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Hello Fellow Members,

The year is half over and it has been a fun and busy one so far. Last month several of the club members went on a wonderful boat cruise and from the pictures and stories it looks like they had a great time. About 30 of us landlubbers went to the Lakeridge Winery in Clermont last month. The weather was perfect and the scenery and Winery was beautiful. We did the tour, which included an interesting history of the winery and grape growing in the area, and had fun at a wine tasting. After the event we went to a restaurant in Clermont and had our own private room for lunch. It was a fun day and great participation by our CKCC members!

We also had the CKCC Bowling day before our KDI cruise-in and a great time, so much so that it planned to have the Bowling seven more often before KDI so look for the e-mails on that. Most of us didn't even break 100 so if you don't normally bowl please don't hesitate to come and try. The laughter that was heard was not for the bad bowling but for the fun that we were having!

We also attended the Corvette Appreciation day in Port St. Lucie which is an annual event and again about 30 of us participated. The weather was a little threatening with lots of thunder as we lined up in the Target parking lot in Melbourne to caravan down. We arrived little over an hour later to an absolutely beautiful restaurant and when we went in they had reserved 2 long tables for us and there were around 6 – 7 other Corvette clubs there. It was a great day and we met a lot of people from the other clubs, we also won the prize

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for the most participation. A new couple that came with us and who will future CKCC members, won “Best of Show”. It was great to have such a wonderful showing of members, far more than other clubs and our enthusiasm showed. We definitely let them know we were there and of course that we are the BEST!

The next big event will be the NCCC convention in Savannah August 25th -29th. We still have a lot of things planned before then so keep your eye on the e-mails! Happy Summer!

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NCCC and CKCC Calendar

June 28 -29 14	Low Speed Events	Greenville SC
July 4	Independence Day Parade	Melbourne
July 6	Fishlips Brunch	The Cove
July 10	CKCC Meeting	Red Lobster M I
July 12	KDI Cruise In	Merritt Island
July 19	6 Low Speed Events	St. Augustine
Aug 3	Fishlips Brunch	The Cove
Aug 9	KDI Cruise In	Merritt Island
Aug 14	CKCC Meeting	Red Lobster M I
Aug 25 -29	NCCC Convention	Savannah, GA

Welcome New Members

Charlie and Jane Acton of Titusville

Mike and Joyce Hannon of Melbourne

Bobby and Teresa Arnold of Cocoa

Gregory and Tammy Kiser of Titusville

Jim and Kimberly Christensen of Titusville

Alex and Robin Ritchie of Titusville

Vincent and Margaret Guisto of Cocoa

Albert and Mary Sheppard of Titusville

John and Mary Staib of Rockledge

What a crew of new members!!! The Spoiler Editor would like a quick blurb about each. You will notice that I have included two of the couples. Please send it to wshearer001@cfl.rr.com. Thanks



George & Robin Richie



Mike and Joyce Hannon

George is originally from Dallas, Texas and is a retired engineer from IBM. Robin is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is currently a licensed real estate broker working for Kiser Realty and doing real estate for 16 years. George and I met in May of 2010 and were married Nov 28, 2010 and happily enjoying the best years of our life together. We look forward to knowing you all and enjoying the many adventures to come.

Mike and Joyce are from New Hampshire originally but have lived all over the states. This is their first Corvette and they are very excited about going with us to the club events.

The Fate of the National Corvette Museum

As reported thru the NCM Newsletter and website on June 25, 2014

The National Corvette Museum Board of Directors met today to discuss and decide on the future of the Skydome building. Three primary options were presented: 1) Fill the sinkhole and replace the floor so that the building is much like it was previously; 2) Keep the entire sinkhole as is; 3) Keep a smaller portion of the hole open.

With 14 of the 16 board members present, the group decided to move forward with Option 3, keeping a portion of the sinkhole open, but pending review of further information. This option as it stands would include an opening approximately 25' by 45' wide, and 30' deep, providing views down into a portion of the cave. The opening could have some existing ground and rock face, and a dirt embankment where one or two of the cars could be placed for display.

Each board member expressed how the decision was not about them or what they thought but rather what is best for the Museum, and what most of the members and visitors would want. "I have a responsibility to represent the people who sent me here. We all do for our geographic areas," said a Board Member. "My own personal opinion changed as time went on. I come here today with my marching orders from my members. About two thirds of my organization says to leave it open in some form or fashion," he added.

After much discussion the Board decided that additional information was necessary before making a final decision. Some changes discussed could affect the cost estimate. More information was also requested on the impact on the humidity in the room and potential impact on any cars displayed within; the temperature control of the room and any associated impact on the Museum's utility costs; and review and consideration of any other costs associated with the maintenance of the Skydome if the hole is left partially open. The additional information could result in the plans being modified.

Mike Murphy, C.E.O. of Scott, Murphy and Daniel Construction, was on hand to answer questions and provide his feedback on the proposals. "You come in and you have all these displays of the history and life of Corvette, and then you come into the Skydome to see this new part of history," said Murphy. "I think it will always be a part of history, but will the increased attendance continue? I don't know, but it will always be of high interest."

