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PREZ SEZ...

Wow, it was blazing HOT in July and August this year however that did not stop our group of Corvette lovers! Despite the heat, we have had a busy end of summer. The Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) Members came out in force in support of our events.

July Mystery Cruise

The Mystery cruise in July to Mellow Mushroom was a huge success and a lot of fun. Eighty-three (83) members in forty-three (43) cars caravanned up the coast to Mellow Mushroom in Port Orange. Thanks to the work of our Social Chair, Janice Greene printing and handing out cheat sheets no one got lost.



Our members were unaware there would be two (2) other clubs joining us. I had previously contacted the Presidents of Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona and Ponce Inlet Corvette Club so that the three (3) clubs would meet at one location. The plan was to meet others who share our interest in these wonderful cars. As a result, we had a total of eighty-one (81) Corvettes and one hundred sixty-one (161)

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people from three clubs! Our club arrived and was seated prior to the arrival of the other clubs. Upon their arrival CKCC members stood and applauded. The look on their faces was priceless! What a great way to welcome these people! A lady from one of the other clubs told me, "Wow when we pulled in the parking lot I felt like we were at the Vettes in Carlisle! This is so cool."



While everyone was enjoying the great food and company, the Mellow Mushroom staff was in the parking lot inspecting the cars and deciding upon their top three (3) picks. They then presented specially designed (by the restaurant) trophies to the owners. Our own Lloyce Campbell was one of the winners.



By 12:45 p.m. we were on our way to a second destination. Eighty-one cars proceeded to Hanksters Hot Rods and Muscle Car Museum where the sales team picked their top three (3) cars. Again, Lloyce Campbell was awarded a trophy as well as Charles and Miriam Sikes. I met many people that day and made some new friends. I hope all of you did as well.

Future Caravan Plans

Several members voiced concerns about safety. One valuable lesson we learned from this cruise and previous cruises is with this many cars the Caravan can become dangerous. We have to keep safety first, going forward on our future Mystery cruises; we will be departing either in smaller groups and/or from several locations.

There will be a team captain leading and a sweep at the rear of the smaller groups. Both the captain and the sweep will know where we are headed. If you would like to volunteer to be a team captain or a sweep please contact Roni Duys at: social@ckcc.club.

Well, it's officially fall and hopefully the temperatures will begin to cool. With the cooler temperatures car shows and other events will fill the months ahead.



Keep your eyes open for upcoming information regarding the next mystery cruise. Stay cool, keep 'em shined and let's cruise!

*Randy Anderson
President*

4th of July Parade

On the hot 4th of July day, about 20 CKCC cars visited downtown Melbourne for the 4th of July Parade. After cruising through a large crowd along the parade route, we went to Palm Shores Bistro. The food there is always great.



A special thanks go to all of those who gave up their morning on the 4th.

Group Photo for Eckler's 2017 Calendar

Members gathered at Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex Sunday morning, August 7 for a group photo to submit with others to NCCC for Eckler's 2017 calendar. Members Roger Wolf & Keith Shook took great ground & aerial photos.



American Muscle Car Museum Opening Reminder

A quick reminder to everyone that the American Muscle Car Museum is looking for volunteers for their first event that is being held on October 22. The event is after the Vettes on the Avenue show.

CKCC 50th Anniversary

The date for the CKCC 50th Anniversary Celebration has been set for October 6-8, 2017 and it will be held at the Radisson Resort at the Port. The hotel is located at 870 Astronaut Blvd. in Cape Canaveral.

Member Roger Wolf designed the logo, which will only be used for 2017 and then retired.



This logo will be used on all 50th Anniversary apparel and for club event notices and flyers. The committee is working on the development of specifications for apparel.

There will be several fundraisers for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The first is "Guess how many items are in the jar" 50/50 drawings that will be conducted at our club meetings.

From now until the end of 2017 the committee will be busy with a variety of tasks and we may be calling upon the membership for help.

