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## PREZ SEZ...

2020 is a year that I am happy to say goodbye to. Our environment and our lives changed drastically in March of 2020.

No one imagined a Pandemic that would bring so much change into our daily lives.



*Randy Anderson,  
President*

I was looking forward to bringing some great guest speakers into general membership meetings and turning those meetings into a time enjoyed by all. I remember our last meeting when we brought Wayne Ivey in along with his dog Juno. That was a great meeting! And I hope once we get back together we can have more like that one.

Covid 19 was hard on my personal family. We lost several family members and a number of very close friends. Then to make matters even worse our home was struck by lightning on August 16<sup>th</sup> and we lost 90 percent or more of the contents within the house due to the fire and water damage. This was the main reason I decided not to run for 2021 office of the President. I would not have the time to devote to club business with a personal major disaster of this size on my hands.

With each monthly board meeting over the course of 2020 we never knew if the virus situation was getting better or worse. With that being said, I always aired on the side of caution and I urged the board, let's be safe. Our member's health and welfare comes first and foremost. Therefore, we canceled month upon month of our monthly general membership meetings.

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There was no crystal ball in place or guidelines or procedures of what to do in a pandemic environment. I suggest our By Laws committee review our club by laws and incorporate some new procedures into our By laws based on what we have learned from this pandemic for future generations of our club to rely on. For example, It was impossible to vote on any important business due to the requirements of the number of members necessary to form a quorum and not being able to bring the membership together for meetings. This has not been an easy year on any of our board members. Our members' health and safety had to be the board's top priority in all decisions made.

### **THANKS TO THE 2020 BOARD**

My thanks to all of the members who served on the CKCC Board during 2020. I regret we couldn't do a lot of things we were hoping to get rolling.

### **WELCOME IN THE 2021 BOARD**



Bill Shearer will be the new club President.



John Franklin will be staying Vice President.

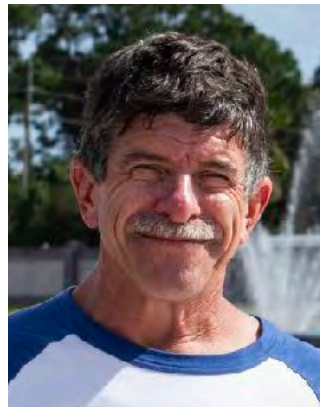


Vivi Iduate will continue as Treasurer.



Bill Kassebaum will remain Secretary.

Zach Duys will be the new club Governor.



Steve Hepp is coming in as the new Member at Large.

Jim Patterson will remain Competition Director.



I will be serving as Past President.

Our last club general membership meeting (November 14) had nearly half the number of members in attendance but that was more than expected due to many not coming because of Covid-19.

Our regular meeting place at the Moose lodge has undergone some significant construction during 2020. Now that construction is finally complete the current Board is discussing holding our February meeting there.

In the meantime...keep 'em shined and the wheels on the ground!

Sincerely,

*Randy*



# SUNDAY BRUNCHES



Our first Sunday of the month brunch at Fishlips has resumed. After the first one Mike and staff reworked the arrangement of the tables to follow CDC guidelines. There have been around 30 people attend each session.

It's great to see those friends who are attending. Hopefully we will all receive our vaccinations soon and things will go back to normal. Please let me know if you plan to attend so the Social Committee can let Fishlips staff know the number of tables needed.

Thanks,  
Patsy Shearer

*Photos of March brunch*



## In Memory of a Long Time Friend and CKCC Member

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I am sad to announce the passing of a member of our Corvette family, my long time friend Don Schwartz. This was extremely difficult to understand and hard to accept. My heart felt broken and sad for his wife Ellen and their children Matt and Amy.



*Donald Schwartz*

I received a phone call from Ellen's brother, Rob English who is a fellow musician and very good friend who informed me of Don's passing and what led up to his untimely death. The last time I spoke to Don was during our November Brunch at Fishlips where we talked about competing in future autocross events, the progress of the construction of their new home, the potential sale of their house in Bowling Green, KY and most importantly, his health.

