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Vettes at the Port Show a Huge Success Due to Members Hard Work

March and April have come and gone but the memories live on. In March the club was super busy getting ready for our annual car show that was held on April 8th. The weather could not have been more perfect with temperatures in the low 70's and beautiful blue skies. Club members came out in full force day of show with some of us arriving as early as 6 a.m. to get things set up. I have to say I believe this event ran the smoothest compared to the previous three years that I have been involved with the show. And it's all because of the hard work by all the members who were there supporting the show. Thanks to all of you for making it a huge success! Our total car count was down by 22 cars from last year and it could have been due to several reasons.

1. NCCC scheduled their annual Picnic on the day of our show.

2. We got started very late promoting the event.

However, the show's bottom line did not suffer and we walked away with over \$7,000 of revenue for the club. We managed to reduce the costs of several expenses and net revenue exceeded the previous year despite fewer vendors and cars.

After 16 years of our car shows being held at the Port we had to make a decision to pull away from the Port for our next year's event. There are several major factors that compelled us to look elsewhere. Our event has grown over the years to more than 200 participants and the

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lot we use at the Port has reached capacity. In addition to the limited number of spaces in the lot the Port Authority would not close off parking to the general public. They could not assure us of an empty lot free from privately owned vehicles filling the spaces we need for our show participants and vendors. To make matters worse they were going to originally charge us \$500 per day set up fee and a \$2,000 administrative fee! Plus they wanted to charge us \$500 a day for each day the awards tent was on the property, which would have cost the club another \$2,000 since the tent had to be set up on Friday and removed Monday. Total charges would have been over \$4,000. I spent many hours on the phone and visiting the Port begging for a reduction in fees.

Roger Wolf and I met with the Director of Real Estate and he said the Port adopted a new events policy last year that states if an event isn't cargo or cruise/tourism related the Port Authority isn't interested in sponsoring the event. The Port does not receive any money from Tax dollars and it's only source of income is through Port business that is Cargo/Cruise ship related. It was only after many phone calls and letters to Port executives that they finally agreed at the last minute to drop the total fee to \$500 for everything. Before the new policy was instituted the Port Authority sponsored just two events per year; our Vettes at the Port show and another charity event and only charged a \$50 fee. That means that even after the Port Authority waived the \$3,500 in fees it still cost CKCC 10 times more than we paid the last 15 years!

Last year we had to tow 12 cars to free up lot space, which ended up costing the club \$1,200. We were told this year we could not tow any vehicles and we were lucky we were not sued. The Port Authority also changed the amount of paperwork required to hold events on Port property, which has to be turned in during a specific time period, followed by a 3-month waiting period for the Authority to review the requests. This waiting period delayed everything we do to get ready

for our show, which put the club under a tight schedule to get everything accomplished in time. That affected our car count this year, too because we lost time to promote the event.

So it's now time to move on. I want to thank Tom Dickman for all of his hard work in locating a new venue for our 2018 Car Show. The new location is excited to have us and they have been working with Tom in making plans for the 2018 show. I don't want to go in details here as I feel it is only fair for Tom to be the one to bring this very exciting news to our membership.

New Autocross Equipment and Software

Also in April we held our first Autocross at our new location, The American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. This new track is absolutely awesome! Our guests told me they loved the track and will be back despite a number of issues we had with the timing equipment. This track is larger than our previous track and our timing sensors were farther apart. We also had more interference with our signal due to the array of solar panels and the nearby airport. Because of this we would lose the signal back to the base unit and we had to do a number of re-runs making for a very long day. Kevin Charles and Bill Shearer went to work on finding a solution to the problem. They contacted our autocross software and hardware vendors and discussed our issues. It was determined we needed an additional High-Gain antenna.

We are also looking into new cones for our track as the current ones are 20 plus years old and falling apart. In addition we are looking at better signage for our autocross and car show. This is in an effort to make our events run smoother and enhance the club's image.

