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PREZ SEZ

Hello All!

It appears that summer has landed hard on us! It was 92° at my house today! I think just a week or so ago it was still "late winter"! But I know each of us are ready for a fun-filled summer.



President Janice Greene

March and April have flown past. We've done a lot in the last months. I hope you had the opportunity to attend at least one of our events.

We've had a cruise-in to Edgewater to eat at Elliott's Roadside Grill. That was a fun drive and we had some great food.

We've had a spring full of successful Autocrosses. Thanks to those of you who drove, and thanks to those who showed up to help with wherever you could. Without your support we could not hold these events. If you haven't been out yet, try to make one of the fall events. You might find a new passion.

CKCC held our annual car show on April 27th. This year because it was held on Merritt Island, Vettes On The Island turned into a great event! Thanks to everyone who assisted with the preparation, including attending the car show meetings, searching out door prizes and items to fill our goodie bags, helped parking the participants (and avoided running over a single runner), personally making 41 baskets for the raffle, and those who spent hours cleaning your car to help us produce a wonderful show.

Extra thanks go to the show Chairman Peter and his wife Barbara Lenhard for their Continued endless hours of work. We could not have done it without you!

A heads-up for Sunday Brunch in June: We will not be at Fishlips. They are doing some filming for a promotional video that day and are unable to accommodate us. We will decide whether we want to move it out a week, visit a new location or just cancel for the month at the May Membership Meeting. We will make that announcement as soon as it's determined.

We hope you can find time in your schedule to attend our monthly meetings. We make most decisions for the club at these meetings. We want and need your input. As always, it's held the second Tuesday of each month at Merritt Island Moose Lodge on N. Courtenay Pkwy. on Merritt Island. Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner available for purchase from the Moose. The business meeting begins at 7:00 PM. I try hard to get you out by 8:00 so you can get back to your real life. We would love to see your smiling faces!

If you've headed back north for the summer, enjoy your time away. Be safe and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. If Florida is your full-time home, I hope you have a fabulous summer filled with fun, friends, family and travel.

Janice

Sunday Brunches

Our monthly first Sunday Brunch at Fishlips in Port Canaveral continues to be a favorite gathering of CKCC members. The March Brunch was attended by 36 members who enjoyed the free Mimosas with their breakfasts. The April Brunch was attended by 34 members who all appeared happy based on the smiling faces.



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March Cruise-in to Elliott's Roadside Grill

By Barbara Marshall, Social Committee

March 16 was a beautiful Saturday for a cruise-in to Elliott's Roadside Grill in Edgewater, Florida. The Club had visited this restaurant in the past when it was under different ownership. About 30 CKCC members met at Sand Point Park in Titusville at 3 p.m and caravanned for about

an hour to Elliott's where we had our own private room.

The food and service were excellent and everyone appeared to have wonderful time.

Peter & Barbara Lenhard surprised everyone by arriving in their new triple black C8 convertible









CKCC SPRING BREAK AUTOCROSS

By Bill Kassebaum, Competition Director

SETUP

On Friday, March 22, a group of CKCC racers and member volunteers arrived at the American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM) to setup the autocross track. We used a different technique to unload the cones from the club trailer this time to see if we could improve efficiency. Instead of parking the club trailer near the front of the museum and transferring the cones to a pickup truck, we positioned two worker inside the trailer to slowly distribute the cones around the track that Tim Reardon had designed for the Saturday autocross events. This method worked out great and will be utilized for future track setups.

Once the cones were out on the track, additional workers then proceeded to unload everything else we needed to race including the set up of the club canopies/tables used for registration and timing. Zach Duys set up the timing equipment for testing and after some tweaks all was working fine. We finished setup before 11 AM and we were ready for the weekend of racing. The weather forecast was for clear skies and very little chance of rain. We were ready to go racing on Saturday.





SATURDAY

It was great that daylight saving time was finally here, but that meant that it was just getting light at 7 AM when we arrived at the museum to do final set up of the track and timing equipment. It was a beautiful sunrise and as the sun rose higher in the eastern sky, CKCC club members arrived to help with final set up of the track and timing gear. This includes timing setup, safety walk down of the course, check-in of those preregistered, registering walk-in racers and ensuring all participants, workers and spectators had read



and signed the NCCC waiver and were wearing a wristband. We had our worker and drivers meeting a bit after 9:15 AM, and we started racing around 9:45 AM. We had 30 racers participating on Saturday with six "metal" cars. All of the morning runs were completed without any incidents or equipment malfunctions. We took a welldeserved break for lunch provided by one of the great local food trucks. We attempt to bring the best food available for our racers, workers and spectators. After finishing lunch, those drivers that wanted to, needed to or just

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wanted seat time ran their next seven runs finishing with their best times in the books. CKCC autocrosses have a maximum of seven events each day with up to two runs per event. One run is done in the morning and the second run for each event is completed in the afternoon. The fastest times for each of the event runs are those that are uploaded to the NCCC Competition Database. It was a great day of racing.



