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## PREZ SEZ

Hi everyone, summer is just around the corner and the weather has been perfect to get those Corvettes out and enjoy!

The Vettes at the Port Show was a big success, so much hard work was put into the show and the benefits will help our charities considerably, we should have some final numbers to share with you soon. Speaking of weather, we could not have asked for a better day for this year's car show.

At last month's meeting, you all so generously brought items for NANA'S HOUSE, the charity that was picked for that month. They were in need of many items and were overwhelmed by what was given by our members. Thanks to Susan and Don Williams who loaded everything up in their SVU and took it to Malabar the next day. The information we received from NANA'S was quite eye opening and this is a wonderful charity to support.

The CKCC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is meeting on a monthly basis and coming up with some great ideas for 2017. That is going to be a busy year as the trip to the Corvette Museum and factory in Bowling Green for the NCCC Convention will also be happening

in 2017. Please put October 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the Eckler's Show that CKCC will be helping with. This is their first show in many years and I think we are very lucky to be a part of it.

On a sad note, I am sure you all know by now that we lost Ralph Eckler this month and our condolences go to his family.

Please keep in mind that we are still in need of a smooth flat large surface that we can use for an Autocross, if anyone has any ideas of a good spot please let me know and I will pass them along to our competition director Kevin Charles. At this month's meeting we will be talking about and asking for volunteers for judging clinics, which will be informative and a lot of fun.

Hope to see you all soon and enjoy those rides!



Neena Ingandello  
President, CKCC

# Vettes at the Port Show — A Real Winner

April 9 was a very special day for CKCC members, our 15th annual Vettes at the Port (NCCC sanctioned) show. A special thanks go to the Show Chairman Randy Anderson, his entire committee and all participating CKCC members for making it a huge success. There were 229 cars registered and almost all of them showed up. Many other Vette owners, some from as far away as Mississippi, participated in the Show. Several non Vette owners also came to see the show and several of the vendors mentioned that some of them came from the cruise ships.

Next year it is anticipated that the show will be April 8, hopefully at the same location. Mark your calendars.



*Best of Show Winner*





# The Moving Wall

Each year members of CKCC have participated In escorting the Vietnam memorial wall from Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa Campus, to Wickham Park in Melbourne. Bob Sanders, Vietnam vet is the organizer of the Corvettes and other classic automobiles who wish to participate. The motorcycles begin leaving the campus at 10:00 AM. The motorcade of thousands of bikes riding side by side leave the parking lot and pass by our vantage point.

We follow in behind the bikes to begin our journey.

We turned left out of the parking lot on Clearlake Avenue and than turned right on Michigan to US1 South. You would be amazed at the numbers of people lining the roadway paying their respect to the fallen heroes and the escorts. When you enter the park the fire department has archway formed by two fire truck ladders draped with the American Flag and a Welcome Back sign, it is a very emotional and moving site.

Once inside the park we found a place to park, grabbed a free beer and walked over to the site to watch the



process of erecting the wall. Traditionally all Corvette events end with food so we headed to the Palm Shores Bistro for nourishment.

This is one of the best feel good events you can attend with your Corvette or even your motorcycle. You will be amazed at the number of people lining the roadway paying their respect to the fallen heroes and escorts.

I suggest that you add this event on next years calendar. Don't forget to bring water and an American Flag. If you have questions ask any of the members who attended: Bill and Pat, Dick and Judi, Phil and Becky, Mike and Joyce, Jerry Burke and Mike Dougherty.





# Maintaining Order

BUTCH JONES, CKCC Member

Sometime in the late 1980's to early 1990's American auto manufacturers determined that American vehicle buyers would not purchase vehicles that required any

maintenance beyond oil changes and tire rotations. So General Motors solution to this was to create the Maintenance 1 and Maintenance 2 service schedule.

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MULTI-POINT VEHICLE INSPECTION			
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**Maintenance 1** included an oil change and filter and a tire rotation along with a series of checks which included checking tire pressures and wear; inspecting the air filter and replacing if needed; inspecting the brakes; checking all fluid levels and a Multi-Point Inspection.

