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PREZ SEZ...

Our annual Vettes at the Port Show is just around the corner. April 8th 2017 marks our 16th year for this event. This is currently our largest fund raiser for our Club and the charities we support. We need every member to pitch in and help make this a huge success. There is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be completed before the day of the show.

Help Needed For Upcoming Show

We need people to visit local businesses and ask for donations for door prizes and items for our goody bags. If every person in this Club could get one or two donations we could give every one of our guest a nice door prize! All items lower than \$25 will go into the door prizes and items over \$25 will go towards the silent auction items that raise money for the National Kidney Foundation. We need items for the silent auction!! There is a form you need to take with you and complete at each business you visit that provides you with a donation. The form can be downloaded from the CKCC website or you can contact any member or the Board and they will e-mail you a copy of the document you need. Be sure to leave the top of the form with the sponsor and attach the bottom of the form to the item. We will need all silent auction items brought to the Moose on Saturday March 25th at 9: am. Items valued under 25 can be brought to the April Meeting which will be held on April 6th. Our April meeting is being moved from the 13th to the 6th due to the car show on the 8th. Day of the show is all hands-on deck. We need

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people to park show cars, help vendors locate their space and parking area. Members are needed to sell raffle tickets, help with door prizes, baskets, 50/50 tickets, and others to relieve people for breaks. Everyone is requested to help clean up after the show. The more hands the quicker we will be able to leave. Please let any board member know if you would like to help with this event.

Board Actions to Improve Club

Our Board is working very hard and we need your help also. We are looking at items the club needs to improve our image and take us to the next level.

SEEKING NEW SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON

We are currently seeking a Social Committee Chairperson. This is an important position to head up a committee that is an integral part of planning our social activities for the entire membership.

WEB SITE INHANCEMENTS

Please check in periodically to our Club website as we are making changes to the site. We have started preparing images of items that relate to the Club's history and for the first time in 50 years we will soon have a Club History tab on our website with pictures and stories from our Club's past.

MEMBERSHIP HANDLING

We are also revamping the way our new members come onboard as well as membership renewals. Very shortly everything will be available via our Club website, www.ckcc.club.

NEW LAPTOP COMPUTER

We have invested in a Club laptop for the Secretary who is required to maintain the Club's documents for three (3) years.

TICKET TUMBLER PURCHASED

We finally purchased a tumbler for tickets for the 50/50 and raffles, which improves our Club image at events and was introduced at the Eckler's show.

PROJECTOR FOR PRESENTATIONS

A projector, which will be used for our guest

speakers throughout the year and can also be used at our 50th Anniversary and Christmas parties has been added to the Club inventory. It is a selling point to our sponsors, as we will display their logo on the screen during our social hour.

NEW AUTOCROSS TIMING ANTENNAS

We are in the process of purchasing new antennas for our autocross timers which will allow us to position them further apart at our new location. This will boost the systems signal which will eliminate restarts due to lost communication between the devices.

EXPANDED TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasury report has been expanded to include Club assets. We rolled out the new report at our February meeting. We are currently taking inventory of all items owned by the Club and will be included on the monthly report. We have also completely re-written our club sponsorship levels and incorporated the appropriate wording in our sponsorship letters to meet compliance regulations for a 501(c)(7).

We are making changes which are necessary to manage the size of our membership and the continued growth as seamlessly as possible and for the enjoyment of our members.

None of this would be possible without dedicated members, our Club reflects the hard work our members put into making it great. Thank you, you are appreciated.

Together we can make this the best Corvette club in the Nation!

Best regards,



Randy Anderson, President

CAR SHOWS

TRANSMISSIONS FOR MISSIONS

This January 14th event was an annual charity car show hosted by the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island to raise money for the youth groups that travel to Missions.

The day started out with some light rain but cleared up by late morning.

More than 60 cars and trucks participated in the show. CKCC members who won Trophies included, Charles & Mariam Sikes, Bob & Evelyn

Fitch, Phil Strode & Becky Strain, Tony & Alice Valdes, Dick Merrill, Brenda Teixeira, Mike Shannon, John & Wilma O'Brien, Bob Pietrasko, Richard Dobsha (taking photo) and Faye & I. Trophies were for Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine and Best of Show chosen in each category by Pastors, Sponsors and Owners.

Faye and I want to thank all who attended for their support in making this event a success!