After Don graduated from Perdue University, he accepted a position as Electronic Engineer for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center and moved to Cocoa where he eventually met and married Ellen English. They eloped in his 1969 Corvette convertible.

Don and Ellen joined CKCC in the early 70's. They moved to Titusville and with the help of Ed Smith started the Titusville Corvette Club.

Don was very brilliant and once he made his mind up there was no obstacle he couldn't overcome, from building a timing system to adding a second story room over his two car garage.

Don decided that he needed an occupation change and left NASA and took a position with Lockheed Martin working on the ground support processing equipment for the Space Shuttle Launch System at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. I happened to have a field trip to Vandenberg and made arrangements to visit with Don and Ellen in their new home in Santa Maria where Don

served as president and governor of Central Coast Corvette Club.

After the shuttle Challenger tragedy the Vandenberg Shuttle program was cancelled, and Don went to work for Boeing on the Rail Garrison Program at Vandenberg. In 1994, Don decided to change his advocacy and become a teacher, which he greatly loved and thoroughly enjoyed.

In the summer of 2004, Pat and I, Dick and Judi Merrill, and Lloyce and Brenda attended the NCCC Convention in Las Vegas. While sitting in the hospitality room we heard familiar voices in the background. Then Dick said, I think I see a guy who looks just like Don Schwartz and to our amazement there standing in hospitality room was Don and Ellen looking for something to drink. During the convention we had the opportunity to catch up on our lost years of not seeing each other.

The California Education System presented the opportunity to Don and Ellen to retire early. So they made another move this time to Bowling Green, KY to be close to the Corvette Museum where they could volunteer. Don bought land and built their beautiful home with a separate building to park all his cars, tractor, 5th wheel mobile home and tools.

In the summer of 2012 CKCC planned a road trip to Bowling Green to present Space Shuttle and astronaut memorabilia to the Corvette Museum to enhance the their display and visit the Corvette Plant. Don and Ellen invited their club members to be in attendance at the the Corvette Museum movie theater for the presentation of the memorabilia. They also arranged for a member to be an escort for us to visit the birth place of President Lincoln and to stop for lunch at the famous and favorite "Whistle Stop" restaurant in historic Glendale, KY. They then held a meet and greet at their home with fellow members of the Museum and Vette City clubs. Our club members still



have fond memories of the Corvettes lined up along their driveway and their hospitality.

While in Kentucky, Don was president of the National Corvette Museum club, Corvettes Limited of Bowling Green, and an active member of the Corvette Plant and Vette City Vettes Clubs.

Ellen wanted to move back to Florida (her roots) and to be near close friends in Titusville so they purchased a sometime home. First they purchased a modular home in Swan Lake Estates. During this time they also became returning members of CKCC.

Soon they decided to sell the house in Kentucky and move to Titusville, permanently. Don wanted to build a smaller

home with a separate large storage building for his cars and tools.

They started looking and found a lot on Knox McRae that suited their requirements. Don had many challenges to overcome during the pre and construction process and with the Titusville Building Dept. Finally the construction of the house was finished and the storage building erected. The home in Bowling Green recently sold. Now Ellen will need our help and support during these trying times.

As per the statement by NCCC Past President, Dave Heinemann: "We joined for the car but stayed for the people (friends)." Don and Ellen exemplify that statement.

*Bill Shearer*



*CKCC members pay their respects at graveside services in Christmas, Florida.*



# **CKCC RACE TEAM 2020**

This year has been an endless series of challenges that no one expected. In spite of everything we have a long list of amazing accomplishments.

Cape Kennedy Corvette Club is #1! We have once again won the Florida Region Championship. We scored 6268 points in a year that made everything much more difficult. Most of the other clubs just stayed home. The second place club only scored 1700 points or about 1/4 of our total.

