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PREZ SEZ...

This year will soon be a part of our past. However, many great memories were created that we will all cherish forever. During 2016 our club was involved in a number of activities. From our annual car show, mystery cruises and parades, we were involved in we created memories that will last for a lifetime. I want to thank every person who was involved on our committees and our Board of Directors. Without your dedication and the time you volunteer none of our activities would be possible. As a group we all worked very hard to support our events, our club and raise money for the charities we support.

In 2016 we also feel in love with one of our member's grandchildren, Cal and Shelly Moser's great grandson, Landon Donna. Landon was stricken with a terrible illness no child should endure. Our team got together and found a local charity that we could work with and support Landon. Patsy Shearer, we thank you for introducing us to Brittany's Wish. We will continue to support Brittany's Wish in 2017 as well. I believe I speak for everyone when I say, words cannot explain the joy I feel in my heart when we come together as a group and help those in need. Thanks to everyone for making CKCC the great club we are.

In 2017 CKCC will be 50 years old! Our Board and committees have been working hard at putting together a year that we hope will be the best in the club's 50 year history. We have two autocross events scheduled with two full days at each event packed with fun filled action; a three-day cruise;

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a poker run; two car shows; a trip to Bowling Green, KY for the NCCC Convention and tours of the Corvette assembly plant and museum; four mystery cruises; and some very exciting fund raising events to help our local charities and support our 50th anniversary celebration in October.

From your 2017 Board of Directors, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting in 2017 to be held at the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island on January 12.

Keep 'em shined and the wheels on the ground! Drive safe during the Holidays and we will see you in 2017!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Randy Anderson
President

185 Corvettes in Toy Run

The first Saturday of December, regardless of weather, finds Cape Kennedy Corvette Club members reporting for duty. Parking, waiver



signing, crowd control, and 50/50 ticket selling. What follows could not be accomplished without all of them.

Corvettes of all generations arrive at Ecklers showroom/warehouse on Grissom Parkway in Titusville. This year the final count was 185 with all generations represented.

While awaiting the departure time of 2:00 p.m. the participants bought tickets for a 50/50, listened to music supplied as always by Fast Eddie and indulged in hot dogs, drinks and sausage cooked up on site by Klassy Dawgs who came all the way from Orlando to keep us from getting dehydrated or hungry. Corvette lovers could afford themselves of a discount at Ecklers and to visit with old friends and a chance to make new ones. Space Coast Corvette Club showed up with 27 cars in their group, The Corvette Brotherhood arrived from Orlando, people came from all over the sunshine state to support this important cause.

At 1:45 p.m. a roar was heard and in came a sight to behold a herd of Harley's with men in green aboard.

Drivers meeting was held, ticket was pulled and away to our cars we flew. The C1's fell in behind our escort and we were off, with the Cape Canaveral Volunteer Fire Department (CCVFD) truck guarding our rear.

Over the bridges and through the red lights we arrived at the Port, parking was a breeze thanks to the CCVFD. Toys and donations were collected and off to Fishlips for a late afternoon

snack. The money from the 50/50 was presented to Santa to help put toys in his sack.

The donations, 50/50 money and gift certificates makes it possible for the BCSO and CCVFD to make

Christmas dreams of local children come true.

Kristy Halkovic, Toy Run Organizer

Christmas Party: Fun and to Benefit Those in Need

On December 10, Cape Kennedy Corvette Club celebrated its annual Christmas Party at Rockledge Country Club. Approximately 70 members and sponsors attended.

The party began with members putting auction items on the tables to raise money for the Central Brevard Sharing Center. Members bought tickets to put in the cups of items that they wished to win. This turned out to be the largest donation of money that we have ever had from this auction. More than \$900 was raised and the Board of Directors made it an even \$1,000.



Everyone seemed to enjoy the outstanding food, including hand carved beef, baked salmon, Cajun chicken, twice baked potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans almandine, broccoli n' cheese and a variety of deserts.

Our special entertainment was Tim Rippey, back by popular demand after his outstanding performance at our 2015 party. In addition to Phantom of the Opera selections, he played and sang a wide variety of popular tunes for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

Everyone had a ball!