Gary Leschitz



Vettes In The Vines

On January 15 we went to Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery in Fort Pierce for the Vettes in the Vines Corvette Car Show. Approximately 55 cars competed for five top prizes of tickets, wines, and coolers for upcoming events.

While meeting with friends there we ran into some CKCC members. What a nice venue, with a great band, good food, wine tasting and a Corvette car show.

This was our first time there and we plan to go again. We think it would be a great place for a CKCC cruise-in.

Gary & Faye Leschitz



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ECKLER'S 30th REUNION

On January 21st, Eckler's finally celebrated its 30th Anniversary Corvette Reunion after being delayed by Hurricane Matthew. There were 185 Corvettes registered but since the hurricane delayed the Reunion by more than three months not every registered car showed up. The turn out was still amazing with lots of great cars from C-1's to the 2017 model.

Cape Kennedy members helped the Eckler's staff with the show by handling registration, parking, and judging. Congratulations go to the winners.

AWARD WINNERS

Tony and Joanne Diaz of Renegade Corvette Club in Fort Lauderdale won the Best of Show trophy. Cape Kennedy winners were as follows:

C-1:	1st	Bill & Deby Sasher
	2nd	Dennis Ross & Teresa Mitchell
C3A:	2nd	Joseph Mali
C5A:	3rd	Neil & Vivien Pogeler
C6A:	2nd	Faye & Gary Leschitz
	3rd	Mike & Maggie Shannon
C6B:	5th	Lee Ann & Jerry Wojcieszak
C7:	1st	Robert & Evelyn Fitch
	2nd	John & Wilma O'Brien

The longest distance award went to Ray Dennison of Guntersville Alabama.

Many Thanks To All Who Helped Make This A Success

A special thanks to all the CKCC members who worked and supported the Eckler's show! We received the following emails from Eckler's about the show:

"Many thanks to the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club for an outstanding job in helping us with our Corvette Reunion! The show went off without a hitch due to the organization and team effort put forth by your club members. We can't thank you enough!

Again, THANK YOU for everything! You're my heroes!"

Cozette Alley, Show Manager/Marketing Coordinator

"I would like to express my deepest thanks for all the work and effort that your club put into our Corvette Reunion. I know everyone I spoke to was pleased and had a great time. Putting a show together takes team work and your club has shown you know how to do that. From registration, parking the cars and getting judging done with little to no problems was great. I want to thank everyone that put their time into helping and hope we can do this again next year. Please let us know if we can help your club as well. Thanks again, R.J."

R. J. Schmieder, Strategic Sourcing Manager





CRUISE-INS

January 14

After having a funday and receiving many trophies at the Merritt Island Baptist Church annual car show called Transmissions for Missions, CKCC members left there for the monthly CKCC cruise in. This month the event was held at Sonny's Bar-B-Q restaurant in Merritt Island. Many more members met the group on the patio at Sonny's. It was pretty noisy in the room until the food came. You guessed it we got quiet and enjoyed an afternoon of friendship and good food. What a great way to spend a Saturday.

February 11

Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) members went to Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant in the Waterford Lakes Shopping Center in Orlando on Saturday in celebration of Valentine's Day. CKCC members from the central and south areas of the County met at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge and caravanned to Cooper's Hawk while some members from Titusville drove directly to the destination.



The 43 members who attended the event seemed to have a really good time socializing and enjoying the wine and fantastic food, which included a Plain Ol' House Salad (not plain at all) and either Dana's Parmesan Crusted Chicken or

Soy Ginger Salmon. According to the attendees, both were delicious. Topping off the great food and service, was a decadent dessert — Cooper's Hawk (really, really good) double Chocolate Cake.

After the Cruise-In some went shopping while others headed to Titusville to participate in a Mardi Gras parade from downtown to a fair at Sand Point Park.

February 18

Approximately 40 CKCC members converged on Cheers Seafood & Grill at Cocoa Commons shopping center on SR 524 for the monthly Saturday cruise-in. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and conversation. The owner, general



manager, and a customer judged the Vettes lined up along side the restaurant and choose three cars that they liked best. They gave a 1st place \$35 dinner gift certificate to Eddie Gigliotti for his restored 65 Sting Ray, 396 roadster; a 2nd place \$30 certificate to Charlie Acton for his modified C6 red coupe; and a Cheers T-shirt to Gary Leschitz for his 1991 ZR1. The management enjoyed our patronage so much that they invited us to visit their new restaurant at the Publix shopping center on Murrell Rd., south of Barnes Blvd. in Rockledge next month.