**Maintenance 2** included all Maintenance 1 items and checking transmission fluid level; inspecting the cabin air filter and replacing if needed; inspecting wiper blades; lubing the door weather-stripping and inspecting the Brake-Transmission Shift Interlocking system for proper operation.

All of this was supposed to provide enough maintenance on the vehicle to get it out of warranty with few warranty claims. After all, we must remember that all vehicle manufacturers would like buyers to purchase a new vehicle every 3-5 years.

Back to the Maintenance 1 and 2 services, the Maintenance 1 service should be performed when the Oil Life Monitor indicates that an oil change is due or every 10 months since the last Maintenance 2 service was performed. There is also a statement in the owner's manual that "you might need more service due to driving conditions". Maintenance 2 is required when the previous service was Maintenance 1, when service needed message comes on and it have been 10 months or longer since the last service or a service has not been performed in the last year. To make things a bit cloudier, there are a series of other things that the owner is responsible to check, lube, inspect and or replace and there are some other items that need attention at specific mileages.

The unintended consequence of all of this is that many owners think (some are told by their salesman) that all they need is an oil change and tire rotation, which is after all what a Maintenance 1 and 2 are, right? Well not exactly, there is that Multi-Point Inspection, which is designed to get the Service Consultant and Customer together to discuss the needs of the vehicle. This is where the, shall we say "breakdown in communication" takes place. The Service Consultant is faced with advising the customer that this "maintenance-free" vehicle is not maintenance free as the customer thought. There is an undeniable rule of nature or of vehicles, and that is everything mechanical will wear out or break eventually (usually in the pouring rain, when you are late for something),

and every electronic gadget will cease to function or perform some bizarre combination of sorcery or witchcraft at the exact moment you need it to perform perfectly. So, we are now faced with the fact that depending on how or if you are presented with the results of a Multi-Point Inspection you may think, "Wow, they really care about me and my car and want to let me know what is going on", or you could think "Who do these jerks thing I am, I did not get off the boat yesterday, I'm not doing that service", or you could just walk away and never go back. Vehicle owners are getting accustomed to not maintaining their vehicle as they once did, and there is no such thing as a "maintenance free" vehicle, at least for very long. I realize that there are exceptions to the rule and you may have a vehicle or know someone who never changed their oil and got a bazillion miles of trouble-free, free-spirited driving, but that is not the norm.

All manufacturers (and some independent shops) have a version of the Multi-Point Inspection and all believe that it can help the owner see what needs to be done, both now and in the future and if it is used correctly by the dealership (or independent shop) can help the owner plan for service work that will be needed down the road. I believe that the more a vehicle owner knows about the condition and needs of their vehicle, the better decisions they will make concerning the upkeep.

Now we come to those who elect not to perform needed services, this falls into the category of "unperformed maintenance" and it can become a problem, especially in states with no required vehicle inspections (such as Florida), as a lot of what you don't see can hurt you in the case of vehicles. In 2012 the Automobile Aftermarket Suppliers Association found that around 66 billion dollars of needed maintenance was not performed in the U.S. We are talking billions with a "b". That is tires that were not rotated, oil that was not changed, wiper blades that were not changed, air filters that were not changed, brakes that were not replaced and other needed items just were not done. The Car Care Council says that there were over 2600 deaths and nearly 100,000 disabling injuries which turned into more than 2 billion dollars in lost wages, medical bills, and property damage in the U.S. in 2012.

Now you may be thinking, what is the answer? There are several and the choice is up to you. First you may be or become one of the "see no evil, hear no evil and

