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## **PREZ SEZ**

First I would like to thank the Social Committee for the excellent activities they planned for our enjoyment in January and February.



### **Monthly Brunches**

Our attendance at the monthly brunches at Fishlip's has been more than 40 members.

### **Annual Picnic**

The annual Club picnic brought an estimated 100 members and guests to Bob and Lois Lacoste's home and man cave garage where we were treated to the best tasting barbecue. Also my special thanks to the lady club members who brought the wonderful deserts for all to share. Best news I heard was that Bob and Lois invited us back for next years picnic.

### **Eckler's Reunion**

The Club also did the registration and parking of the Corvettes by generation for the first People's Choice at the 32nd Eckler's Reunion. Afterwords we met for our monthly cruise-in at Shiloh's restaurant in Titusville.

### **Valentine Cruise-In**

The next planned event was the Valentine Cruise-In to Mulligan's Beach Bar & Grill in Sebastian where we had 62 members attend. After dinner some of us decided to take the return trip back along the beach on old A1A. The Social Committee has many unique places in the planning for us in the future.

### **Test & Tune Autocross**

We also held a Test & Tune autocross at the American Muscle Car Museum to test our timing system, evaluate new track layout and provide

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members with the opportunity to drive and get some practice prior to our March 16th and 17th NCCC sanctioned 14-event Autocross. We expect to have close to 50 competitors from all parts of the U.S. attending this event to kickoff the 2019 NCCC Competition Year. We will need many volunteers to work the course, timing and hospitality activities.

### **Our Upcoming Car Show**

April 6th we are returning to Port Canaveral for our annual car show. This would not be possible without the support and donations we received from club members and businesses. Bill (Show Chairman) and Kristin Young will need your help to make this a successful event.

### **Monthly Cars and Coffee**

The second Saturday of the month Eckler's is hosting Cars and Coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. They are planning to hold seminars with various Corvette vendors throughout 2019. Please plan to stop by Eckler's to enjoy a cup of coffee, a donut, swap stories with other Corvette owners and take part in these seminars.

The Club officers and committees are working very diligently to provide Club functions and activities for you to enjoy in 2019. For those of you who missed Roger's slide show of the more than 300 photos taken of last year's events, it will be shown again during the March Club social and meeting.

*Save the Wave, Bill*

## **2018 CLUB SPONSORS PRESENTED WITH FRAMED PHOTOS OF CLUB**

President Bill presented the Club's 2018 Sponsors with commemorative framed photos of CKCC members in front of Port Canaveral's Exploration Tower to those who attended our Christmas Party and delivered the others to those who didn't attend. Pictured at right from top to bottom are Eckler's Show Manager/Marketing Coordinator Cozette Alley; American Muscle Car Museum owner Mark Pieloch; and Vette Doctor owner Bob Steinmetz.





## CKCC MEMBERS HONORED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN 2018

During the January Club meeting President Bill recognized members for their outstanding 2018 service. Pictured from top to bottom, are Janice Green who was Officer at Large; Past President Randy Anderson; Kristin and Bill Young, co-chairs of the Vettes in Viera show; and Kristy and George Halkovic for their countless hours and dedication doing Vettes at the Port, Vettes in Viera and Eckler's 31st Reunion show registrations and tabulations.





# JANUARY BRUNCH





# FEBRUARY BRUNCH





# Tech Tips

*By Al Dalluge, CKCC member*

## **C2 Dash Wire Harness Replacement**

Shortly after buying my 1964 Stingray in 2000, a close friend of mine who owned a 1957 Thunderbird asked me what the wiring looked like in my car. I replied that it didn't look very good. Actually it looked pretty ratty. His response sort of got my attention. He told me a story about a friend of his that owned a Corvette in the old days. Apparently some faulty wiring caused a short and it caught fire. What was left was a large blob of melted plastic. So, I took a closer look at the wiring under the dash and in the engine compartment and promptly ordered two wiring harnesses. Obviously, I knew nothing about what I was doing, but I did have a bunch of manuals, so I went at it, starting with the interior one first.