Tech Tips

Butch Jones, CKCC Member

The Origins of Rodent Motors

There are several different versions of how the small block Chevrolet V-8 got the nickname "Mouse Motor"; however there is one that I believe to be the most likely.

The first generation Chrysler hemi engines (241, 276 and 331 cubic inch) were powering a lot of dragsters in drag racing and doing quite well with supercharging and in some cases fuel injection. The Chevy guys (running 265, 283 and 327 V-8 engines) were also making a lot of power with Hilborn fuel injection, lighter weight and in some cases superchargers. No Chrysler Hemi driver wanted to get beat by a Chevy but some were.

As the story goes the Second Generation of the Chrysler Hemi engine was a milestone in engine history. This engine had huge heads with hemispherical combustion chambers and much better breathing than the earlier hemis and valve covers that could hold many 4 cylinder engines. It was also huge in size and the Chrysler guys, running the "426 Street Hemi" or its race version and others began to call it the "Elephant Motor".

The Chevy guys capitalized upon that and since the old wives tale that an elephant was afraid of a mouse and the Chevys were much smaller (in size) than the Hemi, the name "Mouse Motor" was born.



283 Chevy Race Engine

When the "Mystery Engine" was introduced and its size made it clear that it was a "big" block, the odd (for the day) splayed valve layout led it to be called the "Porcupine V-8". That name never sat very well with many of the gearheads that I knew.

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392 Hemi Race Engine

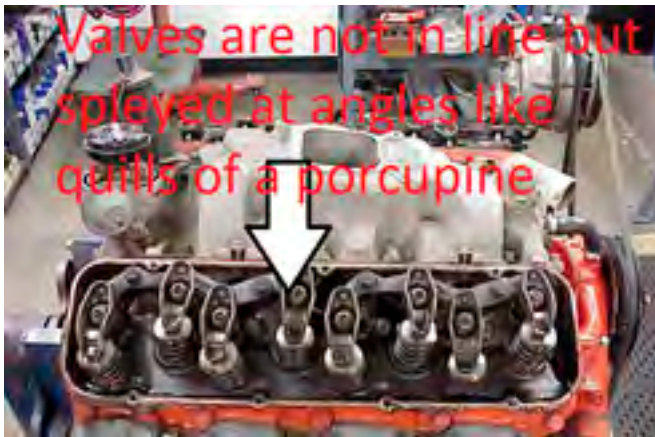


Chevy Mystery Engine

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For most racers and rodders, the larger size and increased power of the “Porcupine” over the “Mouse Motor” naturally made it a big mouse or a “rat”. And thus the name “Rat Motor” became the unofficial name of the big block Chevy V-8.



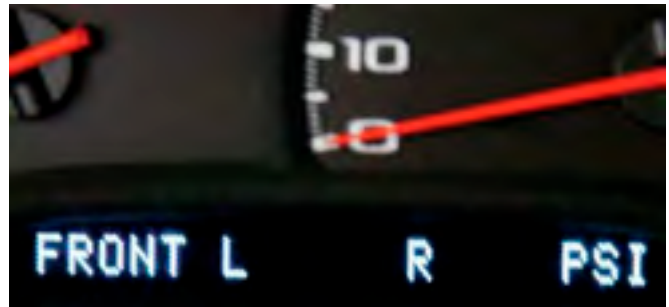
Porcupine Head Big Block

How to Keep Your Tires Round and Your Vette's Shiny Side up, Part 1

For many years the tire industry and automobile manufacturers have been at somewhat of odds with each other. The tire manufacturers recommend a specific tire pressure for their tires for tread life and puncture resistance and vehicle weight. The automobile manufacturers recommend a specific tire pressure for their vehicles for comfort, wear and vehicle weight. Sometimes the two do not match. And that is where the rub comes in. Over the years the pressures have been coming closer together, but there have been vehicle crashes in which tire pressures were an issue. You may remember the Firestone/Ford Explorer episode. This situation did not go unnoticed by the federal government. Effective with the 2008 model year a Low Tire Pressure Warning System (LTPWS)

was required on all new passenger vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVWR) if 10,000 pounds or less. These systems were to be designed to alert the driver if a tire's pressure was outside a parameter that was set for that vehicle.