As is a custom of recent CKCC autocross events, the "fortunate" driver that managed to hit the most cones is awarded the less than prestigious Cone Killer award. In the past, several well-known Corvette racers have earned this award of shame. But this day, we had a "metal" car driver take the award by a large margin with a total of 19 cones (or 38 seconds of penalty time). This is nearly



double the usual "winners" tally. The driver requested to remain nameless (but his photo is included and drives a Mini Cooper).



As is a custom, many of the racers, workers and spectators met at a local restaurant after all racing was completed on Saturday afternoon. It was a great time enjoyed by all including some much-needed racing discussions, nutrition and adult beverages. The after-race camaraderie is something you have to experience to appreciate and understand. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY

We arrived at AMCM on Sunday morning just before a beautiful sunrise with great weather forecast for the day. Tim Reardon had



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redesigned the track layout to change a few corners and slalom. Our CKCC member workers and racers did another great job of getting the jobs done that need to be completed before we could start racing. I held the workers and drivers meeting close to the schedule and we were racing soon afterward.

We had 29 racers registered to participate on Sunday with some new cars that did not race on Saturday. We completed the group 1 first seven runs and were starting the runs for group 2 cars when one of the participants lost control of his car and hit a solar panel support H-Beam. The car was significantly damaged and had to be towed off the track. The driver was transported to a local hospital and released to go home later than evening.



As a result of the incident, I recommended that we suspend racing for the remainder of the day. The incident revealed we needed to re-evaluate our safety implementation to protect drivers, workers and spectators. We will implement necessary and sufficient improvements before we race at AMCM this fall.





Traveling NCCC Members Can Give or Get Help On The Road

By Veronica "Roni" Duys

You came for the cars, you've stayed for the people. However many do not realize NCCC has a family network to help you if you run into trouble on the road. Family Helping Family can only be found on the Members Only portion of the NCCC Website. We cannot publish the password for this system which changes yearly so email me (veronicaduys@gmail.com) or Zach (duysmarine111@gmail.com) to get access.

Once in the system you can view all members or search by zip code. It can even

figure out what zip code you are in if you allow access. As you'll see you can offer, tools, trailer, tech advise, a room or just a cup of coffee and company while they wait on repairs. We would like to encourage all members to consider volunteering to assist your fellow NCCC members. You can find the form shown on the main NCCC website. If you are interested, please fill out the form and get it to your NCCC Governor – Zach Duys; by email, mail or at an event/meeting.

Upcoming Events

May 5: CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

May 13-19: NCCC Convention, Joplin, MO

May 14: CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose

May 18: CKCC Cruise-in, Frigate's Waterfront Bar & Grill, Melbourne

May 18: The Catfish Place, St. Cloud, meet at Sam's Club, Cocoa, 2:15 p.m., arrive in St. Cloud, 3:30 p.m.

May 24: Meet & Greet author of Chevrolet Corvette: 70 Years, 70 Stories, Shiloh's restaurant, Titusville, 4 p.m.

June 1: Cruise-in, Galaxy Bar & Grill, 6100 N. Courtenay Pkwy, M.I., 4:30 p.m.

June 2: CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., (new location to be determined)

June 11: CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose

JUNE 22: CKCC Cruise-in/tour, Elliott Museum, Stuart FL, departing Melbourne at 9:00 a.m., arrive approximately 11:00.

Join Our Facebook Group

As a paid member of CKCC and Facebook you can see other members posts and post your own messages, photos and videos, according to the rules, on our FB private group page.

Simply type Cape Kennedy Corvette Club in the FB search window and ask to join.

CKCC Members Win at Stuart Show

By Barbara Lenhard

Ugh!!! Rain, rain and more rain. That is how the March 23rd. Stuart Corvette Club's annual Cruise-In at Keiser University began. Wet Corvettes...oh no! Some entrants did not face the inclement conditions and left their cars tucked in the garage. Others, including four CKCC Corvettes, braved the storms. After two hours of rain and mist the weather greatly improved. The Corvettes were scrubbed, shined, polished and sprayed — no detail was left to chance. The judges were concentrating on the exterior, interior, wheels and tires. Shine on the tires was a requirement. This is a unique requirement as far as car show rules go.