CKCC wins even bigger through the individual accomplishments of our members. In the region, Veronica Duys won #1 Women's Competitor. Jason Brzozowski won #2 Men's Competitor. In addition, CKCCRT has won numerous class Championships. The secret to our success is our team and number of competitors. In the region, CKCC has 10 women in the top 20. We have 18 men in the top 30.

The CKCC Race Team now has 27 members with 10 prospective members. One of our new prospects is Matt. He has a C8 that he takes to the track. At this time we do not have representation in the C8 classes. Hopefully that will change.

In 2019 we won #6 in the nation. In 2020 we jumped out to a 2000 point lead because of the CKCCRT participation. The virus struck and national points were abandoned. Wait until next year. We could jump out to a 2000 or even a 3000 point lead.

The American Muscle Car Museum is a great autocross facility. We hope to keep it for a long time. In 2019 we used it for almost free. In 2020 we paid \$500 dollars per day. In 2021 we were asked to pay \$1000 per day. We have renegotiated and the fee has been reduced to \$750. We plan to increase fees to cover these costs.

The Corvette VS Porsche Challenge is scheduled for February 27th. Mark your

calendar. We need your help. This year we ran under their rules which gave them a huge advantage. Next year we are the host! We will set the rules of engagement!

We will be running on the tires AMCM has allowed us to run on. Hoosier! I also plan to press for more diversity and inclusion. We will have a class with a maximum of nine men. We will have another class with a minimum of three women.

CKCC is taking its place on the national stage by providing the leadership that will bring back High Speed racing. I formed a H S Rule Committee made up of CKCC members, Florida Region members, and members of other regions. We wrote and submitted 8 rule changes that we believe will bring back high speed racing.

Now the hard work begins. Changing the minds of regional leadership, of national leadership. Some say, "I have done it this way for forty years". Some are so very scared of change. Some are very negative and can not stand to see success where others have failed. We will see.

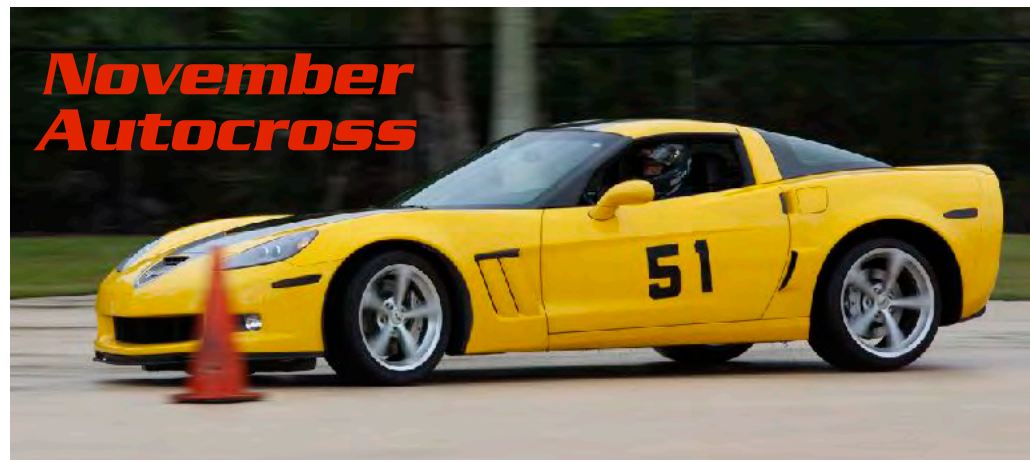
The HS Committee is putting together a High Speed Time Trial at Nelson's Ledges in E. Ohio on April 17th. It will be a track learning opportunity for the high speed events held there during convention. We were unable to get the needed sanctions from the EO Region. I provided one of CKCC's sanctions. This is now part of a ground swell. The Michigan Region is providing sanctions. The Indiana Region is working on providing sanctions.

I highly recommend you attend this event. This is the first NCCC TT held at Nelson's. This means the record book is empty. You could be the record setter if you compete.