Charles & Miriam Sikes accept CKCC photo for Beckman-Williamson Funeral Homes 2016 Sponsorship of the Club



Tony & Alice Valdes accept CKCC photo for CEMEX 2016 sponsorship of the Club



Bob & Evelyn Fitch

NOVEMBER CRUISE-IN



As many of you know, CKCC has ended our long standing relationship with Kings Duck Inn. This second Saturday Cruise-In event has been part of the culture of this Club. Unfortunately a change in ownership of this venue has affected the character of the restaurant and our relationship with them. So since October CKCC has been searching for a new venue to call home. In October we went to Molly's Seafood on S.R. 520 in Merritt Island.

and the companionship were awesome. Our food was delivered quickly, especially considering the size of our group.

It is always challenging to serve 40 people quickly, and finding venues with enough seating that are willing to set aside a separate parking area for us can be difficult as well. So as we search for a new home for our monthly Cruise-In, recommendations from the membership are greatly appreciated. Our next Cruise-In will be Jan 14th at 4 p.m. at Sonny's BBQ on Courtenay Parkway in Merritt Island. PLEASE enter through the north entrance on Tennessee Ave; while the lot has other entrances, they are not recommended for low clearance vehicles.

I would also suggest moving our cruise-ins to the third Saturday. This would spread the Club events out through the month, and allow for a Valentine's Mystery Cruise... to be discussed at the next meeting.



In November we visited the newest Long Doggers in Cocoa Beach, one of a chain of four local restaurants started by Florida Institute of Technology graduates in the mid -90's. Several CKCC members recommended this restaurant (the former Italian Courtyard) as they have indoor and outdoor seating, and the food is great. We sat in the outside courtyard. The food



Veronica "Roni" Duys
Social Chair

Tech Tips

Butch Jones, CKCC Member

Manual Transmission Issues

There may come a time, when shifting your manual transmission C5 Corvette that the shifter seems to hit the REVERSE gate while shifting into 5th gear. Your first instinct may be that the linkage needs to be adjusted. Well, that may have been the case in the past but this is 2016 and things are a bit different. In today's computerized, nannized (my word), emission controlled, anti-locked braked, throttle by wire world adjusting the shifter is not the answer. That is because the linkage has nothing to do with the symptom you are experiencing. When this malady occurs the Reverse Inhibit Solenoid most likely has failed. This solenoid will allow the shifting into REVERSE (under normal conditions C5 Corvettes can be shifted into REVERSE at forward speeds below 3 mph). If it fails, it does not lock out Reverse so you could accidentally shift into Reverse instead of Fifth.

This system consists of the:

- Powertrain Control Module (PCM)
- The Reverse Inhibit Solenoid
- Wiring Harness and Ground



When the ignition is ON voltage is supplied to the Reverse Inhibit Solenoid. At forward speeds above 3 mph the PCM grounds the control circuit of the Reverse Inhibit Solenoid. This energizes

the solenoid and mechanically blocks the shift lever from going into the REVERSE position.

If you are having an issue of hitting the reverse gate or actually hitting REVERSE while shifting or not being able to shift into REVERSE, you should first check for a diagnostic trouble code. If you have a P0801 then the Reverse Inhibit Solenoid System or the PCM is the problem. Things that can be problematic are the wiring to the solenoid, connectors, the solenoid, the wiring at the BCM and the BCM. Most likely the issue will be a connector, chaffed wiring or the solenoid itself.

If it is determined to be the solenoid, the entire rear crossmember and rear drivetrain must be lowered to gain access to the solenoid. It is located on top of the transmission and unless you have very small hands, getting to the solenoid is difficult. Kent-Moore makes a socket (J-41099), which make removal easier. It sells for about \$60.00 (used).

I guess that is enough good news for one month, remember to SAVE THE WAVE and DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE – OFTEN.

Corvette Trivia #6 Answer

Corvette Trivia answer to last issue's question number 6.

The first big block equipped Corvette to be raced was a 1963 Split-window Coupe. It was powered by a 427 cubic inch Mark II stroked Mystery Motor. It was raced at Daytona in the American Challenge Cup on February 16, 1963. The four Z06 Sting Rays entered were prepared by Mickey Thompson under a contract with Chevrolet. This was eight days prior to the Daytona 500 where most people think the Mystery Motor debuted.

Corvette Trivia Question #7

What was the first year Chevrolet produced a V-8 engine?