Butch Jones, Chairman

Tech Tips

Butch Jones, CKCC Member

Resetting Oil Life Monitor System

Every time the engine oil is changed in your Corvette, whether by you or someone else, make sure that the Oil Life Monitor (OLM) is reset to 100% (some will only go to 99%). This information is displayed in the Drivers Information Center (DIC) screen on the dash. The procedures for all generations are fairly simple; however, they are forgotten by some shops performing this service. When you pick up your vehicle or after you complete the service, check the monitor to determine if it has been reset, or if at home reset it yourself. We will look at how to reset the monitors on all generations of Corvettes

On C7 models activate the ignition to the “ON/RUN” position but do not start the engine. Now press the “SEL” button on the right side of the steering wheel and the Oil Life Remaining %



C7 Steering Wheel

will appear in the DIC. Hold the “SEL” down until the Oil Life Remaining displays 100%. Turn the ignition off and the process is complete.

For the **C6 models** the ignition must be in the “ON/RUN” position with the engine OFF. Press

the “TRIP” button on the instrument panel. Scroll thru the pages on the DIC to the Remaining Oil Life % is displayed. Press the Reset button until it shows 100% and release the button.



C6 Trip Button

There is a bit more activity required for the C5 models. The key must be in the “ON” position but again the engine should be off. Press the DIC “TRIP” button to display the “OIL LIFE %



C5 Driver Info Switches

REMAINING”. Press the “RESET” button and hold for 2 seconds. This should reset the monitor and “OIL LIFE 100% REMAINING”

should appear. Turn the key off and the procedure is complete.

To reset the **C4 Corvettes**, again the key must be in the "ON" position with the engine off. Press the "ENG MET" button on the trip monitor. Within 5 seconds press it again. Within 5 seconds press the "GAUGES" button and hold. The "CHANGE OIL" light should flash. Hold the "GAUGES" button until the "CHANGE OIL" stops flashing and goes out. It is now reset. Turn the key off and you have finished the process. C1 thru 3 Corvettes have a manual OLM system and requires more effort. First locate the oil change reminder sticker. This could be located on the inside driver's door jamb or on the windshield in the upper left corner, on the rear portion of the driver's door or under the hood.



C4 Trip Monitor

Once located remove the sticker and fill out a new sticker with the appropriate information (stickers can be found at auto parts stores). Once the information is complete, remove the paper backing and carefully place the sticker where you will see it to remind you to change the oil. In the old days most were placed inside the door jamb. However, they were paper and did not last long. Most new stickers are vinyl and the upper left on the windshield is usually best.



C1-C3 Oil Life Monitor

Well, there you have it, remember that even a Corvette that is not driven still needs a periodic oil change and maintenance. Although I change my oil more often than the OLM recommends it is a good reminder for those that wish to follow the GM recommendations. So remember to change your Corvettes oil at least every year and **DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE – OFTEN!**

Is an Entry Level Corvette a Good Idea?

I cannot count the number of times I have heard or read that Chevrolet should offer an “entry level” Corvette. The argument goes like this. It would allow people that cannot afford a Corvette to own one. It would get younger people into Corvettes. Chevrolet could sell more Corvettes. And it goes on and on.

But what is preventing Chevrolet from offering an “entry level” Corvette?

In the beginning all Corvettes were “entry level” or “base” models having a bare minimum of options. But in 1963 the offering of RPO 898 Genuine Leather Seats began a trend to allow the buyer to build an upgraded Corvette. In 1970 the Custom Interior Trim package offered the buyer leather seat trim, wood-grained accents on the door panels and console, cut-pile carpet and carpeting on the door panels. This was a very distinctive package in 1970.

As the years passed, more optional items became standard. The reason, most likely, was that those items were specified by larger and larger numbers of buyers thus the demand was up and Chevrolet could only make those large option profits for so long before the buyers began to ask why they were not standard.

As the cost of the Corvette rose so did the amount of standard equipment. Power windows were first offered in 1956 with only 547 buyers (3467 total production), in 1977 44,341 out of 49,213 buyers ordered power windows. In 1980 power windows became standard equipment.