Well, tearing it apart wasn't too bad. After removing the driver's seat, the complete steering wheel column out to the rag joint, and the glove box, I was able to finally remove the gauge cluster. Finally, I was able to rip out the rat's nest that passed for a wiring harness. It was at that point that I found the inter-firewall connector and fuse box way up on the firewall. One look at the connector told me that I had no choice but to also replace the engine compartment harness now versus later due to the degradation of the connector box. But, first, I needed to install the dash harness. Of course, since I had the cluster out, it made sense to change all the light bulbs, so back to the parts guy again. Also, since I had the cluster out, I figured it would be a wise thing to disassemble the whole thing and refurbish it. Well, since I was going to do that and I had the glovebox out it also made sense to take out the radio and clock. Notice how this kind of mushrooms? Again, back to my parts guy for a few more parts that I could now replace since the whole blasted dash was apart. When I finally had all the parts, or I thought I did, I discovered that to make all the connections you must bring the cluster into close proximity to the dash so that the wires would reach. Easiest way was to

acquire four pieces of threaded stock about 6 inches long from my friendly hardware store, thread them into the dash and slide the gauge cluster onto them. Ok, now I could reach most of the connections by reaching behind the cluster, but of course, needless to say, not all of them. To get to the oil line and the speedometer and tachometer cables, I needed to lay on the floor under the dash on my back with my head lying on the pedals. At this point, you connect the intra-firewall connector box up under the dash. Now, that is also a trip since you can't lay on your back and kneeling doesn't really work. You sort of contort yourself under the dash and don't forget the new fuses while you are under there.

OK, with that complete, time to do the engine compartment, but decided to reconnect it to the new firewall connector and see it all worked before going any further. Fortunately, I got it right the first try, so onward to reassembling the glovebox and the steering assembly. This was not so bad except for the bolts holding the steering column to the dash frame. These bolts were easy to get out, but not so much putting them back. So, it's back under the dash again, but this time the steering column makes it a tad more difficult since you have the steering wheel in the way. Now, the glovebox is also not a matter of just screwing it into place. Oh no, it comes out in two pieces, the door and the glovebox itself. Also, let us not forget the wire for the light. You must remember to run the wire to the bulb before installing the glovebox or out it comes again. Now, lucky me, the door uses bolts from the bottom to attach it to the box, so under we go again.

Well, after finally getting this all reassembled, I decided the engine compartment was a job for another day. I just could not face attacking that job until I recovered from this one. I learned that when doing a restoration, one must pace oneself, or it's burnout time. Whoops, forgot to reinstall the driver's seat!



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TEST N TUNE AUTOCROSS

Sunday, February 19th marked the day of another successful Test n Tune autocross. The day started out early and foggy. The course layout was different than previous autocross events; starting near the parking lot, we ran in the opposite direction and finished on the main straightaway.

Those who drove enjoyed the course with an average time of 39 - 41 seconds. The fastest time of the day was 34.836 seconds, turned in by CKCC member Jason Brzozowski. Very impressive!



*Veronica "Roni" Duys*

This Test n Tune event was great practice for our upcoming autocross on March 16 & 17 at the American Muscle Car Museum. My thanks to all those who drove; it is always fun to see Corvettes and other cars being enjoyed in a safe environment. I also thank the volunteers who help to run this event.

*Thank you all,  
Kevin Charles*







## ANNUAL CKCC PICNIC — A TREAT FOR THE STOMACH AND THE EYES

For our Club's annual picnic, held this year on February 2nd, we were treated to a special Bar B Que cookout at CKCC members Bob and Lois LaCoste's home in Hundred Acres Woods, Port St. John. I didn't do an actual count but I estimate at least 80 and maybe as many as 100 club members, family, significant others, etc. were in attendance. Bob and Lois set up tables for everyone in the breezeway between their home and the Man-cave/garage that Bob built. *Pop's Barbeque* set up his smoker and served up a feast of pork, chicken, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes

and beans. A table full of delicious desserts was provided by the Social Committee ladies.

