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PREZ SEZ... April Brunch

Unexpectedly we had a large number of members (more than 40) attend our April brunch considering that it fell on Easter. Fishlips restaurant had no idea



how many of us would be there so they set up tables for 36. All the other tables were reserved so two couples had to sit outside on the patio. If we have another brunch that falls on a holiday when the restaurants are very busy it's important to let the social committee know that you plan to attend. This would greatly help Fishlips and insure that we have enough tables and chairs reserved for us all to sit together.

Autocross

We hosted a 14-event, low speed autocross on the weekend of April 7 & 8 with competitors coming from as far away as lowa. There were 34 entrants Saturday and 32 Sunday. The event was very successful, despite the small number of workers but we desperately need more Club members to volunteer for these events. You really get a great perspective how accomplished and skilled some of these drivers are when you volunteer to work at track position.

Vettes in Viera Show

For many months the Show committee has been meeting and putting together the processes it takes to manage all the aspects of hosting our annual show. Adding to the learning curve for some committee members who had never hosted any of our previous 16 shows at Port Canaveral, they had to work out the logistics of holding the Show at a new venue, The Avenue Viera. The committee put in countless hours of time in preparation to make this a memorable

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event as it turned out to be. We heard nothing but complements on the venue. I would like to personally thank Bill & Kristen Young and Tom & Barbra Dickmann for their leadership of this important event and to the various committee and Club members for their support.

Monthy Cruise-In

Our Cruise-In returned to Cheer's Seafood & Grill in Rockledge on April 21. It was enjoyable but with less attendance than expected. I hope we can do better in the future. The social committee is looking at different activities and a mystery cruise in the coming months.

Sea World Event

Twelve members went to Sea World April 22 to display their cars at The Seven Seas Food Festival. Those of us who went had a great time visiting the park and enjoying a concert by America's Band — Grand Funk Railroad.

Eckler's 31st Reunion

On May 12th CKCC has the responsibility to park all the Corvettes by generation and judge the cars at the Eckler's Reunion show. This show is a huge undertaking and requires a great number of members to volunteer to help. Our Club receives a portion of the proceeds from the entrant fees for our treasury.

New Autocross Timing Equipment

Due to persistent glitches with our outdated timing equipment, CKCC Competition Director Kevin Charles, Bill Young and I are assessing both the Tag Heuer Timing System and Race America Timing System to replace our current Farmtek Timing System — more to come.

Save the Wave, Bill Shearer, President

APRIL CRUISE-IN PARTICIPANTS



CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB MARCH/APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

MARCH SUNDAY BRUNCH

Once again there was a great turnout for our monthly brunch at Fishlips in Port Canaveral, which has proven to be the favorite venue with most of the members who attend the brunches.







On Saturday, April 14th, CKCC hosted our 2018 People's Choice Corvette Show — *Vettes in Viera*. This was our 17th annual car show but our first at The Avenue Viera. The show was a great success.

The day started with some rain but cleared up by mid-morning and we had beautiful weather.

There were 180 cars in attendance, with 53 of them being CKCC members, and there were also many spectators from The Avenue Viera.

We had a fun filled day including 50/50, basket raffles, silent auction and a drawing for four Power Wheels Corvette Toy Cars.

\$5,400 Raised for Charities

- \$1,000 to Brevard County Fire Rescue from 50/50 raffle
- \$1,150 to The National Kidney Foundation from basket raffle
- \$1,150 to The National Kidney Foundation from silent auction
- \$2,100 to Brittany's Wish from Toy Car Raffle ticket sales

Power Wheels Drawing Winners

- Faye Leschitz of Port St. John
- Peggy Garver of Merritt Island
- Marty Alazraki of Melbourne
- Jerry Mallaley of Ohio

Vendor Exhibitors

- Cocoa Village Playhouse
- Dennis Manire
- Eckler's Corvette
- National Corvette Museum
- Ruddick's Detail
- 321 Audio

Thank you to all of the sponsors with their generous donations; the Car Show Committee Members for their many hours of planning, organizing, obtaining donations for door prizes and raffles; and Club members who volunteered on the day of the show – we had more than 60 club members volunteer the day of the show, WOW! The show would not have be possible without your help.