Barbara Hurn, Faye Leschitz, Carol and Jerry Walsh and Peter and I participated in the 25th anniversary show. I'm glad we all hung in there because Faye's Atomic Orange C6

won the prestigious Keiser University President's Award. She worked very hard, using special brushes to prepare her Corvette for the judges. Congratulations Faye! Barbara Hurn and Peter and I won Top 30 Awards. Peter used his toothbrush from his toiletries bag to scrub the tire grooves. What lengths we go to for a trophy. Way to go Barbara and Peter.



Other activities included a Port St. Lucie Sheriff's department K-9 demonstration. K-9 officers, Echo and Max, demonstrated how they catch criminals. Then they worked the crowd with cuddles and gentle head rubs. The final event included a basket and 50/50 raffle. Faye was a big winner again! She won a basket containing a car polisher and detail products. What a great day for Faye.



We ended our day at Miller's Ale House. Everyone was tired but enjoyed what they ordered to eat and drink. It was another pleasant show at Keiser University with the CKCC car show team.

Welcome, New Members!

THEODORE "ROC"& BONITA JUNE LAMBIRIS

The couple joined our club in April. They live in Cocoa and own a 1996 Sebring Silver Convertible. They're interested in participating in car shows and helping the car show and charity committees.

EDDIE GIGLIOTTI

Eddie is a former member of CKCC. He lives in Merritt Island and owns a 1965 Marina Blue convertible with a 396 c.i. big block. Eddie's car won a Top 10 CKCC award at our Vettes On The Island show.

Popular Car Show Draws 500+ Entries

By Steve Hepp

The rain went away the night before and the sun was out Saturday March 9th for the Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral's annual *Celebration of Cars* show held at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Almost every square foot of concrete around the building had cars on display. It appeared like every generation of cars from the 1920's and up were represented. While metal cars dominated the show, there were several fabulous fiberglass beauties entered, too.





Best in Show was awarded to Scott Wilson's 1948 Cadillac sedan. A 1968 Corvette was chosen for the "Grumpy Gerry Award." I don't know what the criteria is for the award but I'm sure there's a story behind it.

Dennis Gage of *My Classic Car* TV show fame was on hand for autographs, conversation, and inspection of the eclectic array of fine automobiles. He seemed particularly enamored with our Velocity Yellow C6 convertible saying, "I have to go get my film crew for a special shoot of your car," and scurried off to the museum shop building. However, by sunset he had not returned so we left the complex feeling a little disappointed.









TECH: Engine Oil Analysis

By Bill Kassebaum, Competition Director

We all want our Corvettes to last as long as possible and we pride ourselves in maintaining them so that they will not have reliability issues later in their life. I recently started having my used oil analyzed when I change it and here is my reason. Since I race my car, it is not a typical oil change frequency dictated by the owner's manual and total miles since the last oil change. I usually only put 1000-1200 miles a year on

my C6Z Corvette. But all those miles are on a track whether it be a permanent race circuit like Daytona o r Sebring, or an autocross course set up in a parking lot or museum grounds. My Corvette only sees rough racing conditions including high oil temps, high revs and high G

cornering. It is tough to try to figure out when to change my oil. As a result, I usually change a couple times a year just to be sure the oil will protect my engine while racing. Oil is a lot cheaper than a new engine. So, I have decided to test my oil and use the results to figure out my oil health and determine when I really need to change it. My Corvette has a dry sump oil system and carries over 11 quarts of oil for engine lubrication, so an oil change requires a lot of oil. But more oil also means it may last longer than if it only had the typical 5-6 quarts in the crankcase. Oil analysis will help me decide when my oil needs to be changed.

Even if you don't race your Corvette, you should consider oil analysis. The

manufacturer of your car assumes you are just a typical owner that wants to spend as little as possible on the maintenance of your Corvette. That means that they usually don't consider that you would like to keep your Corvette till the wheels fall off. If you trade in your Corvette every few years and never put more than 40-50k miles, you can stop reading now. But if you want to drive the car for 100k or more miles, read on.