Bob's Man-cave has been beautifully appointed with memorabilia spanning Bob and Lois's 50 years together and the garage has a commercial grade two-post lift and all the *Snap-On* Tools one could wish for (Bob was a *Snap-On* dealer in South Florida before he retired). The weather cooperated so everyone was comfortable and enjoyed the camaraderie.

Thank you Bob and Lois for sharing your home and history with us.

*Mary Jo Helm*









## Eckler's Cars & Coffee

Saturday, February 9th was Eckler's first Cars & Coffee event for 2019. The get together was held in the warehouse area. We arrived at 9 a.m., as did three members from the *Space Coast*

*Corvette Club* of Melbourne. Several CKCC members arrived shortly thereafter and we were all visiting and talking about our Corvettes and our clubs as we enjoyed hot coffee and a great assortment of *Dunkin Donuts*.

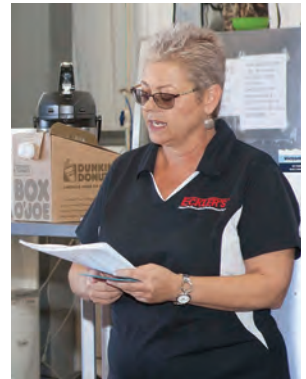
Cozette Alley, event coordinator for Eckler's, did an excellent job setting up the event with chairs and a display table for the Guest Speaker, Matt Brooks, Marketing Director for American Car Craft (ACC). Approximately 25 Corvette enthusiasts were present for his very interesting and great presentation. ACC products are made of high quality stainless steel and are manufactured in the USA in Hudson, Florida near Tampa. Matt provided many details about their products, answered questions and displayed a few items from their product line, along with business cards and catalogs.



As a "thank you for attending", Eckler's provided a 15 percent Eckler's discount coupon for all those in attendance who might wish to make an Eckler's purchase before the March 8th coupon deadline.

Cars & Coffee is held the second Saturday of every month, which also coincides with the monthly New Smyrna Car Show. So, next month, join us for Corvettes, coffee, donuts and another guest presentation, which concludes just in time to plan a drive to the downtown New Smyrna Car Show on historic Canal Street. Hope to see you at both events.

*Lois Lacoste*





# Cruise-Ins

## January

After the Eckler's Reunion show on January 19th more than 60 club members went to nearby Shiloh's Restaurant in Titusville for our January Cruise-in. We sat downstairs in the enclosed outdoor section by the water. Even though it was a beautiful, sunny day, it was windy, which made it feel a bit chilly. There was plenty of parking for our Corvettes; the service was very good and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and terrific atmosphere. Our thanks go out to Social Committee member Karen Jaeger for making all the arrangements. She even arranged a backup plan to sit inside if it rained.

## February

Our February 16th Cruise-in was in celebration of Valentine's Day. Some of us joined the caravan that started in Rockledge and headed south on U.S. 1 to Melbourne where a few more

cars joined the caravan and we all headed to *Mulligan's Beach House Bar & Grill* on the river in Sebastian. It was a beautiful sunny and warm day. As we arrived there were several dolphin and pelicans putting on a show in the inlet (dolphins fishing for dinner and pelicans picking up the left overs). We were seated waterside and all the ladies were given chocolate candy heart boxes. Unfortunately the chocolate had melted (I own up to that as I had stored the boxes in our garage, oops!). Roger took photos of all the ladies in small groups and then a photo of the entire group outside Mulligan's. All our members and guests seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. It was one of the best days for cruising that we have had in a long time. Thanks to Social Committee member Paul Lassonde for handling the arrangements for this event.

**Karla Camarata**

*Social Committee Chairperson*



*Facebook members can see all of the Valentine Cruise-in photos on the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club page.*



## CAR SHOWS WORTH ATTENDING

On a gorgeous Florida Sunday my 2006 LS2 glided down I-95 to Fort Pierce. The final approach was on country roads through beautiful old orange groves. Then, to my amazement, in the middle of these groves was the entrance to *Summer Crush Vineyards* and the *Vettes in the Vine Show*.