Members Make Trailer Repairs

Our club trailer's floor had a section of flooring that completely rotted through and left a large window in the floor of the trailer. Three of our club members got together and reviewed the

damage and took it upon themselves to proceed with the repairs. These three men repaired the trailer's floor for a 'whopping' \$47 in material. Please extend a big thank you for their service in making the needed repair. Tom Dickman, Mike Dougherty and Bill Shearer went above and beyond their call of duty in getting the task done! Their efforts saved the club a lot of money!

The next project for the trailer is to remove the old decals and machine buff the sides of the trailer. It would be great if we could get some of the guys and gals who are experts at polishing their cars for shows to pitch in, bring their buffers and give suggestions on what needs to be done to clean up the trailers sidewalls. We can get it done with club members or we can hire a detail company. Once we get the sidewalls cleaned up we will have a new club logo applied. We looked into having the trailer vinyl wrapped but the board feels that with the age of the trailer and the rivets showing some signs of rust on the sidewalls it would not be a wise investment at this time. A good polishing of the sidewalls with the new club logo applied and the trailer will look like new again.

Cruise-ins and Brunches Getting Great Turnouts

I have to say we have been having absolutely fantastic turnouts at our club events. Our Brunches and our Saturday cruise-ins have been fantastic! Thanks Karla for setting this up!

On a final note, our Social committee has been working very hard at setting up and organizing our upcoming club events. I can't wait to hear everything they have planned for us.

Everyone try to stay cool and pray for some needed rain. I hope to see you all very soon at our next event. Be sure to keep your eyes on the club calendar.

Keep 'em shined and the wheels on the ground!

*Randy Anderson
President*



Photos: March Brunch at Fishlips

50th Anniversary Bahamas Cruise

On March 24 fifty CKCC members sailed on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines' (RCCL) *Majesty of the Seas* for a 3-day cruise to the Bahamas and private island, CocoCay.

Most of our staterooms were located on the same deck so some of us enjoyed leaving the doors open and having constant visitors. After the safety drill we all met in the Spectrum Lounge

for refreshments, socializing and to discuss what we were going to do. During the day some of us went our own way and then met for dinner where we all sat together among several reserved tables and discussed what we did that day and little bit about each other. It was great getting to know members of the club better.

Besides being fun, the cruise generated approximately \$400 for our club's 50th Anniversary celebration in October. Even though it was only a 3-day cruise, we are already talking about doing another one next year.

How about a longer cruise??



CRUISE - INS

March

Our March 18th Cruise-In was to the new Cheers Seafood & Grill location in Rockledge. About 50 CKCC members attended. We all enjoyed the food at the Cheer's in Rockledge as well as the one in Cocoa. The staff chose their favorite cars and gave the top two car owners' gift certificates and the third place car owner a koozie, T-shirt and Cheers ball cap.

Special thanks go to the Cheer's management and staff for also providing space for our cruise-ins at the two locations.

April

Approximately 50 members of CKCC participated in the club's April cruise-in to Duffy's Sports Grill in Melbourne on the 22. Normally CKCC cruise-ins are held on the second Saturday but due to Easter this one was moved to the third Saturday. Duffy's is a nice easy to access location across the street from the Melbourne Mall. Not only was the food excellent with a staff ready to serve us in a timely manner, management also had reserved an area for us park our cars in a Corvettes only section.



Group at Duffy's

VETTES AT THE PORT SHOW

WOW! What a great show!

The CKCC 16th Annual Port Show, on April 8, will go down in history. For any of the club members who did not attend the show, you missed a great event.

There were 202 registered participants, of these 62 were CKCC members. These participants included 15 clubs, plus CKCC and 10 individuals with no club affiliation listed.

We had a great response to the 50/50, which totaled \$2,246, which meant \$1,123 was shared by the Cape Canaveral Fire Department and our own Kevin Charles, who had the winning ticket and received the other \$1,123.