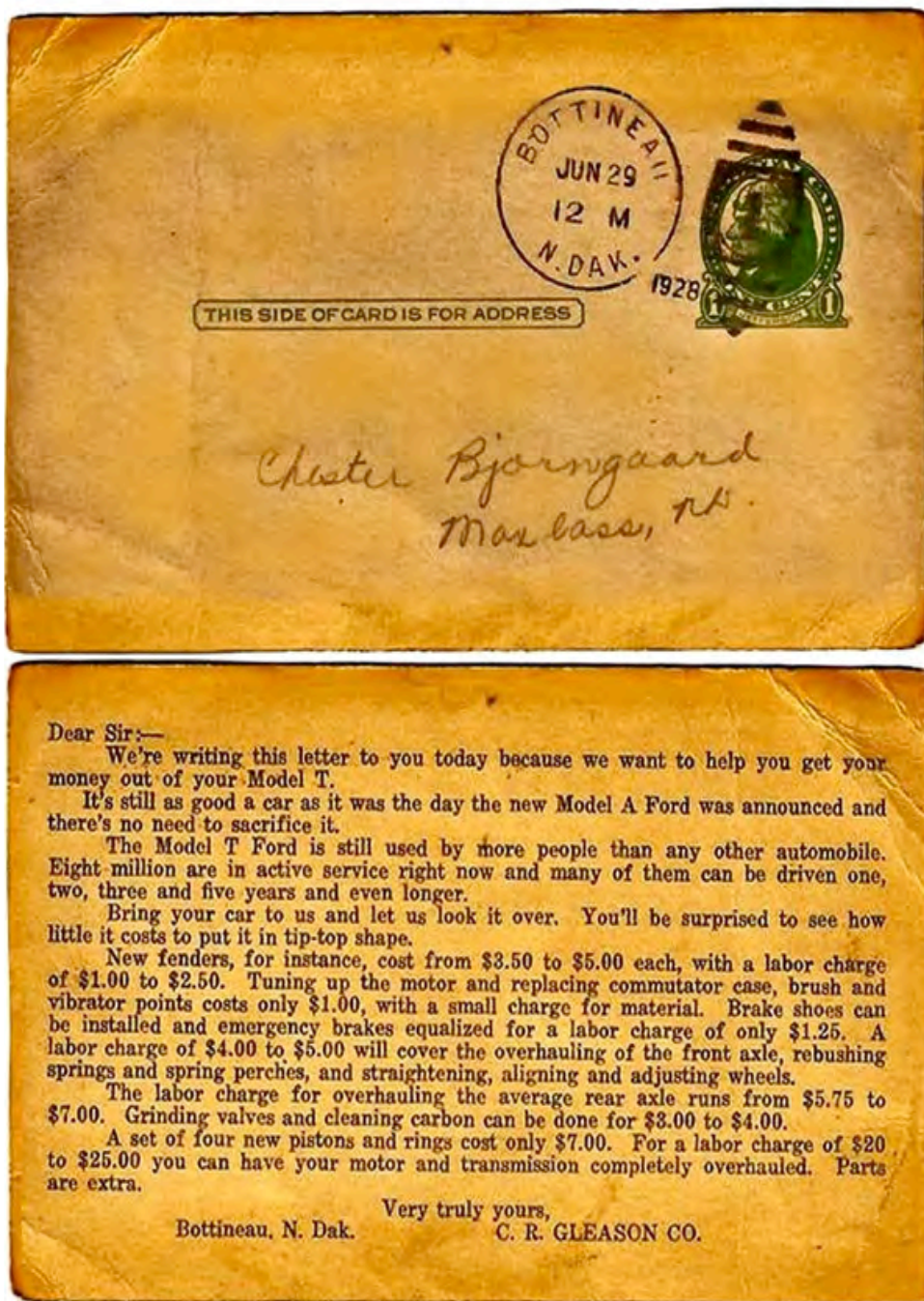


say no evil” types and just disregard this article and do nothing, after all Corvettes are well built and designed for high performance driving, if I don’t do track days I should be able to drive my car for a long time with nothing more than an oil change every year and a tire rotation every other year (no need to overdo the tire rotation thing). Or you can put your Corvette (and other vehicles) on a preventive maintenance program which will help your vehicles perform better, more efficiently, help you foresee issues before they strand you at the least opportune moment and make your vehicles trouble-free and fun to drive.