November Mystery Cruise



Mystery Cruises, like life, are best when the journey is as enjoyable as the destination. Florida abounds with awesome destinations. The trick is finding a safe and pleasurable route to take a convoy of 30 plus Corvettes. There is something to be said for travelling enmasse, as we all take pride in the spectators' reaction to our rides; and the larger the pack the more admiration we receive. However, our pack has outgrown the ability to travel together safely. SO in order to make the journey pleasurable, we split into three groups and left the rendezvous point at five minute intervals. The route was also selected based on limited traffic lights and Interstates to improve safety. I have to admit, I have wanted to take the club on this one particular byway for awhile now.

We all met at Sand Point Park in Titusville. Our journey started traveling north on US1, to a stretch of the highway many of us never travel – green, lush and minimal traffic is present through Mims, Scottsmore and Oak Hill. The only (lonely) flashing light in Oak Hill marked our turning point onto Halifax Rd, which becomes

Maytown-Osteen Road. This long and forgotten byway has a few farms, fewer intersections, but many curves and overhanging trees. I hope you enjoyed this part of the journey as much as I did. We saw quite a bit of animal life along this route – turkeys, armadillos, and goats (on the porch)...Oh my! If you plan to drive this route again – I recommend trying Osteen Diner. It's unfortunately too small for our group; but a worthy stop if you are traveling alone or with a few friends.

When this road ended in Osteen we continued our path along 415 South, then turned onto Celery Rd, passing a marina and a few more farms. Once on the border of Sanford we turned onto Melville Rd and then travelled through old downtown Sanford on 1st Street. Somehow our groups caught up with each other along the way, and then a few groups took a slightly more scenic route along the lakefront. First Street became Route 46, and the group taking the scenic route lost a few cars in the transition back to Route 46. Fortunately we all made our way to the final destination of Route 46 Entertainment District.



This venue is reopening after a four-year closure. We enjoyed lunch at The Smokehouse, and the owner Don and his staff gave us a tour of the rest of the facility. The collection of automobiles and memorabilia was astounding. If you missed this event I strongly recommend you go on your own or with a few friends. As they reopen other venues we may return as a club as well. Since our event they have reopened the Garage Bar. Personally I am looking forward to the reopening of The Saloon sometime in early 2017. At the close of our visit, Roger Wolf graciously staged us for individual photos of our Corvettes near

the portico of Monroe's. This part of the venue was at one time a formal restaurant, but in the new iteration will be for special events only. I hope you enjoyed this Mystery Cruise as much as I did. Many thanks to Bob and Lois Lacoste for the recommendation of Route 46 Entertainment District, and to Randy, Janice, Gary, Faye, Judy and Mike for being group leads/sweeps.

If you have recommendations for highways/byways or venues you think the club will enjoy please share your ideas with the Social Chair or a board member. As always, any recommendations to improve safety are also welcome.





Warbird Museum Visit

On November 11, the Warbird Museum at Titusville Airport held an open house with lunch in honor of Veteran's Day. Larry Mathis, who works at the Museum got a group of our members to bring their cars there to display and support this event. The Museum houses restored aircraft from the World Wars, Korean and Viet Nam Wars. Some of these planes have



been restored by Larry along with a group of Veteran volunteers. Norm Daniels, the Director of the Museum welcomed our members and the crowds were very impressed with the cars. Connie Kostyra's car was photographed parked between two A-4 fighter planes and will be published in the "Unscrambler" (Museum newsletter). Larry escorted our members on a tour of the aircraft hangers and showed the planes he had done and is currently working on. There was also a petting zoo for children with pony rides. Denise Mathis even tried her hand at riding the pony. A fun day was had by all.

Test & Tune Autocross

On December 4, CKCC had a Test & Tune Autocross at the new American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. This is a fun event and it was the first time our Club utilized this wonderful new facility. There were a total of 22 competitors made up of 18 men and 4 women drivers.

At 0.35 miles in length, the course was laid out on new concrete, which was spoken very highly of by those who competed. Average lap elapse time was 35.3005 seconds and the fastest overall time was 30.3 driven by Bill Shearer, followed by Kevin Charles, Charlie Acton, Tyrone Tice and Jim Patterson.

The fastest women were Connie Kostyra, Lloyce Campbell, Patricia Tice and Katie Cyphert.



Several Club members volunteered their time to help ensure the event would operate as smoothly as possible.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered and competed.

*Kevin Charles
Competition Director*

Welcome, New Members!



