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Let the summer begin, and the heat outside is reminding us it has! The mystery cruise on June 27<sup>th</sup> was a great success, we had about 70 members and 35 cars that went to Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café in Sanford. If you have never been, it is a great place to go for authentic German food. The atmosphere and food were great and of course the camaraderie even better! We are getting several great ideas from members on places to go so please let me know if you have a place in mind. The criteria is adequate and if possible paved parking, room enough for at least 80 people, a route that doesn't have a lot of stop lights, a menu that is versatile and of course a receptive manager who is willing to work with such a large crowd. Any ideas are much

appreciated.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> the club participated in the parade in downtown Melbourne with 14 cars and about 28 members. It was a lot of fun and the turnout for the parade watchers was amazing, the children as well as adults looked like they were having a great time and enjoyed the Corvettes. Space Coast Club was also there so we made a nice long caravan of Corvettes. We then went to Meg O'Malley's for a great lunch with terrific service, it was a wonderful day and a great way to celebrate the holiday with good friends.

Congratulations to Richard and Christine Dobsha on the newest little addition Lillian to their family making them grandparents again.

Several of our members have been ill or had procedures done some in and some out of the hospital, we don't always hear until after the fact but want to wish you all a speedy recovery.

Please remember to keep an eye on the CKCC website calendar for events going on for the month. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Neena McAffee* CKCC President



## CKCC & NCCC July-August Events

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- **Monday July 13, 5:30:** Social hour at 5:30 prior to the CKCC General Membership meeting, temporary location for this month only Red Lobster
- **Monday July 13 7:00:** CKCC General Membership meeting at 7:00
- **Saturday July 25, 9:00:** Eckler's Corvette new facility tour, 7980 Grissom Pkwy, Titusville followed by lunch at Dixie Crossroads in Titusville at 11.
- **Sunday August 1:** 7 Concours (Shows hosted by Cypress Gardens. See NCCCSouth for flyer.)
- **Sunday August 2, 10:00:** Fishlips at the Port Monthly Brunch
- **Saturday August 8, 1:00:** Bowling at Shore Lanes at 600 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island
- **Saturday August 8, 4:00:** : Kings Duck Inn Monthly cruise in, 4155 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island
- **Monday August 10:** Social hour at 5:30 prior to the CKCC General Membership meeting, Jimmie's Restaurant in Rockledge
- **Monday August 10:** CKCC General Membership 7:00 Jimmie's Restaurant Rockledge
- **August 22-28:** NCCC National convention Split Rock Resort, Pocono's
  - **August 28-30:** Vettes at Carlisle, Carlisle PA
  - **Sept. 5:** 5 low speed autocrosses and 2 matching time trials at Sun-n-Fun Lakeland. This is a practice for the NCRS/NCCC event in January. (See NCCCSouth for flyer.)

Can you guess what this is a picture of?



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**The Vietnam Moving Wall**  
**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, April 19, a number of the CKCC members joined the motorcycles for the Vietnam moving wall experience. Here is the entrance to Wickham Park. The flag display entrance was very impressive



Note the roadblock used to show how to enter the park. A number of Corvettes were in the parade.



Judi Merrill and Joyce Hannon are checking out the field where the display is going up.

## Engine Preparation

Whether prepping your Corvette to roll across the auction block or display at a show, cleaning the engine adds value. A spotless engine shows just how important and well maintained your Corvette is. Filthy engines are more apt to retain heat and make it difficult to detect small leaks. Dirt and dust cause pulleys and belts to squeak from undue wear. Worst of all, it just looks bad.

Since the 1997 and newer engines use one ignition coil per cylinder, they can be cleaned without worry of water damage. Ignition distributors can be troublesome during engine cleaning, even with early cars, and very troublesome with the 90-96 LT series engines. This is very important: the engine must be at ambient temperature with no heat buildup. Don't start the engine for any length of time! Park the car overnight where the engine cleaning will take place. If the engine is even slightly warm, electronic components can condense moisture internally when cold water hits the surface.

All electrical components and connectors are weatherproof so direct water will not cause corrosion or damage. There is no need for a high pressure washer or steam cleaner in most cases. Steam cleaning is not a good idea because it will cause condensation. Pressure washers can force water into places it shouldn't be, making it difficult to remove. Water should only be directed at the engine block or cylinder heads.

Annual cleaning makes the procedure simple. A garden hose has enough pressure to safely remove any dirt, dust, and debris. While you are cleaning the engine and compartment, the radiator should be checked for debris. Radiator debris can be flushed out with the garden hose.

Keep things cool to avoid plastic part damage. Washing in the direct sunlight can discolor plastic covers if the cleaner dries on the pieces. Keep a water hose handy to rinse the exterior if any cleaning product gets on the paint.

If the underside of the hood is dirty, wash it first then rinse the exterior well. Apply cleaner to the engine and entire compartment. Wait approximately ten minutes before rinsing. Keep all areas wet with cleaner until rinsing is started.

Corvette Central uses Greased Lightning cleaner everywhere under the hood. Greased

Lightning lifts the dirt and dust to limit hand rubbing or brushing. There aren't any coated components that will discolor so citric acid cleaners will work without causing damage. We remove the engine covers and clean under them. Once everything is rinsed, compressed air should be used to blow off the water. Corrosion may begin if water is left under the engine covers.

Once the engine bay is cleaned you'll be proud to show it off at any show or cruise night. It makes a good impression on a potential buyer to see an engine that has been maintained properly. *Article from Corvette Central email.*

## Pictures from the Mystery Tour



**Table shots of members enjoying the food & beer.**



## Future Plans

A former CKCC member's child is planning a car show for Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at Rockledge HS. It will take place from 10 am until 3 pm. Music by Fast Eddie and there will be places to buy food. All proceeds go to the class of 2017 at Rockledge HS. She is hoping that CKCC members will come and support her. Questions contact, Sam Cavallaro, at 504-9588 or [mintcondition@juno.com](mailto:mintcondition@juno.com).

## NCM Trip





**This is all that is left in the display car room at the museum. The Shearer's visited there over Memorial Day. The room looks okay but they need to replace the displays.**



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