When considering preventive maintenance, remember that Corvettes and other vehicles were built to drive. If you have chosen to limit the mileage on your Corvette for whatever reason just remember that for newer Corvettes time creates just as much degradation as driving for some components. If your 9 year old Corvette has a failure of a part that was covered under warranty and you have passed the time limit, Chevrolet does not care if your car has 5,000 miles, if you have passed the 3 or 5 years your warranty is gone and they have no obligation to provide you with any assistance. Remember, they want you to buy a new Corvette every 3-5 years and not store them away for decades. So you have fallen into the former buyer category. I say buyer instead of customer, because we buy from the dealer and not the manufacturer, the dealer buys the cars from the manufacturer and sells to the public, so as long as the dealers are still buying cars, Chevrolet might not be too excited that your 9 year old Corvette has an issue that may have been a warranty issue a few years ago. See the service postcard postmarked June 29, 1928 for a Ford Model T. It makes for interesting reading.

Hard to believe that an engine and transmission could be completely overhauled for \$20.00-\$25.00 labor, plus parts. It might be just a bit higher today.

Your dealer or service facility can help you devise a preventive maintenance plan for your vehicles and



there are members of this club that can assist you in developing a plan for your Corvette. Preventive maintenance is the best way to keep you Corvette in top shape so it can give you the high performance driving experience it was designed to provide, and allow you to DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE, OFTEN.

## NCCC and Charity

The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) as an organization first became involved with financial support of a national charity with Jerry Lewis and his Kids Telethon. Individual clubs and regions in council raised money under the leadership of Roger Clancy for the Labor Day telethon. I can recollect watching the local news station, as representatives of the Florida Region dumped the money raised in the huge fish bowl. NCCC Representatives presented a check to Jerry along with the total donated on the national television show. The next year they were told not to expect to present the check on television unless they had a quarter of million dollars to donate. Clubs raised money and presented their checks on various local television stations but the total donated was never recognized after that.

Next NCCC got involved with Spina Bifida (SB).

At the beginning, the organization was made up of parents of children stricken with SB and they had no national exposure or sponsor. So it was easy for NCCC and SB to embrace the funding raised and donated to their organization. The decision to change to SB was presented in 1978 and lasted thru the 1980's.

Cape Kennedy got involved with the local SB chapter helped in the founding of the Spina Bifida Association of the Florida Space Coast. Jim Trammell was our governor at the time and suggested the organizations name. Patsy Shearer became active on their board and attended the early meetings. The club provided books to the local libraries on Spina Bifida and provided puppets depicting different handicaps used as aides in presentations.

There were several members but mainly I remember John David Bethel and Eric Hinze both from Titusville, namely because their parents were very active. There was no national director and all of the monies raised went directly to help the needs of the children.

NCCC under the leadership of Gary Daughtery of Orlando as Charity Chairman Spina Bifida became the official charity of our organization. General Motors worked with NCCC and helped with the purchase of a new Corvette to be given away each year. After several years, the Spina Bifida organization had the national exposure and big name sponsor's, they also hired a Chairman to run

the organization. The new chair wanted NCCC to guarantee they would donate a large some of money each year. The NCCC board voted to discontinue their support and dropped SB as its official charity.

The next NCCC charity became the National Kidney Foundation Transplant Games. Young Transplant persons from various types of transplants traveled to the Transplant Games every two years. National's monies helped pay for these trips. Patrick Dolan of Michigan became the Charity Chairman for council and helped in the raising of monies.

Cape Kennedy chose to work with the NKF organization not the Transplant Games at local events and shows. The Salick Brothers, Rich and Phil, were from Cocoa Beach and were very active in NKF. They worked with us on this charity. With demise of the Transplant Games, NCCC, nationally, has decided to choose another charity for the national focus. During the CKCC meeting in February 2016, our Governor, Brenda Teixeira brought this up and we voted to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. At the April, 2016, National Board Meeting in St. Louis, Council voted on a new charity. The vote was between St. Jude's Children's hospital, The Shriners Burn Hospitals, and the Lions Club glasses project. St. Jude's won the vote and will be the new NCCC Charity. Michelle Cantelmo from the Pocono's has become the Charity Chairman for council.

We at CKCC will continue to work locally with NKF as we did with SB for a number of years. The national focus will change to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis Tennessee.

