021 membership year of the greatest Corvette Club in the world. Show your enthusiasm for the club this year by notifying other members about events and inviting new members to join the club.

We are still in the Pandemic, but the horizon is starting to show the promise of a better future. So, while we are still in the pandemic notify the president or any NAACC Houston board member of ideas that we can perform with social distancing. Your ideas are welcome and needed because in the Houston Chapter every member has a voice.

Remember NAACC always strive for excellence, community, togetherness and always family. We take pride in our Corvette's and we are admired citywide, statewide and nationally, because we are just that great.

Joseph Glenn,  
President

### **A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

#### **What Time Is It??**

The National African American Corvette Club just celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> year. We gathered at Sugars Cajun Restaurant for Founders Day and had more Corvettes show up than the parking lot could hold. It was a great day but it could have been better. Why/how? Because we miss our extended family.

When we started this club, we had a vision to have chapters from the West Coast to the East Coast. A group of Corvette Clubs flying one banner, one family. As minorities, we were well aware that this was a daunting task for lots of reasons. To our delight, within the first five years, we were well on our way with chapters in New York, Oklahoma, Austin, Tx, Philadelphia and of course, Houston. We traveled to each city in support of the chapters and took cars to Oklahoma and Austin.

We freely shared the "how to" of running a club, a show, a cruise and every other thing we had in place to make a club a success. It never occurred to us that sharing would lead to division. We knew that we were surrounded by Alpha Dogs. The majority of Corvette owners are Alpha Dogs, it's a family trait. We are too. But our sight was obscured by our vision. We didn't see it coming.

In rapid succession our chapters disconnected. New York imploded, Oklahoma decided to go back to its former club name, Austin and Philadelphia came up with new club names. We were busy trying to build the vision but chasing the dream meant focusing on new chapters. We were naïve and our inattention to our existing chapters was our downfall.

“Why do we need National?” was the common thread. “We have everything we need to run a successful club; By-Laws, Guidelines, How to. We don’t need National (anymore).

For the next several years, we struggled with how to get our chapters to stay connected, to see the vision and work with us to expand the family and fly the NAACC flag. We basically suspended efforts to start new chapters and despite our combined effort we failed to develop a program which would keep the existing chapters engaged while allowing us to pursue new chapters. The difficulty is, how do you get an Alpha Dog to follow the leader? Why should they work to be a small fish in the nationwide ocean when they can be a big fish in a small pond?

The answer is in several people, but one word. The people are Trevon Martin, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and so many others who exposed once again, police brutality, unequal justice and the divisive attitudes in America. The word answer is Unity. We as a people must unify; politically, socially economically and educationally. We are family.

A new America is evolving. The “Re-United States of America”. We must pivot now and bring our family together. Now is the time for Unity. Now is the time for family. Now is the time for us to raise our flag. Now is the time to present our vision to the Re-United States.

To accomplish this, we need you. To our former chapters, we extend our hand. We want you back. To the Corvette Clubs in America, join us. We need you to help us rewrite our policies and procedures so that minority Corvette owners coast to coast can come together under one flag. Now is the time for the National African American Corvette Club to live up to its creed, “Don’t be a Corvette Owner, be a Corvette Enthusiast!”

Now is the time!

*With Heartfelt Pride  
Clayton “Cat” Catchings*

*Founder – Chairman*



*Cars owned by the Board of Directors  
Representing  
The Magnificent Seven*



Since 2003 the NAACC made a concerted effort to offer its members the opportunity to promote the Corvette hobby while making new friends and supporting the community at large. Join us and you will understand our motto:

**“Don’t Be a Corvette Owner, Be a Corvette Enthusiast!”**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.naacc.net](http://www.naacc.net)

- Renew your membership
- Become a new member
- Check out photos in the albums
- Post items you have for sale.
- Advertise your business

**WHAT’S GOING ON**

Houston Car show – Craft Republic  
June 2021 – Go to the website for pictures

Houston CorVque date TBN

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