In 2008 there were 35,310 Corvettes built. Of those only 9,393 did not have a Preferred Equipment Package. So it would seem that Corvette buyers are very interested in comfort and some form of luxury.

In 1999 Jim Perkins, then head of Chevrolet, decided to offer what was known in the industry as a “Billy Bob” Corvette, the Fixed Roof Coupe (FRC). It was to be a Corvette convertible with a hardtop permanently attached and some of the optional equipment missing. The cost was a little less than \$400.00 below the cost of the coupe. The cost difference went up to \$575.00 in 2000, but 6,121 were sold in 1999 and 2000 from a total production of 66,952 units. And when you really look at it, most FRC buyers ordered all of the available options such as Power Driver Seat, Lighting Package, Parcel Net and Bose Speaker System. So it would seem that the buyers were not ready for an “entry level” Corvette

When you think about it, the Corvette has been around for 64 years and has except for the first few years, sold out the majority of production each year, and there is already an entry level Corvette, It is usually the second generation back from the current generation. So the entry level Corvette now would be a C5, which can be had at some very good prices and offers Corvette performance and comfort as well as the fact that it is a Corvette.

I cannot remember a Corvette that I did not like, after all a Corvette is, well, a Corvette. In 2017 the “entry level” Corvette is the “base” coupe or convertible, but only until you begin to add 2LT, 3LT and so on.

Butch Jones, CKCC member

Helping Fellow Members in Time of Need

Following is a note from Shelly and Cal Moser regarding their 5 year old great grandson who has been diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia. This was brought to our attention at the March General membership meeting and here is an update from earlier in the week on little Landon. The club agreed to help with a \$500.00 donation and there were other wonderful donations as well. We are setting up something on the website and you will be able to donate through Paypal, when George has that done I will let you all know. This family is experiencing a life changing event and Cal & Shelly are a huge part of the CKCC family which means so are their immediate family. Below in the email are other ways to help them out, anything anyone can do to help is so much appreciated and we know they will all be in your thought and prayer, thanks.

Dear Fellow CKCC Members:

On June 11th we had a Benefit Garage Sale for Landon. There were many of you that graciously donated, or participated by helping that day, or stopped by to purchase and lend support for our Great-Grandson. We were so Grateful to you all!!! Our Father in Heaven showed up in a HUGE way, and together with all the Gracious Help from CKCC Members and Our Neighbors and Community, we raised \$2,800!!! From the bottom of our Hearts, we say THANK YOU!! And, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Christine Dobsha and her Quilting group for all the Bowl Cozies and Potato Bags they have made and continue to make for the benefit of

Landon's fund!! They were a HUGE hit at the Garage Sale!

Now for an Update on Landon: Your prayers are being heard by the Lord, Keep Praying! We were able to have some fun times with Landon in the last 56 days of treatment. He had his personality back and was fun and vivacious. That is what makes this next part so hard to tell you. He now is on another aggressive round of Chemo, and this time it requires the steroids again. Steroids cause a whole host of difficult problems for Landon. He needs extra prayers. This treatment will go on until September when he will be re-evaluated for the next round of aggressive Chemo. He will continue to have trips to the hospital for infusions of Chemo into his spine, as well as blood transfusions, as his immune system took a hit recently. But, WE stand Faithful to believe through Prayer, Supplication, with Thanksgiving, that God will answer our prayers for Landon and family. Again, THANK YOU for supporting Landon and his family with your prayers and by the purchases of the Bowl Cozies and Potato Bags you see each month at the meetings. It helps so much more than you can imagine.



God Bless you!

Love, Cal and Shelly Moser for Jason, Zsuzsi and Landon.

New Members Spotlight

Welcome, new members!



James and Donna Jones have a 2001 convertible and live in Cocoa.



Bob and Lois Lacosta have a 2002 coupe and live in Port St. John.