As expected, the group deliberated greatly as to what is the right decision. Christy Thomas, CFO for the Museum, shared that an estimate had been provided for filling in Option 3's small portion of the sinkhole should the Museum decide later to end the exhibit. "If the interest in the exhibit wanes, or if down the road we decided that we don't want the hole any longer there is always an option to put the room back how it was," Thomas said.

Thomas shared with the Board some numbers – including a 59% increase in the number of visitors from March to June 23, 2014 compared to the same time period in 2013. The Museum has also seen an increase of 71% in admissions income, 58% increase in Corvette Store sales, 46% increase in Corvette Café sales, 72% increase in Membership for a total of a 65% increase in these revenue areas overall.

"We have to look at creative ways to generate interest in the Museum," said Executive Director Wendell Strode. "It would be so much easier to just be a regular automotive museum with our Corvettes on display, but we have to think outside the box."□The construction plans also included eliminating the two level display space that once existed in the Skydome, both making it easier to get cars in and out, and increasing the number of cars that can be accommodated for display.

“We only have one chance to do this right. As a board, we owe it to everyone to explore all possibilities, to completely investigate all financial aspects and impacts, and to make a fully informed decision,” added one Board Member.

Plans are still on track to leave the sinkhole and 8 Corvettes on display “as-is” through the end of August and then begin construction in September. The Museum will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with an event August 27- 30, and the Grand Opening of the NCM Motorsports Park is slated for August 28. “We have a lot to be thankful for right now,” said Strode. “We

really want to thank all those who have stood by us during this difficult time, and we are looking forward to celebrating with everyone in August! “

The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in Bowling Green, KY - just one hour north of Nashville, TN and less than two hours south of Louisville, KY. Open daily, 8am-5pm CT, admission to the Museum is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors age 65 and over, \$5 for kids age 6-16 and children age 5 and under are free. Access to view the sinkhole is included with regular admission. Guests who enter the Skydome to view the sinkhole must be age 8 or older.

News from Gary and Faye

On May 18th we met new member Mike Sheppard, with his 72 red corvette, at 6:45 at Ecklers. We then drove to Ponce Inlet corvette show. They had a nice venue and around 100 cars. There were two category's judged and people's choice. I prefer being judged. We were blessed to win 1st place in the C6A class, which included 05 to 08 years.

On May 25th we went to McLarty Park for Memorial Day car show and Parade. John and Wilma, Tony and Alice, Pete and Marty, and Faye and myself attended. It was a nice show but hot. We had put two canopies together to keep out of the sun. Pete and Marty won peoples choice best corvette.

Faye and I went to Vette Masters corvette show in Jacksonville on June 7th. We did win the President's choice Trophy, which was 3ft.

Info for New Members

Club Shirts -- these are available from Space Shirts on State Rd 3 in Merritt Island. The official color of the shirt is blue. On the back of the shirt is an outline of a Corvette either coupe or convertible. Choose your favorite car.

Fishlips Breakfast – The 1st Sunday of the month at Fishlips in the Cove at the Port. Arrive at 10:00 a.m. We get a discount on breakfast.

Club Meeting – Always the 2nd Thursday of the Month

KDI Cruise In – The 2nd Saturday at Kids Duck Inn on SR 3 on Merritt Island. We arrive around 4:00. We get a discount on our food.

CKCC Cruise



DO you wish to go on a cruise? Let the social chairs know. Those of us who went on the May Cruise had a ball and we will probably be ready to go again.

NCCC Convention 2014

Convention begins on Sunday, August 24, with Tech and Registration noon – 6:00 p.m. The hospitality room opens at Noon for soft drinks, beer, and wine. The Corvette Mall (Corvette Goodies for Sale) is also open.

On Monday, August 25, Registration is open until 3:00 p.m. Hospitality room and Corvette Mall are open. Monday night is the 2013 Championship awards Celebration and a DJ for dancing.

Tuesday, August 26, is a busy day. Everything is at the Westin. There is the golf scramble, concours, People's Choice show, and a rally. Again the Hospitality room and Corvette Mall are open. That night we are having a "Gone with the Wind" party. Wear your favorite costume representing Gone with the Wind.

Wednesday, August 27, is the low speed event, Matching Time Trials, and Funkhana all which take place at the Westin. The Hospitality Room is open and this is the last day for the Corvette Mall. That night Mid America is hosting a 40th Anniversary celebration with a BBQ.

Thursday, August 28, is the High Speed Event at Roebing Road, an SCCA road course out of town. We have been asked to work a corner at the event. You do not have to be registered to help work. Let Bill and Patsy know if you can help. This is a good way to see part of convention without attending. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will be going on a riverboat cruise and dinner.

Friday, August 29, begins with the convention breakfast. That afternoon the hospitality room is open. Friday is the banquet and Corvette give away. If you choose not to attend the banquet you can come in after the meal.

We will be discussing caravans and which group will leave on what day at the club meeting. Lloyce, Judi & Dick, Brenda and Bill & I will be going up on Friday to play tourist over the weekend. Let us know if you are going up on Friday.

Day passes are available for those not attending the whole convention. Prices are:

Sunday, \$35; Monday \$45 includes meal; Tuesday \$35; Wednesday, \$50 includes meal; Thursday, \$35 plus \$65 for the River Boat; Friday, \$45 includes breakfast. To pre-register look at www.corvettesnccc.org. You can also register the morning of the event.

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