The LTPWS morphed into what is now known as the Tire Pressure Monitoring System or TPMS. According to Jim Gutting, director, GM Tire-Wheel Center, "Tire pressure monitoring is wonderful technology that has potential to help make our roads safer". He goes on to say "But it's no substitute for being conscientious about tire maintenance. All owners should familiarize themselves with TPMS, how it works and what it can tell them about basic tire maintenance."



Tire Pressure Monitoring System Dash Display

Low tire pressure related crashes cause over 650 fatalities and 33,000 injuries each year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Even with these statistics a survey conducted by the Rubber Manufacturers Association showed that three out of four drivers wash their car every month, but only one in five correctly checks their tire pressure.

NHTSA says tire safety studies have shown that maintaining proper tire pressure, observing tire and vehicle loading and inspecting tires for cuts, slashes and irregularities are the most important things a motorist can do to avoid tire failure. These actions, along with other care and

maintenance can also improve vehicle handling, help avoid vehicle breakdowns and crashes, improve fuel economy (by 3.3%, according to the EPA), and save money by increasing tire life.

Although the federal mandate for TPMS began with the 2008 model year, General Motors began installing these systems on Corvettes as early as 1987. Although there were only a few actually installed and most if not all had issues with false alarms when near other so equipped vehicles, they became a readily available option (RPO UJ6) in 1989. This system utilized a sender attached to the inside of the wheel by a band.



Care must be used in changing tires to avoid damage of these systems. Many tire shops do not realize that C4 Corvettes may have these systems. So let your tire installer know if you have one of these systems.

The TPMS used by GM utilizes separate sensors mounted in each wheel and uses real time monitoring to determine the pressure in each tire. The older system would only set off a warning light if any tire or more than one tire were at a different pressure from the established pressure. An example would be if the norm was 30 psi and one or two tires were at 25 psi the system would indicate a low or flat tire. It would not indicate which tire. This type of system is used on the C4 Corvettes.

The new system provides more information as to which tire is low and what the pressures are. The

sender is mounted on the valve stem. Care must also be used when changing these tires also to avoid damaging the sender when the bead seal is broken. This is the system used on the C5, C6 and



C7 Corvettes. If you have OnStar by GM and have signed up for the OnStar Vehicle Diagnostics, you will receive free monthly diagnostic reports via e-mail that will provide crucial tire pressure information.

The TPMS is a valuable tool and if utilized can allow you to get the most out of your tires and know when a tire has a slow leak or the air pressure is going down.

SAVE THE WAVE & drive your Corvette often!

Trivia Question #7 Answer

Chevrolet produced the first V-8 engine in 1917. It was called the Series D V8 and displaced 288 cubic inches producing a whopping 55 horsepower (although 36 horsepower is quoted by some). The engine had overhead valves and crossflow heads. Chevrolet was absorbed into the General Motors Corporation about that time and Chevrolet was related to the low-priced marque so the engine was dropped in 1919. There were 511 of the Series D V-8 engine built and the cost was \$1385.00 at that time.

Trivia Question #8

In which years was black not offered as an exterior color?

NCCC Convention Update

If you registered for a hotel room but have not registered for the convention, registrations for the two will be compared and those not on the NCCC registration list will have their rooms pulled. Day passes will not be sold until about the first of March so make certain that you do a regular registration.

Several members asked about the rally and the tour to the center of the eclipse. The rally will be held early morning. Previous CKCC members Don and Ellen Schwartz are in charge. The tour to the eclipse center is a full day leaving in the morning. You cannot do both.

If you have's checked the schedule lately, there's a change due to a group using the drag facility for three days. The drags are now on Tuesday and the high-speed autocross is on Thursday.

PARTIES

Party Info has also been updated. The chairs reminded everyone to keep up with changes on "Conventions" www.corvettesnccc.org.

Sunday Night (August 20) – The Nashville band, "The Soul Searchers" will play from 7 until 10.

Monday Night (August 21) – This night belongs to the top 15 clubs and competitors. Dinner is served. Dress is casual or your 'Sunday-Go-To-Meet'n clothes.

Tuesday Night (August 22) – This is the country "Hoe Down" and a best-dressed contest will be held. The entertainment is "Tom and Friends". Many of the band members were in the George Jones band.