Another happy result to report, the CKCC was able to donate \$2,000 to the National Kidney Foundation. This donation was greatly appreciated.

For 16 years, CKCC has donated money to support local charities and this year was no exception, a total of \$3,123 was shared by the charities. Whoa!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION WAS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING:

The Dick Teixeira Trophy, was awarded to Kristin and George Halkovic — CKCC

The Al Choppe Trophy, was awarded to Faye and Gary Leschitz — CKCC

The Kidney Foundation, awarded to Bill Sasher & Deby Sasher — CKCC

The Cove Merchants Association, awarded to Bill Sasher & Deby Sasher — CKCC

The Port Authority Award, to Roger Z. Cormier & Jeanne — Greater Moncton Corvette Club

The Best Engine, awarded to Michael Andrysiak (no club affiliation listed)

Best of Show award, Laura & Mark Skelton – Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches

Club Participation awarded to Space Coast Vettes followed closely by Ponce Inlet

THE CKCC TOP 10 ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- Bill & Deby Sasher
- Gary & Evelyn (Cricket) Ray
- Denny & Teresa Ross
- Edward & Barbara Lee Franklin
- Robert & Evelyn Fitch
- Edward & Deborah Gigliotti
- Connie L. Kostyra
- John & Wilma O'Brien
- Bill & Jackie Storke
- Joe L. Mali

All in attendance joined in these special award ceremonies and extend congratulations to all.

Barbara Dickman





Tech Tips

Jim Jones, CKCC Member

How to adjust the manual six speed shifter in your C5/C6

Shifting my recently acquired 2001 convertible just did not “feel right”. In my case, there was a sloppiness to the shifts. Though it did actually not grind the gears, there was also a feel of resistance and having to “hunt” for the right slot for each gear position. Also on occasion, reverse didn’t fully engage when selected or popped out. With some research on C5 shifter adjustment, I discovered a couple of references from the internet and have combined and refined those articles to what was the easiest procedure for me. Performing the adjustment described below, solved the problem and gave me a positive feel to the shifts. The C6 procedure is the same except for the references to the plastic surround and trim work.

TOOLS REQUIRED

Torx T15 driver, Torx T40 bit, ratchet, extension, 10mm, 3/8" socket, and Vise grips.

NOTE: Removing the shifter knob and leather boot are NOT necessary. Some articles list these steps, but it is not difficult to work around these steps by pushing the boot out of the way to perform the remaining steps.

1. Open the console and carefully remove the two plastic covers with a small screwdriver and the two 10mm nuts.



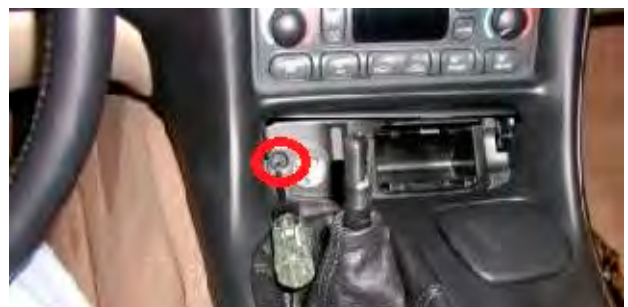
2. Gently pry out the center module housing the traction control button. (As an optional recommended step, disconnect the negative battery cable before proceeding.) Disconnect the connectors to the air bag indicator light, traction control button and accessory power receptacle and remove module. Then remove the two 10mm nuts that retain the rear and front consoles to the floor tunnel.