Conventions Past & Future

I have been attending NCCC conventions since 1976 when Tanya was 6 weeks old. She sat in her playpen at the base of the timing tower at Daytona. (Bill and I worked the speed event.) Sometimes we drive the Vette and enter events, but sometimes we fly. It seems that which ever way we go, we always enjoy our time there. There are tours, events, hospitality and good friends.

Although the Shearer's did not make Omaha in

2016, we were able to keep up with what was going on the NCCC Facebook page. Boys town was one of the tours in Omaha but it sounds like the hospitality room was the place to go. There were the usual races, funkhanas, and rallies.

Those that attended had a ball.

As far as the future is concerned, a bid for 2018 has been put in for New Orleans. Those of us who attended the last New Orleans convention have fond memories of the French Quarter and some of the bars that we visited. Ask Tanya about New Orleans, she was a teenager then!

Plan to attend Bowling Green this year! You will get an e-mail prior to them opening up registration. You have to register then put in for rooms at the same time. The convention hotel is located at the site of most of the night events. I believe the rate is \$100 a night.

Patsy Shearer

Member Awards

NCCC Florida Regional Awards for Autocrossing Men's class for 2015.



Left to right, winners in their class: Doug Rose, Charles Acton, and Brian Kempshaw.

Dale Schamp (Not pictured) came in 10th place for the Men's Championship Series, 3rd place in his class and won a FTD (Fastest Time of Day for an autocross event).

Corvette Trivia Answer #4

Answers to the last issue's trivia question number 4.

In 1998 the Corvette offered an exterior color, which was Medium Purple Pearl Metallic (paint code 95). There were a total of 381 Corvettes painted that color in 1998. It was also known as Majestic Amethyst

Corvette Trivia Question #5

What color was the first 1965 Corvette produced?

NCCC Information

Charity Car – All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Patsy Shearer will have tickets available at the next club meeting. Only 2,000 tickets at \$50.00 each will be sold. The winner will be drawn at the national Governor's meeting in St. Louis in November. There is a 100% refund if the raffle is not sold out or held.

The winner will receive a certificate valued at \$54,000, good for a new Corvette. After paying the tax cost of the prize, the winner may take the certificate to Chevrolet and order the car of their choice. Additional features come at the winners cost. A \$40,000 cash option is also available.

NOTE, DUES - Clubs should begin collecting dues for 2017 after October 15.

Events, Sanctioned and Non-sanctioned

October 9 Regional Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
Orlando, Carl Black Chevrolet

October 16-16 Low Speed (14), Jacksonville
Jax Auto & Motorcycle Museum

October 22 Car Show (NS)
Melbourne

October 22 Concours (7) Beach Bowl
Ft Myers

November 5 Low Speed (7)
Lakeland

November 6 Concours (7)
Ft. Myers

November 11-12 National Governors Meeting
St. Louis

November 19-20 Test & Tune
Brooksville

CKCC & Other Events

Nov. 6: Fishlips Brunch, 10 a.m.

Nov. 10: Club Meeting, Merritt Island Moose Lodge, social-dinner: 5:30-7; meeting: 7-8 p.m.

Nov. 19: Dixie Cruisers cruise-in, 4 p.m.

December 10: CKCC Christmas Party
Rockledge Country Club.

Reservations will need to be made in November. Cost is \$40 per person. This is an occasion to dress up.

We also bring a gift of approximately \$20 to put out for bids. The money raised will go to the Central Brevard Sharing Center to help the homeless have a good Christmas dinner.

Have Your Car Photographed For The Web Site

We are in the process of updating photos of members with their cars on the web site so if your car is not pictured or you've changed cars, please let me know if you'd like the photo taken at the Fishlips Brunch or the Club meetings.

*ROGER WOLF, CKCC Photographer
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Want To Join Our Closed Facebook Group?

If you'd like to see and post photos of members and their cars at CKCC and other Corvette events, join the CKCC closed group on Facebook.

All you have to do is be a paid up member of CKCC and Friend Me (Roger Wolf) and request to be added.

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