> GM recommends that you change your C8's engine oil every 7.5k-10k miles (10k miles, Yikes!) or every 6 months. I wonder how many of you change your oil every 6 months. C8 Corvettes, as with most newer GM cars, have another computer nanny called an Oil Life Monitor (OLM) that may recommend a

different frequency based on your specific driving habits, engine speed and other magic factors GM isn't telling you. Bottom line, you really don't know what condition your oil is in when you actually change it. With the advent of ever lower viscosity oils and design changes such as lower friction piston rings aimed primarily to decrease engine friction and increase mileage, a lot more oil may be consumed by the engine and more combustion products end up in the oil. Neither is a good thing for your engine. This can significantly decrease the effectiveness and life of your oil. If your oil is worn out, the engine can and will experience increased engine wear. So, it may be wise for you to monitor your oil health for a few oil changes



to see if your oil is still providing the protection it was designed to do through its entire life in your engine. It may indicate that you should change your oil more frequently. There is no downside to changing your oil more frequently than the manual says, except for the minor cost of the oil and filter. The benefits can be very valuable when compared to a new engine. We are not driving economy boxes, but highperformance sports cars. You can afford it.

In the realm of automotive maintenance, oil analysis serves as a powerful tool for assessing the health of an engine and maximizing its performance and longevity. By scrutinizing the composition and condition of engine oil, automotive sparkles!). Neither are good. I will leave that discussion for a later tech article.

UNDERSTANDING AUTOMOTIVE OIL ANALYSIS

Automotive oil analysis involves the examination of engine oil to evaluate its physical and chemical properties. This process can reveal crucial information about the engine's condition, including the presence of contaminants, wear particles, viscosity changes and chemical degradation.

None of the following is specific to any model Corvette, but combustion engines in general (Thank you ChatGPT).

Oil analysis typically encompasses several key parameters but can be more extensive



professionals and enthusiasts can gain valuable insights into the internal workings of an engine, identifying potential issues before they escalate into costly problems. This article provides a comprehensive overview of automotive oil analysis methods, their benefits, and how they contribute to optimal vehicle maintenance. In addition to oil analysis, it is also a good idea to inspect your used filter for sludge and metal particles (gold

WEAR METALS ANALYSIS

One of the primary objectives of oil analysis is to monitor the levels of wear metals present in the oil. Wear metals such as iron, copper, aluminum, and chromium are indicative of component wear within the engine. By tracking the concentrations of these metals over time, technicians can detect abnormal wear patterns and pinpoint potential sources of mechanical stress or failure.

CONTAMINANT ANALYSIS

In addition to wear metals, oil analysis assesses the presence of contaminants such as dirt, fuel, coolant, and water. Contaminants can enter the oil system through various pathways, including combustion by-products, external debris, and internal leaks. Elevated levels of contaminants can accelerate wear, compromise lubrication effectiveness, and lead to engine damage if left unchecked.

VISCOSITY ANALYSIS

Oil viscosity is a critical factor in maintaining proper lubrication and thermal stability within the engine. Changes in viscosity can indicate oil degradation, contamination, or dilution with fuel or coolant. By monitoring viscosity trends, technicians can identify potential issues with oil integrity and address them promptly to prevent performance degradation and component wear.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Chemical analysis evaluates the condition of the oil additives and identifies any degradation products that may affect lubrication performance. Additive depletion, oxidation, and nitration can alter the oil's properties and diminish its ability to protect engine components against wear and corrosion. Through chemical analysis, technicians can assess the overall health of the oil and determine if it needs to be replaced or supplemented with fresh additives.

BENEFITS OF AUTOMOTIVE OIL ANALYSIS

The adoption of oil analysis as part of routine maintenance offers several significant benefits for vehicle owners and fleet managers

EARLY DETECTION OF ISSUES

Oil analysis allows for the early detection of engine problems before they escalate into major failures. By identifying abnormal wear patterns, contamination, or chemical degradation, technicians can address underlying issues proactively, minimizing downtime and repair costs.

OPTIMAL MAINTENANCE PLANNING

By establishing a baseline for oil condition and monitoring changes over time, oil analysis enables precise maintenance scheduling. Rather than relying on arbitrary mileage intervals, maintenance can be tailored based on the actual condition of the oil and the specific operating conditions of the vehicle.

EXTENDING OIL CHANGE INTERVALS

For vehicles operating in demanding conditions, oil analysis can support extended oil change intervals without compromising engine protection. By confirming the continued effectiveness of the oil and identifying opportunities for optimization, oil analysis can help maximize the interval between oil changes, reducing maintenance costs and environmental impact.



PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

Maintaining clean and properly lubricated engine components is essential for maximizing performance and fuel efficiency. Oil analysis provides valuable insights into the condition of critical engine parts, allowing for targeted maintenance and optimization efforts to enhance overall vehicle performance and longevity.