As members of *The No Name Car Club* guided Corvettes into place among the rows of grapevines, I found myself awestruck at the huge venue and the beauty of the entire setting.

John and Barbara Franklin's 2017 Grand Sport black beauty looked awesome with the heavily laden grape vines across the rear fender. The black rose metallic 2017 Grand Sport of Richard and Chris Dobsha was prominently displayed near the event's entrance. Nearby was the 2016 blue Stingray belonging to Barry and Robin Hinken (Chris' brother). My silver 2006 was next to them. The vineyard held at least 100 Vettes among the vines. This setting was an unusual and spectacular way to highlight two of my personal favorites: Corvettes & Wine!

*Summer Crush Vineyards* has a HUGE covered area with a variety of unique picnic benches that easily accommodated the crowd. Participants and visitors took advantage of this inviting space

to gather, listen to the band, drink and eat. This area includes a large, well-stocked bar and food vendors. A really terrific live band, Collins & Company, played throughout the event. There were also some interesting crafts and goodies being sold by local artisans and vendors. And for the wine lovers there was a quaint building for wine tastings. The very friendly staff offered wine tastings for, I believe, a mere \$6.00. They also had neat wine related gifts, and of course, wine. The Dobsha's very kindly shared their yummy bottle of muscadine wine with me.

Bill and Kristin Young, Judy Thompson and a friend showed up to support the event and join the fun. A great many other visitors came to check out the Vettes.

In the end, the vineyard staff and *The No Name Car Club* gave people's choice trophies (but none of CKCC's Vettes were winners). Some terrific door prizes were given to lucky raffle winners.

This was an event that I will definitely attend next year. I hope you too will join CKCC for a beautiful, relaxing day at Vettes in the Vines in 2020.

**Connie Kostyra**

*P.S. Perhaps our car club can run down there on another weekend as they have live bands just about every weekend.*

*Photo of a previous show*





## ***Cars on The 5Th Show***

On February 9th, we (CKCC members John and Barbara Franklin) traveled to Naples, FL to participate in the ***Cars on the 5th Show***. The Show is sponsored by the Naples Ferrari Club to benefit The St. Matthews House, a local charity. We were guests of the Corvette Club of Naples for this event. There were 607 cars of all types on display, including 72 Corvettes of all generations. It was a beautiful day filled with beautiful cars and more than \$400,000 was raised for The St. Matthews House.

***John Franklin***



## **CKCC SUCCESSFULLY HELPS WITH ECKLER'S CORVETTE REUNION SHOW**

Eckler's asked our Club to help with their 32nd. Reunion show on January 19th. So not only did CKCC members do an outstanding job but we were blessed with great weather — unlike last year when it rained.

The event was well attended by Corvette enthusiasts from all over Florida. I heard there were 135-138 cars registered. This show was a non-judged, People's Choice and you had to be pre-registered to be able to participate, per Eckler's show committee.

The day before the show, CKCC President Bill Shearer, Competition Director Kevin Charles, and member Gary Leschitz set up the parking for Saturday's show. Many CKCC members

arrived early (7:15 a.m.) Saturday to setup and run registration, park cars, sell 50/50 tickets and so on.

There were several vendors for all to browse and shop and many items were on sale by Eckler's in their warehouse.

A check was presented to Sheriff Wayne Ivey of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office from the 50/50 drawing proceeds and awards were presented to Show winners by Eckler's.

All and all it was a very nice show, thanks to all you CKCC members who showed your cars and/or volunteered to help make the show a success.

Congrats to CKCC members Bill and Debbie Sasher who won three awards, including Best of Show for their 1957 — a real beauty and well preserved C1.