Bill Young, Show Chairman





APRIL AUTOCROSSES

CKCC EVENT

On the weekend of April 7 and 8 CKCC completed our first autocross of the year and it was a successful one. There were more than 30 drivers competing each day during the two day event (the most we have seen in almost eight years). They came from various parts of Florida and other states, including Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, etc.

Fastest Lady Drivers



Lloyce Campbell (pictured above), Roni Duys, Connie Kostyra and Beth Cavallaro had the fastest times for the ladies.

Fastest Men



Charlie Acton (pictured above), Bill Shearer, Jim Patterson, Tyrone Tice and Jason Brzozowski had the fastest times for the men.

Although the event was fun, it was not without a few timing hiccups. However, thanks to the Club's vote and support we can purchase new timing equipment to get rid of the hiccups. Bill Shearer, Bill Young and myself are researching timing hardware that works best with our new timing software.

My sincere thanks to all those who volunteered, participated and/or did both. Without Y'all we would not have been successful.

We plan on hosting another Test n' Tune autocross May 19th and 20th at the American Muscle Car Museum. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to practice and have fun — and it will be free to all CKCC members!

Thank you, Kevin Charles



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FLORIDA CORVETTE CLUB AND NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

I arrived at 8:15 Saturday morning April 21 at the American Muscle Car Museum for a 7-event Autocross hosted by Florida Corvette Club and North Florida Corvette Association. I parked my car and headed to registration table to obtain my tech form and sign the waiver. It was kind a of nice to just show up and be able to get myself and my car ready to race. Once I got my tech inspection and applied my numbers, other club members joined me in walking the track prior to the drivers meeting.

Walking the course gives everyone the ability to ask questions on the method they are going to use to maneuver different parts of the course. For example: the fastest way to start a slalom (drivers door or passenger door) or to go around a pivot cone. These type of discussions help me to understand where I want the car to be in order to achieve the fastest line.

We had six club members competing on Saturday Jason Brzozowski, Roni Duys, John Helm, Zack Duys, Charlie Acton and myself. The weather was great all day Saturday. Jason won his class and the Group's FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) in all seven events, Charlie won his class. John had rough day couldn't get the tires to hookup to the track condition. Roni did better each run. I won two out of seven in my class. It was Zack's first time competing and he is now an avid autocrosser. All in all as a club we did quite well.

Sunday's event was hosted by NFCA and the weather was horrible. The parking area and track were soaked from the overnight rain showers but the Autocross must go on. The time for the drivers meeting was moved up so we could get an earlier start due to the impending rain. At a minimum we want to get a time for all the first runs for each of seven events to get credit and competition points for the events. We only had four club members competing on Sunday in the rain. Harry Way, NFCA shortened the course to help with getting the event over sooner. Driving in the rain is extremely scary because you are always on the edge of disaster. However, it is fun slipping and sliding as you are going between gates, maneuvering the chicane and getting around the pivot cone. Roni did the best of her short career and ended up with four overall ladies FTD's and two Group FTD's. Charlie had a second men's overall FTD. Zack kept improving his driving skills as well as his times and I won all seven events in my class and three Group FTD's. We did great and were complemented on how well we drove under very trying conditions.

CKCC standing in the region is second place, Roni is in third, Lloyce Campbell is in seventh and Beth Cavallaro is 10th in the ladies' standings. I'm in eighth place, Charlie Acton is nineth and Kevin is 10th in the men's standings.

Congratulations to everyone who competed. The next Autocross event is in Lakeland, Saturday, May 19th.

Bill Shearer



50 Free Things To Do In New Orleans

New Orleans is like no other city in the world. With such an abundance of great music, great food and great attractions, a lifetime wouldn't be enough to see and do it all. And a lot of it is FREE! It's all out there just waiting to be taken in and enjoyed.

Listed below are 50 of the best free attractions in New Orleans.



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1. Take in the sights and sounds of Jackson Square, a good spot to take a rest, too.