CONCLUSION

Automotive oil analysis is a valuable tool for ensuring the health and longevity of vehicle engines. By monitoring key parameters such as wear metals, contaminants, viscosity, and chemical composition, oil analysis enables early detection of issues, optimal maintenance planning, extended oil change intervals, and performance optimization. By incorporating oil analysis into routine maintenance practices, vehicle owners and fleet managers can proactively safeguard their investments and minimize the risk of unexpected downtime and repair costs.

I have yet to get any of my results back on my Corvette oil analysis. But if you are curious about oil analysis, and have more questions, please ask me and I will share with you my knowledge and (maybe) my results when I get them.

REFERENCES

www.blackston-labs.com is great source of information about oil and other fluid analysis (where my oil has been sent).

B o b is the Oil Guy: <u>bobistheoilguy.com</u> is an excellent source of information on oil and oil analysis and almost anything to do with lubrication.

The Motor Oil Geek: YouTube.com/ @themotoroilgeek, Lake Speed Jr. is a Certified Tribologist and son of WKA karting champion and NASCAR driver Lake Speed. He has a great channel on everything oil.

SPEEDiagnostix: <u>speediagnostix.com</u> is another great lab that will analyze your used oil samples. Lots of racing teams use this company. This company is owned by Lake Speed Jr. and was established when Lake worked for the Joe Gibbs NASCAR racing team.





Gas/Diesel Engine Report Explanation

Averages: Both the universal and unit averages are running averages and change with the number of samples we analyze.

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Wear Metals

Aluminum: Pistons, bearings. Clutch assembly and transmission components in motorcycles Chromium: Rings, a trace element in steel Iron: Cylinders, rotating shafts, the valve train, and any steel part sharing the oil. Transmission shafts/gears and bearings in motorcycles Copper: Brass or bronze parts, copper bushings, bearings, oil coolers Lead: Bearings, leaded gas, fuel additives Tin: Bearings, bronze parts, piston coating (rare) Nickel: Trace element in steel, platings on some cylinder types Silver: Bearings Titanium: Some intake valves and connecting rods, aftermarket parts, oil additive

Contaminants

Potassium: Antifreeze, additive in some oil types Sodium: Antifreeze (ethylene glycol), additive in some gasoline engine oils. Sea water in marine engines

Silicon: Airborne dirt escaping air filtration, sealers, gaskets, sand-casted parts, and spray lubricants, antifreeze inhibitor, oil additive

Additives

Molybdenum: Anti-wear additive, some types of rings Manganese: Trace element, additive in some gasoline Boron: Anti-wear/anti-rust additive, antifreeze inhibitor Calcium: Detergent/dispersant additive Magnesium: Dotergent/dispersant additive Phosphorus: Anti-wear additive Zinc: Anti-wear additive Barium: Detergent/dispersant additive used in some synthetics

Physical properties

Viscosity/Flashpoint: If fuel is present in the oil, the Viscosity and Flashpoint will often be lower than stated in the "Values Should Be" line. A high viscosity may show oil oxidation or high levels of soot. It can also show an oil additive in use. Fuel %: Indicates the amount of volatile fuel dilution found in the cil.

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Successful First Vettes On The Island Show By Peter Lenhard, Show Chairman

On April 27, 2024 CKCC had its annual car show, named *Vettes on the Island*. A new location, Dillard's parking area at the Merritt Square Mall in Merritt Island, was tried this year. Dillard's was gracious in giving us around 800 parking spots, a beautiful basket with large fragrances and sunglasses, tons of fragrance samples and a 20 percent day-of -show discount on all items in the store. All this for CKCC cost nothing. We were warmly welcomed and an offer for us to be there next year was extended.

Before I go any further, I'd like to thank the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this show a success. Thank you registration team, car park team, tent, table, ice and water set-up team, 50/50 raffle team, basket team, door prize team, sponsor and donation team, t-shirt team, tabulation team, trophy team, graphics, technology and writing team, and all others who helped the CKCC car show. This was only possible with every team member's contribution. The time, finances and talent of each volunteer is sincerely and greatly appreciated.

The basket sales and 50/50 raffle did very well. Our recipient charities, Mooseheart and Veterans Memorial Center both benefitted greatly. The Veterans already received their check and they were most grateful for the



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much needed funds. The Moose Lodge will receive their check this week which will help special needs children. This makes the show well worth it, helping two deserving charities.

Things were very busy at the end of the show. We had over 45 spectacular baskets to raffle off. I've never seen even near that amount at any car show I have attended. Then, we had 57 trophies for the 100+ cars that were at the show. The final announcement was to name the 50/50 raffle winner. As the ticket was coming out of the raffle drum, it started to pour and everyone ran to their cars. After a few tries, a number was called for a woman who braved the rain. She won more than \$500. We did not get her name as she ran to her car during the short-lived downpour. The many volunteers packed up the slightly wet items and our tired group proceeded to Margarita Island in the mall. We all had delicious Mexican

cuisine, margaritas and other tropical drinks. It was great to see so many CKCC members enjoying each other's company.