3. Next carefully remove the cover of the inside air temp sensor beside the ignition switch and the Torx screw.



4. Locate and remove the two other Torx screws located beside the cig lighter and behind the ashtray. Again – disregard shifter knob/boot removal in photos



5. Slide the rear portion of the console back and tilt up to locate and disconnect the fuel door switch connector.



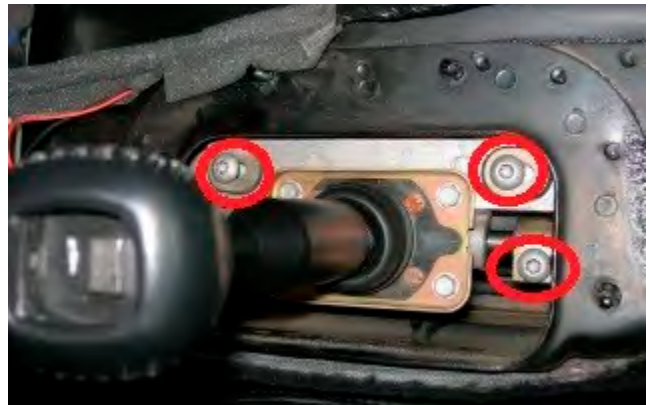
6. Remove the console and set aside and then carefully remove the front/dash portion of the console -- don't forget to reach behind and disconnect the cigarette lighter connector. This reveals the closeout boot covering the shifter.



7. Remove the four 10mm nuts that secure the boot and lift off the boot.



8. Put the shifter in neutral. Use the T 40 Torx bit, ratchet and extension to loosen the two mounting bolts .and the



9. With all three bolts loosened, slide the positioning pin at the front of the shifter down into the hole at the front of the rod housing. This may take some jiggling of the mechanism and use of something to push down on the pin – don't force it as it will slide into place easily when you find the correct position. Do make certain that the pin is fully seated down to the small cutout you'll see at the front of the shifter base. (If you don't fully seat it the first time, use the vise grips to pull the pin back up and start again.)



10. Once pin is fully seated, jiggle the shifter slightly as you snug up the Torx bolts. Final torque is to 22 ft. lbs. **IMPORTANT:** Torque the two mounting bolts first and then the clamp bolt.

11. Withdraw the pin. **DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP!!!**

At this point you may want to temporarily re-install the shifter knob only and road test. If you do suggest you also reconnect the traction control switch to avoid setting any codes. I simply rested the module on the center tunnel with appropriate padding.

Once satisfied with the adjustment, reassemble in reverse order of the above instructions.

First Autocross of 2017

After losing our autocross location at the college and a year of looking for a new location, we held our first sanctioned autocross in over a year on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday April 30 at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne.

Kevin Charles who would have been in charge had to go to Arizona on a business trip. Bill Shearer, Bill Young, Dennis Payne and Randy stepped in for Kevin.

On Saturday Bill waited for the RCD Regional Competition Director to arrive so he could take him around the course to look at safety concerns with the course layout. The gates in the box area had to be adjusted to meet the minimum distance requirements from hard objects and eliminated racing around the maintenance building only used as return road. Finally we able to get started, we then had issues with timing and scoring which caused us to have to start the runs over again. It was a very trying day for all. We looked forward to Sunday to get the opportunity to do better.

Sunday morning Ed Dedick, manager of the Museum, had setup a great track going in the opposite direction with just a few last minute tweaks, we were ready to start on time. We divided up the competitors into 3 groups to start with 3 runs each take a break and run 4 runs each. Once again we had trouble with the finish sensors not stopping after numerous times readjusting them, the RCD directed us to use the timer as a stopwatch. This made for another long day of short tempers and total frustration with our timing system.

The good news is that we had top drivers from around the country and Florida who attended. Rene Cardenas, who was the number one in the nation last year and is the number one position again this year. Rene and Carolyn McLemore came from Michigan and Larry Lichtenwald came from Iowa.



Larry is also in the top 10. The competitors loved the facility and the Sunday track layout. Both Larry and Rene said they would definitely be back for our October 14-15 events.

Since the event there have been many teleconferences with the Farmtek Timing System engineer to ascertain the problems we were having during the last event. Through our discussion we now know the complex has high RF interference that affected the systems operation and have purchased antennas to overcome the RF signal conditions.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mark (owner), Ed, Jerry and Lisa of the American Muscle Car Museum for allowing us the use of this wonderful and great facility and look forward to the Test and Tune in May.