Wednesday Night (August 23) – It is boots, bowties, and bourbon. Again there is a prize for the best dressed. Entertainment is "Disorderly Conduct".

Thursday Night (August 24) – a DJ night with various themes.

Friday Night (August 25) – The awards banquet. Dress in your best Sunday-Go-To-Meet'n outfits. The evening begins at 6 until...? CKCC will be recognized for 50 years as members of NCCC. Wear the 50th shirt!

NCCC & CKCC Events

March 5: CKCC Fishlips Brunch — Port Canaveral

March 9: CKCC Meeting & Social — Merritt Island Moose Lodge

March 12: All Car & Truck Show — Inverness

March 18: Six Low Speed Events — Jax Automotive & Motorcycle Museum

March 18: CKCC Cruise-In — TBA

April 2: Fishlips Brunch — Port Canaveral

April 6: CKCC Meeting (Note Change) — Merritt Island Moose Lodge

April 8: Vettes at the Port Show — Port Canaveral (see reg. flyer on last page)

April 15: CKCC Cruise-In — TBA

April 29 & 30: CKCC Autocross — American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne

For more NCCC events check the flyer at www.ncccsouth.com

CKCC 50th Anniversary Polo Shirt Orders Due by March 5



If you haven't already ordered your 50th anniversary shirt you must let CKCC Treasurer Veronica Duys know and pay for your shirt(s) before March 5th. Prices will go up afterward.

OPTION: You can have your first name put on the front of the shirt for an extra \$7.

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 monthly Fishlips Brunch or Club meeting.

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 in Merritt Island) and request to be added.

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Vettes At The Port

16th Annual Show

Saturday, April 8, 2017. People's Choice Concours - NCCC FL-032-001

50/50 DRAWING • SILENT AUCTION • DOOR PRIZES • LIVE DJ

Come Join the Fun — Rain or Shine!

In addition to the spectacular show venue with cruise ships in the background, there is waterfront dining, entertainment, shopping, and the Exploration Tower with 7-stories of fun, discovery and a view of the harbor just steps away.

PRE-REGISTRATION (limited to 235 cars): \$30 on-line only at www.ckcc.club before March 25 (includes one FREE T-shirt). \$40 after March 25.*

REGISTRATION DAY OF SHOW (if space is available): \$40. Car registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 10:30 a.m. Drivers meeting is at 10:45 a.m. Awards presentation is at 3:30 p.m.

10 CLASSES: 53-62, 63-67, 68-77, 78-82, 84-96, 97-00, 01-04, 05-08, 09-13, 14-17 (Trophies for all classifications) Cape Kennedy Corvette Club cars will be display only and participants will vote for a "CKCC Peoples Choice" award.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-95, take exit 205 East onto S.R. 528 (Beachline Expressway) for approximately 12 miles to the "B" Cruise Terminals exit. Turn left under the overpass onto George King Blvd. and go to the first traffic signal. Make a left turn onto Dave Nisbet Dr., and watch for the show registration sign.

GPS ADDRESS: 683 GLEN CHEEK DRIVE, CAPE CANAVERAL, FL 32920

Safety: The host club event Chairperson, Club Governor, host region RCD, or NCCC VP Competition at the event may deny or remove any person demonstrating unsafe performance or actions from participating in any events for the balance of the day or weekend. Further, if any person has previously been formally documented as behaving in an unsafe manner which could endanger them or anyone else at the event that may be denied participation.

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Information: www.ckcc.club www.carshow@ckcc.club www.facebook.com/vettesattheport

HOST HOTEL and MEET & GREET - April 7th 7:00pm at the Host Hotel, Radisson Resort at the Port Pool Tiki Bar. A block of rooms at \$134 a night plus tax has been reserved. Instructions for RESERVATIONS: Online: www.radisson.com/capecanaveralfl, Enter the Dates, Then click "more search options", Under Promotional Code enter the group code: "VET17" and Continue with the reservation. Or call the hotel reservationist direct at 321-868-6573 or the Radisson Central reservationists at 800-333-3333 and mention group name: "Vettes at the Port 17". The cut-off date for reservations in this block is March 7th. There is a 72 hour cancellation policy. Reserved Corvette parking section and a "Detailing Area" will be set up where a hose will be available.

**Checks for the Show may be made payable to Cape Kennedy Corvette Club and mailed with a filled out copy of your on-line registration to:*

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