Katie Cyphert, C-6 orange convertible



Robert Pierce C-7 yellow convertible

Mike and Maggie Shannon, C-6 black convertible (not pictured)

Member Awards Corvettes of Marion County Show November 20, Ocala, FL



It was a great day and show with almost 200 beautiful Corvettes competing. Win or lose this show is always worth the trip.

You get to meet old friends from other clubs, especially the ones that come to the CKCC show. But of course we go to compete to win.

Gary Leschitz

CKCC WINNERS

John & Barbara Franklin,
Sponsors Award

Charles & Miriam Sikes,
C6B Best in Class

Bob & Evelyn Fitch,
2014 Best in Class

Faye & Gary Leschitz,
C6A Best in Class

Helping Fellow Members in Time of Need



Bill Shearer once again graciously entertained all of us with his singing and guitar playing talents at November's CKCC meeting to raise money through tips he received from members for Cal & Shelly Moser's 5-year old great grandson, Landon, to help with expenses to fight his life threatening illness.

2017 NCCC Convention August 21-25 Bowling Green, KY

Registration for the 2017 NCCC Convention will begin on Monday, January 2, 2017. You will

need to go on line online at corvettesnccc.org to conventions to register for the convention. After registering for convention, you can call the hotel during business hours (8 a.m. until 5 p.m. CT) to make your room reservation. We have the whole hotel reserved except for a few business reservation rooms. There are also two hotels just out in the parking lot available for extra rooms. You need your NCCC number for room reservations. **Don't wait to make reservations.**

Although officially nothing begins until Monday, hospitality and Corvette Mall open on Sunday the 20th. An informal gathering and band occurs on Sunday night. Tuesday the 21st are judged and peoples choice shows, rallye, Eclipse Party and tours, plus the Champions Dinner and awards. Tuesday the 22nd is the high speed event at the motorsports park, plus the funkhana and party. Tuesday is also the last day the Corvette Mall is open. There are several tours planned for the day.

Wednesday the 23rd is the low speed event and funkhana plus several tours and a party with a band. Thursday the 24th is the drags, tours, plus a party. Friday the 25th is the convention breakfast, golf tournament, and banquet/ dinner.

Hospitality is open daily.

For up to date information, visit the web site at www.corvettesnccc.org.

Other NCCC Events

Jan. 11-14: NCRS Winter Regional, Lakeland, FL

JAN. 21: ECKLER'S REUNION,* TITUSVILLE

Jan. 22: Regional Meeting, Carl Black Chevrolet, Orlando, FL

Jan. 28-29: Rolex 24, Daytona Beach, FL

Feb. 24-25: Governor's Meeting, St Louis, MO

Feb. 26: Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, FL

Mar. 18: Six Low Speed Autocross Events, Jax Automotive & Motorcycle Museum, Jacksonville, FL

Apr. 8: Vettes at the Port show, Port Canaveral

Apr. 22: Six Low Speed Autocross Events, Jax Automotive & Motorcycle Museum, Jacksonville

Apr. 29-30: 14 (CKCC) Low Speed Autocross Events, American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne, FL

** There are 185 cars registered for this event with each generation having multiple cars to be judged. CKCC is in need of additional volunteers to be judges for the show. You can contact me, Dick Merrill or Randy Anderson if you wish to be a judge. The morning of the show, we will need volunteers to help park the cars by generation. For those of you who were at the Toy Run, you had a taste of the challenge faced with parking cars. We will have open discussion to answer any questions concerning judging, parking, and the overall event at the January 12 CKCC meeting. The proceeds received from this event are designated for CKCC's 50th Anniversary.*

*Bill Shearer,
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CKCC and Other Coming Events

JANUARY:

12 – Monthly meeting at the Moose Lodge, 5:30 social and 7:00 meeting.

14 - 2nd Sat. Cruise-in, Sonny's BBQ, Merritt Island

21 – NCRS meet, Lakeland, FL

21 – Eckler's 30th Reunion

FEBRUARY:

5 – Fishlips Brunch – 10 a.m.

9 – Monthly meeting at the Moose Lodge, 5:30 Social and & 8:00 meeting

11 – Saturday Cruise-in (TBD)

APRIL:

8 – CKCC Vettes at the Port show

29-30 – CKCC Low Speed Autocross, American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne

Want Your Car Photographed For The Web Site?

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

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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 in Merritt Island) and request to be added.

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