Please save your program from the car show. It lists the many sponsors and donors for this event. We can thank those donors by purchasing their products or eating at their restaurants. Also, if you see club members' names listed, they have made a larger donation. Please thank them.

It was a pleasure serving as Car Show Committee Chairman. When I agreed to take this show on, I knew very little about how this all comes together. I gained many skills and much knowledge along the way. Also, I was fortunate to get to know some of our club members better. I hope you had the same experience. Please consider joining the car show committee next year. Everyone has a valuable skill that is much needed.



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CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2024

MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

President Janice Greene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and members were welcomed along with recognition of March birthdays and anniversaries.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Franc Storc

Frank thanked everyone for their help with the car show planning.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

Checking account balance: \$11,814.12 (No outstanding checks) Savings account balance: \$11,103.37 Cash: \$140 Total Balance: \$23,057.49

Secretary Barbara Young

Approval of board minutes.

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum

March Autocross will be March 23 and 24. Twenty registered, including 12 metal cars.

CKCC is still in 1st place in the nation. Roni is at the top of the NCCC ladies and we have 7 of the top 10 men. We also have some workers in the top 10. Racers have said they are willing to pay whatever is needed to be able to race. T-shirts will be made if there is enough interest.

The author of the book, Chevrolet Corvette: 70 Years, 70 Stories, Mario Brunner is coming back to Florida in late May. The book includes several of our members' cars and stories (John Franklin, Joe Crosby, and Bill). Bill and Mario have maintained in contact since he came to Florida after COVID travel restrictions were lifted in late 2022. The book was published in German last year for the 70th anniversary. The American edition is scheduled to be published later this year.

Mario reached out to Bill a month or so ago about some specific cars that a German automobile magazine, American Classics, wanted to feature in their magazine. One was a real L88 (wishful thing, right?). Another was a 1970 Ford Torino Twister 429 Cobra let. Bill reached out to Ed and Mark about one or two specific cars. Mark agreed to invite the magazine and Mario Brunner to the Museum for an interview and a photo shoot. He is coming principally to interview Mark Pieloch and Ed Dedick but would also like to meet our club members. Bill proposed to Mario a meet & greet with any of our club members who want to attend. He is not sure of the details yet, but a preliminary date for the meet and greet is May 24, 2024. Times and location are still open.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys

Zach and Roni attended the National Governor's meeting. Steve Jonson, VP Membership, said membership cards were mailed. Zach took the names of those who had not received their cards. Tammy Dewitt, Treasurer, said NCCC took a \$66,000 loss. One way to reduce expenses is for members to not receive Blue Bars as a hard copy. Allan Morris, VP Business Manager, said for the 3rd vear there has been no insurance claims. Melissa Phelps, has ideas to increase membership of the Future Corvette Owners of America, FCOA. Director, Walt Jenkins has changed the server and software and is till working on the database. It took almost one month to get the competition results. The St. Jude's Michelin tire raffle will be held in May and September.

The 2025 convention will be in Wisconsin Dells August 17-20. The Florida Regional Meeting is April 21. NCCC meeting is May 3-4.

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra

Nothing to report but thanked Roger for the *Spoiler* and all those who wrote articles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brenda Teixeira welcomed new members. Alan Beasley from the Cape has a 2019 black-on-black. It is his first Corvette. Robert and Paula Turrall with a 2014 Cyber Grey Corvette. They are from Quebec, MI.

Social Committee reminded everyone of the cruise-in to Elliot's Roadhouse Grill this coming Saturday. Those attending are to meet at Sand Point Park in Titusville at 2:45. MaryAlice has confirmed the Christmas Party will be at the Moose from 6:00-10:00pm. She read the menu. The Toy Run will be on December 7th.

NEWSLETTER

Roger Wolf said the *Spoiler* newsletter doesn't qualify for NCCC recognition due to it not being published monthly.

Janice said we will not be addressing the Funkhana donation money at this meeting. Roni mentioned that the donation should go to the Brevard Schools Foundation who will double the money before being given to a school.

Peter and Frank talked about the car show and thanked everyone who is helping to make this a success. The team leads are:

Brenda Teixeira: NCCC waivers and registration tents

Tom Dickmann: parking

MaryAlice Istvan: gift baskets and raffle tent Frank Storc: trophies and door prizes

Bring all donations for the car show to the next meeting. The next committee meeting will be on the 20th at the Causeway Diner.