***Faye Leschitz***

*(See photos on following two pages)*



# ECKLER'S 32ND REUNION SHOW









## NCCC and CKCC Events

**Mar. 9:** Eckler's Cars & Coffee, 9 am,  
Grissom Pkwy., Titusville

**Mar.14:** CKCC Social/dinner, 5-7 pm &  
Meeting, 7-8 pm, Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

**Mar. 16-17:** CKCC 14-event autocross,  
American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne

**Mar. 17:** CKCC Cruise-In, Kelly's Burgers, Melb.  
3:00 pm

**Mar. 23-24:** FCC 14-event autocross,  
American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne

**Mar. 30:** NCCC Florida Awards Picnic,  
Hickory Point, Tavares, FL, 12-4 pm

**April 6:** Vettes at the Port show, Port Canaveral

**April 7:** Brunch, Fishlip's, 10 am

**April 11:** CKCC Social/dinner, 5-7 pm &  
Meeting, 7-8 pm, Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

**April 13:** Eckler's Cars & Coffee, 9 am,  
Grissom Pkwy., Titusville

**April 20:** Cruise-In, Mellow Mushroom, Port  
Orange

**April 28:** Car Show, Stuart, FL

**May 3-4:** Gov. Meeting, St. Louis, MO

**May 5:** Brunch, Fishlip's, 10 am

**May 9:** CKCC Social/dinner, 5-7 pm & Meeting,  
7-8 pm, Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

**May 11:** Vettes at the Light show, Ponce Inlet

**May 11:** \*Low Speed Autocross, Green Cove  
Springs, FL

**May 11:** Eckler's Cars & Coffee, 9 am,  
Grissom Pkwy., Titusville

**May 18:** Cruise-In, Island Time, C.B., 4 pm

**May 18:** \*Low Speed autocross,  
Cypress Gardens CC, Lakeland, FL

**June 1:** Corvette Masters Car Show, Jax.

**June 2:** Brunch, Fishlip's, 10 am

**June 8:** Eckler's Cars & Coffee, 9 am,  
Grissom Pkwy., Titusville

**June 13:** CKCC Social/dinner, 5-7 pm &  
Meeting, 7-8 pm, Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

\* Represents NCCC Sanctioned Events  
(See [www.NCCCSouth.com](http://www.NCCCSouth.com) for flyers)

## July 7-12: 60th NCCC CONVENTION, DENVER

The Rocky Mountain Region has lots of fun things planned for us and some great venues for competition. Denver and the surrounding area is a wonderful place to visit, with something to offer everyone, no matter what your interests are. It is close to the mountains with their beautiful scenery, historic mining towns, resorts, casinos and curvy roads just perfect for cruising in a Corvette.

You'll want to reserve some time to visit one of the country's best zoos, which is right next door. The Denver Botanical Gardens and the Butterfly Pavilion are also great places to visit. Downtown Denver offers amazing places to eat, dozens of craft breweries, and plenty of shopping. The host hotel, the Crown Plaza Denver Airport, offers shuttle service to the nearby light rail station, which will take you downtown in minutes.

For competitors, the NHRA drag strip at Bandimere is secured, the 2.5-mile high speed road course at High Plains Raceway, and space at Front Range Airport for the low speed. Car shows will be indoors at the host hotel. Our rally will be fun and won't fry your brain. The hotel will honor our room rate for 3 days prior and 3 days after convention. Convention tech and registration will open for a couple of hours Friday afternoon and on Saturday for early arrivals.

Room reservations are not on the Convention registration form. You are able to call the hotel to make your reservation. You will be required to provide your convention number, which is assigned to you by the Convention Treasurer once she has confirmed payment is received. PayPal confirms payment right away, so is your best choice for method of payment. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use it for convention. Your convention number will be on the confirmation the Treasurer sends you.

Please, please, please click on the link provided on the confirmation (where it says here) to see your confirmed registration and ensure that you are registered for everything you want. If you have questions or corrections regarding registration, email the Convention Treasurer at [convention2019@corvettesnccc.org](mailto:convention2019@corvettesnccc.org). Questions should be directed to the 2019 Convention Directors through the link on the NCCC website.



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