Thank you to all of the workers that made our events possible. Thank you to all of the racers that made CKCC successful again this year.

*Sincerely,  
James Patterson*







# Corvette Toy Run Draws 208 Cars



For 20 years the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) has been organizing a Toy Run on the first Saturday in December to assist the Canaveral Fire Rescue (CFR) and Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in making Christmas a little brighter for local children. CKCC has deep roots in the community and is always looking for ways to give back.

This year was a bit different than the others, with the Covid-19 pandemic making this a difficult year we were apprehensive about attendance. The children had an especially difficult time and we wanted them to have a nice Christmas. With the support of CFR, the BCSO motor group, and Eckler's we forged ahead with planning.

The day arrived with top-down weather. Fast Eddie kept the Christmas music going and

Bizzle's Bistro was on hand to provide food and refreshments. Social distancing and masks were encouraged.



Lois Lacoste welcomed the attendees. The parking detail headed by Kevin Charles and Janice Greene assisted by Tim Reardon, and Bob Lacoste along with other CKCC members worked their magic and managed to fit 208 Corvettes, from C1 to C8, in the parking lot. Brenda Teixeira, Lloyce Campbell, along with Jerry and Sue Pownall and a few others handed out waivers to be signed as the cars rolled in. Dots were exchanged for signed waivers at the 50/50







table by George Halkovic while Bob and Susan Pietrasko sold the tickets with a little help from their friends.

Parking at Port Canaveral was handled by the CFR, which filled the parking lot. The restaurants were expecting us.

The toys and other donations, once again, were generous and filled the trailer and pickup. Santa was presented with \$753 from the 50/50 which will go towards purchasing items and food for families. The food that was donated is given to a local school so they can distribute it to children in need.

Thank you one and all for your participation, hard work and generous donations.

We look forward to December 4, 2021. Hope to see you all there.

*Kristy and George Halkovic*



# Upcoming Events

2/7 CKCC Brunch, Fishlips, 10 a.m., Port Canaveral  
2/11 CKCC Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Merritt Island Moose Lodge  
2/14 Valentine's Day Cruise, Black Hammock, Oviedo; departs Moose 2p.m.\*  
2/27 Porsche/Corvette Auto-X Challenge, AMCM  
2/28 NCCC Regional Mtg., 11 a.m., Carl Black Chevrolet  
3/13-14 CKCC Low speed 14-event autocross, AMCM  
3/20 NCCC Low Speed NFCA 7-event autocross, Green Cove Springs  
4/3 CFCA Car Show, Maitland, FL  
4/17 NCCC Low Speed NFCA 7-event autocross, Green Cove Springs  
Go to "NCCC South" for flyer

## \*Valentine's Day Cruise-in

February 14th **The Black Hammock** <https://www.theblackhammock.com>

Meet at the MI Moose before 2 pm. We will leave promptly at 2pm.

Please RSVP no later than February 10, 2021 to Vivi at [treasurer@ckcc.club](mailto:treasurer@ckcc.club) or Patsy at [pashearer3@gmail.com](mailto:pashearer3@gmail.com) or phone is 321-632-9036 or 321-537-5446

Overview - The Black Hammock Adventure complex is east of Orlando and just north of Oviedo, at the end of a winding road through citrus groves. The complex includes fantastic airboat rides, an award-winning restaurant, a gift shop, the Lazy Gator Bar, a display of live gators, and more. On Sundays, you get to see the Gators being fed (weather permitting).

## Be in the Member Profiles section

You could be included in this new section that was created so members can get better acquainted during these social distancing times caused by the Corona virus. A lot of members are interested in learning about other members backgrounds and cars.

Simply submit the year you became a CKCC member; where you were born and

raised; your occupation, even if retired; a short description of the Vette(s) you own(ed); and favorite trip(s) and experience(s) with your Vette(s). Please, also include photos.

Email your information to [spoiler@ckcc.club](mailto:spoiler@ckcc.club) or call 321-338-7467 for answers to any questions you have.



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