MISC.

Janice talked about the future needs of addressing those members we lose in the club. We have no means to purchase flowers or donate to a charity. She said the board had discussed how to collect money and concluded that passing the hat will fill this need. Roni suggested adding \$1.00 to each membership. Janice said we will need to check the bylaws.

Randy Anderson announced that he will purchase the last 21 trophies for the car show.

Roni Duys said the company that bought Eckler's, *Turn 5*, had originally said they would give members a 10 percent discount provided they get a membership card. Since there are new employees, she will check with the company again. Roni would like to be able to give out cards with the club information on it to those we run into. We need new cards that give information (website, Fishlips, meeting dates, etc.) She requested the board consider this during the next board meeting.

Roni put names in a hat for those who always attend Rallyes and Funkhanas. She gave a set of CKCC glasses each to Jennifer Lanier and Anthony Chandler for attending all the Funkhana events.

Roni presented a check to St. Jude's on the main floor of the NCCC Governors Meeting. Our club will be noted in the minutes. Other checks presented were from regions, not clubs.

The raffles for the year are:

- Car Capsule, an inflatable hut for cars \$25
- Use of the parking lot at MC Motorsport Park for autocross - \$25

First place finishes for Rallyes:

- Giving Rallye Connie and Beth
- High Hand for Poker Phyllis and Terry from North Florida
- Low Hand for Poker Brenda and Lloyce

Roni reminded everyone to let her or Zach know if they are heading north for the summer. *Blue Bars* does not get forwarded. It gets returned and postage is paid for both directions. Members need to change their address for the summer or change to a soft copy. The three top expenses of NCCC are the convention, Blue Bars, and quarterly meetings.

Barbara received \$145 from the 50-50.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2024

MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

Vice President Franc Storc called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and members were welcomed along with recognition of April birthdays and anniversaries.

Frank welcomed two new members to the club. Eddie Gigliotti, a retired aircraft mechanic who owns a 1965 396 c.i. blue Corvette (one of only 2100 built). He works at the American Muscle Car Museum, which currently has 443 cars and is striving to reach 500. The other new member is Theodore Lambiris who has a silver 1996. He is retired from 28 years in Special Forces in the U.S. army and six years in the Canadian military.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Janice Greene

Absent (on vacation)

Vice President Frank Storc

Frank had Tom Dickmann explain the cost of putting logos on the trailer. Tom had one quote for \$955.50. After some club discussion, it was decided to get more quotes and revisit. Member comments included: trailer sits at AMCM almost daily throughout year, no need to advertise when it is parked, and tents have advertising along with a large banner.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

Checking account balance: \$11,103.78 Savings account balance: \$13,911.76 (\$5,609.78 plus a deposit to make of \$8,301.98 see below) Autocross March 23 & 24: Money in \$4,365 Money out \$3,000 AMCM Fee Supplies \$12 Operating System \$189 Refunds given \$497.60 Total \$666.50 CKCC MARCH/APRIL 2024 SPOILER NEWSLETTER Trophy Update: Money collected \$2,190 Still have four people yet to pay (\$800) Deposit to make:

- 1. Autocross Checks \$4,195; Cash \$170
- 2. Trophy Car Show 2024 Checks \$1,090; Cash \$100
- 3. Car Show 2024 Checks \$1,576.98; Cash \$40
- 4. Membership Dues: Checks \$130

Total \$8,301.98

Secretary Barbara Young

Approval of board minutes.

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum

Advised members of the incident at autocross. John Darnell broke his sternum and has a bruised heart. He is back in Indiana and doing okay. Bill emailed all participants asking if they would like a refund. He got some great responses back and we are only liable for refunds of \$582.50. Two people wanted the credit for October. Most responses did not want a refund; they just wanted to help us out. We are going to re-evaluate safety before we race again and work on how to protect the spectators, workers and drivers of the cars.

CKCC is still 1st place in the nation by over 1,000 points! Roni is at the top of the NCCC ladies, Zach is in 1st for the men, Keith Grice is 6th, and Bill is 10th.

Mario Brunner, author of the book Chevrolet Corvette: 70 Years, 70 Stories. is coming for a meet and greet with club members on May 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Shiloh's restaurant in Titusville.

NCCC Governor, Zach Duys

The next governor's meeting is May 3 & 4th. Ellen Schwartz, the national secretary, and Veronica Duys, the regional membership director, will be attending. Who needs tires? You have until the 15th to get tickets at \$25. You can download tickets on the NCCC website. They are \$25.00. The drawing is May 4th, at the governor's meeting, and the proceeds go to St. Jude's.