Pictured is Eric Hinze, our first SB child. He was at the event at Clayton's last month. He now lives in Ocala.





## NANA'S HOUSE — A New CKCC Charity

NANA'S HOUSE is a non profit organization that has three thrift cottages of clothing, household items, and furniture that helps to support the houses and their supplies. NANA'S also receives donations from various groups that help with needed items. Several houses have houseparents who care for about four children at a time. They give the children in their care, love and a stable, Christian home environment. NANA'S becomes the guardians for these children. Several churches help support NANA'S with larger donations around the holidays. Currently NANA's is getting ready to build several more houses on donated land with donated building supplies.

The staff was very happy with all the generous donations that CKCC members provided. For more information, visit <http://nanaschildrenshom.com/>



## Member Bob Fitch Wins Big at Inverness Show



Bob was the only person to win a perfect score of 300 points in the top 45 at the *Citrus Vettes and Camaros* show in Inverness, March 2016. We had dinner with the president of the club, his wife and two representatives of the National Corvette Museum at a beautiful country club courtesy of the president. Fun weekend.

*Evelyn*

## Corvette Trivia Answer

The answer to the last newsletter's trivia question: The 1976 Corvettes equipped with the new "sport" steering wheel was actually the same wheel that was used on the Chevrolet Vega and other Chevrolet models. The fact that their Corvette had a "Vega Steering Wheel" did not make some owners happy. Also in 1977 buyers who did not order the tilt-telescopic steering column (RPO N37) also received that same steering "sport" wheel.

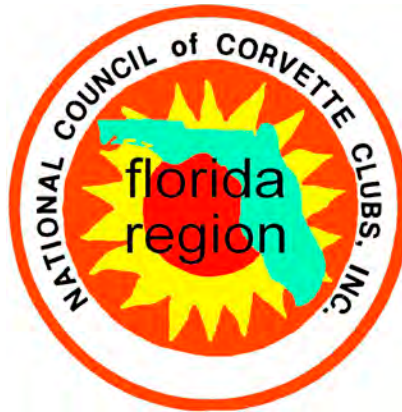
## Corvette Trivia Questions

How many times has the Corvette been selected to pace the Indy 500?

Who was the driver for the first Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car?

In 1998 the Corvette was offered in the exterior color Medium Purple Pearl Metallic. What was another name for that paint option?





**LET'S PARTY!!!**

## **Florida Region Awards Banquet**

*Date: May 14, 2016; Cocktails: 6 PM, Dinner: 7 PM*

**Cost: \$40 per person**

For a Buffet Dinner

**Location:**

AAA National Office, 1000 AAA Dr., Heathrow, FL  
(Off International Blvd.)

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**Rates good until April 29th**

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## NCCC ACTIVITIES

**May 7:** 6 low Speed events, St. Augustine

**May 14:** Regional Banquet, AAA National Office, Heathrow: Test and Tune, Brooksville Airport

**May 28-30:** 21 events at NCM track, Bowling Green, Kentucky

**June 4:** Six low Speed events, St. Augustine

**June 5:** Florida Regional Mtg., Carl Black Chev., Orlando

**June 11:** Test & Tune, Brooksville Airport

**June 18:** Corvette Show, World Golf Village, Vettes in the Village, St. Augustine

*Events and flyers are found on the ncccsouth web site.*

## CKCC & OTHER EVENTS

**May 12:** CKCC Social 5 till 7 p.m., CKCC meeting, 7 till 8 p.m., Moose Lodge, Merritt Island

**May 14:** KDI Cruise In, 4 p.m., Kings Duck Inn, Merritt Island

**May 28:** Vettes at the Pier, St. Petersburg; Honor Flight Car Show, Indialantic

**June 5:** Fishlips Brunch, 10 a.m., The Cove, Port Canaveral

**June 9:** CKCC Social 5 till 7 p.m., CKCC meeting, 7 till 8 p.m., Moose Lodge, Merritt Island

**June 18:** Dixie Cruisers Cruise In, 4 p.m., Beef O'Brady's, Merritt Island

## GET 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.

## 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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