Welcome, New Members!

Linda Brown-Vidal and James Leibold of Titusville became new members in March. They own a 2017 Steel Blue Metallic convertible and like caravanning, cruising, car shows, rallies, tech sessions, social events and anything to do with Corvettes.



John and Jo Ann Helm of Merritt Island joined in March. He has a 2007 red coupe and he enjoys rallies, social events and getting new Corvette information. John is also learning to autocross.



Brad and Colleen Miller of Melbourne joined CKCC in March as well. They own a 2007 white convertible. They're interested in participating in cruise-ins, car shows, rallies and events.



Beth Cavallaro and daughter Samantha, joined in April. Beth had been a member of CKCC in the past. Samantha just turned 18 and is the proud new owner of Beth's 1959 white Corvette. Congratulations to Samantha on graduating from High school. Next stop USF.



CAR SHOW WINNER

Bob (Fitch) and I (Evelyn) attended the *All Chevy Car and Truck Show* in downtown Inverness on March 25th. This show is always fun and the setting is around the courthouse. It is held by the Citrus Vettes and Camaros Car Club. Bob had a perfect score of 300 for the second year in a row and won first place in the C-7 category for the years 2014-2017. We were also included in their club's pre- and post-activities and met some very hospitable people.



Upcoming NCCC and CKCC Events

June 8: CKCC social & meeting, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Merritt Island Moose

July 2: CKCC Fishlips Brunch, 10 a.m.
Port Canaveral

June 10: Six low speed events*
Jax Automotive & Motorcycle Museum

June 17: Corvette Show – World Golf Village*
St. Augustine

June 17: CKCC Cruise-In, 4 p.m.
Location TBA

July 13: CKCC social & meeting, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Merritt Island Moose

July 15: CKCC Cruise-In, 4 p.m.
Roadhouse Bar & Grill, Edgewater

August 6: CKCC Fishlips Brunch, 10 a.m.
Port Canaveral

August 10: CKCC social & meeting, 5:30 & 7
Merritt Island Moose

August 19: CKCC Cruise-In, 4 p.m.
Location TBA

August 21-25: NCCC Convention*
Bowling Green, KY

* For NCCC events look at the flyer on web site
at www.ncccsouth.com

Day Passes for the NCCC Convention

If you would like to come to the NCCC Convention for a day or two, there are day passes available on line. Look at www.corvettesnccc.org and go to conventions. Next find 2017 Convention "Online Day Pass Registration" and choose your day or days.

The prices vary depending on the activity.
Sunday is \$35.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday is \$50 since the following food is included:

Monday— dinner

Tuesday – dessert

Friday – breakfast (and I think you can pay extra for the banquet)

Tuesday and Thursday is \$40.

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.

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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.



NCCC Corvette Convention August 21-25, 2017

According to the NCCC Convention calendar, the convention begins on Sunday night August 20 with an informal gathering/band. Of course, the hospitality room will be open. Cars entering the events can be teched. The Corvette Mall will be open for purchasing items.

Monday is the Rallye and the Awards Dinner. It is also the day for the eclipse. Members are asked to dress in "business casual." The hospitality room will be open and the Corvette Mall will be open for purchasing items.

Tuesday is the drags, bus tours and party. The hospitality room will be open and the Corvette Mall will be open for purchasing items.

Wednesday is the low speed event and hoe down party with a band. Several tours are planned. A bourbon taste dessert will be served. The hospitality room will be open.

Thursday is the high-speed event at the museum. Naturally the hospitality room will be open. There are several tours. We will celebrate our 50th Anniversary with several other clubs celebrating anniversaries. Wear your 50th Anniversary shirt. The theme of the party is "retro."

Friday starts with the convention breakfast. Usually those winning awards during the convention will get their awards. The golf tournament is during the day. The banquet/dinner party is that night.

Saturday conventioners will head home.

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