Zach thanked those who are now receiving the soft copy of Blue Bars.

The Florida Regional meeting will be April 21st at Carl Black Chevrolet in Orlando.

Name badges are \$15. See Zach to purchase.

Membership cards have been approved by the board. 500/\$69.97

Meet 'n Greet cards have been approved by the board. 500/\$67.97

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra

Absent (shoulder replacement surgery)

Car Show Update, Peter and Frank

We have enough goodie bags and have 29 baskets so far. We need a few more door prizes. The vendor, Scully's Café, will be at the show until 11:00. The trophies and t-shirts have been ordered. New Smyrna Chevrolet reached out to us and wanted to purchase additional trophies and make a generous donation.

There are a little over 100 registered cars. Registration is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. If we are ready, we will accept cars prior to this. Those working registration will move to help with baskets when registration has been completed. Bring a chair. Dillard's will open at 10:00 (there is a discount coupon in all goodie bags) and they will let us use their restroom prior to 10:00. Once the show is completed, we will meet at Margarita Island.

The final car show meeting will be on the 17th at the Causeway Diner at 6:00 p.m.

Barb Young thanked Dillard's for their help and discounts. She hopes everyone supports them.

MISC.

Roni Duys reminded everyone to let her or Zach, know if they are heading north for the summer. Blue Bars does not get forwarded. It gets returned and postage is paid for both directions. Members need to change their address for the summer or change to a soft copy. Blue Bars is one of the top three expenses for NCCC.

New Smyrna Chevrolet is a great sponsor, and it would be nice if the social committee would plan a cruise there.

NCCC has Friends and Family for those traveling who need assistance. It can be found on the NCCC website. There will be an article in the next Spoiler.

Roni also said Connie found a location for the FL Regional picnic in 2025. There is a pavilion at the pool in Cocoa Beach that can be rented. We need a Cocoa Beach resident to get a discount on it. Ronnie asked how many would be interested in hosting this picnic. No one said they did not want the club to do this. The Florida Region pays \$2,500 for renting a location and the main courses. The last one we hosted had about 130 people from all over the state. We did not have to pay anything. Barb Young, Zach, and Marilyn volunteered to take on the picnic.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Barbara announced the next cruise will be May 18th to The Catfish Place in St. Cloud. We will meet at Sam's in Cocoa at 2:15 p.m.

NEWSLETTER & PHOTOGRAPHY

Roger Wolf said the next Spoiler will be out after the car show. We are not doing group photos anymore as it is too difficult to arrange. Roger also reminded everyone we have a Facebook page.

MISC.

Ellen Schwartz is still looking into the Brevard schools for one of our donations.

The hat was passed for donations to take care of member memorials, charities, or family member's choice.

Peter Huke received \$100.50 from the 50-50.

Keep Mitch Moran in your thoughts as he has been laid up and will be having surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

2025 NCCC Convention



We invite you to join us in the Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton area of Wisconsin for the 66th Annual NCCC Convention August 17 – 22, 2025

The Scenic Wisconsin Dells area is an exciting and beautiful resort area for to gather for partying as well as sightseeing, driving unique roads and exploring everything the area has to offer. Wisconsin Dells is the Water Park Capital of the World.



Wisconsin Dells is about an hour north of Madison, WI. There is plenty to see and do in the Dells and even more throughout the surrounding area. The Host Hotel will be the Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center conveniently located for all activities just off I-90/94 at Exit 92. The Room Rate at The Kalahari will be \$156.03 including taxes, free parking, no resort fee. Guests will have free entry to the Tom Foolery Amusement Park as well as free use of Indoor and Outdoor Water Parks. Entertainment, Parties and both Hosted Tours and Self Guided Tours are in the planning stages. Competitive Events are being planned for 2 Rallyes, 3 Drags, PC Car Show, Concours d'Elegance, Funkhana, Autocross, High Speed (not Time Trials), 2 Scavenger Hunts, Valve Cover Races and an Overall Competitor Competition.

To save travel, Speed events will be run on Tuesday (the 19th) swapping tracks around noon. Planning for the Autocross and High Speed Events is focusing on making it possible to give all competitors four runs.



All 3 Drag events will be held on Thursday (the 21st) at the Rock Falls Raceway just south of Eau Claire, WI. It is a little ways to drive (mostly along I-90/I-94) but so worth it to drag on an NHRA ¼ Mile track that is so clean, well maintained and professionally staffed!







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