2. Gallery hop in the Arts District along Julia Street on the first Saturday night of each month.

3. Join the parades during Carnival Season and Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

4. Stroll Royal and Chartres streets and window shop the arts, antiques and Jackson Square boutiques.

5. Enjoy French Quarter Festival every April, the South's largest free music festival.

6. Watch the ships pass on the Mississippi River from Woldenberg Riverfront Park and listenforthe Steamboat Natchez's calliope.

7. Learn about local the beer-brewing scene with a complimentary tour of the NOLA Brewing facilities.

8. Swing dance every Sunday with the NOLA Jitterbugs Dance School.

9. Listen to free live Jazz every Thursday at Armstrong Park during Spring and Fall months.

10. Let the kids run around in the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden in City Park.

11. Volunteer at one of the many organizations helping to rebuild New Orleans' residences.

12. Catch an outdoor film screening at the Burgundy Picture House in the Bywater.

13. Experience a cooking demonstration at the Crescent City Farmers Market.

14. Jam out at the free Wednesday afternoon concerts in Lafayette Square throughout the spring season.

15. Dance down Frenchmen Street at night, many clubs don't have a cover charge.

16. Watch the fireworks on the Mississippi River every New Year's Eve and Fourth of July.

17. Enjoy free oysters and music every Friday evening at Le Bon Temps Roule music club.

18. Attend one of the many festivals that the Jazz and Heritage Foundation hosts throughout the year, like the BBQ and Blues Festival or Congo Square New World Rhythms Festival.

19. Tailgate outside the Superdome at a Saints football game or join the party before a Pelicans basketball game.

20. Take a stroll along the beautiful historic mansions of St. Charles Avenue.

21. Watch the sailboats race on Lake Pontchartrain from the Lakefront Park or watch the sunset from Lakeshore Drive.

22. Experience the great outdoors at NOLA's very own National Park with free admission to the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve.

23. Tour Saint Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square.

24. Browse the shops and stalls throughout the French Market.



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25. The New Orleans Museum of Art and Ogden Museum of Southern Art both offer free admission to Louisiana residents on Wednesdays.

26. Enjoy a free concert of opera arias and musical show tunes by Bon Operatit! on the second Wednesday of each month at the Four Points by Sheraton at the site of the Old FrenchOpera House.

27. Venture into our "Cities of the Dead" for a self-guided day tour of a unique cemetery, most of which are free to enter. Check out St. Patrick Cemetery No.2, Lafayette Cemetery and St. Louis No.3.

28. Bring your book on the Garden District and take a self-guided walking tour.

29.Discover the hidden art scene on Frenchmen Street and spend an evening at the Frenchmen Art Market.

30. Head Uptown and set up a picnic along the river at The Fly.

31. Go upstairs at Arnaud's for a tour of their Germaine Cazenave Wells Mardi Gras Museum.

32. Ask Antoine's for a tour of their 160-yearold restaurant.

33. Watch artists demonstrate glassblowing at Rosetree Glass Studio, Studio Inferno, or Glassworks.

34. Sit under 100 year old Oak trees in Audubon Park and/or City Park.

35. See beignets made through the kitchen window at Café du Monde in Dutch Alley.

36. Sample a praline at a sweet shop.

37. Take a free self-

guided audio tour of downtown and the French Quarter with the National Park Service at 419 Decatur Street. 38. Laugh away the evening at a free comedy show, available every night of the week in New Orleans. From local stand-up to open mic nights, there's Cafe du Monde something for everyone.

39. People watch on Bourbon Street.

40. Take a picture with Fats Domino, Pete Fountain, or Al Hirt at Music Legends Park on Bourbon Street.

41. Tour the Global Green house in the Lower Ninth Ward.

42. Get a view of Jackson Square from Washington Artillery Park.

43. Make a wish in the fountain at Spanish Plaza in front of the Riverwalk Shopping Center.

44. Watch looming at Louisiana Loom Works on Chartres Street.

45. Check out the Fulton Street Mall near Harrah's Hotel and Casino.

46. Catch a concert at Wednesdays on the Point during the summer months taking place in Old Historic Algiers just a quick ferry ride across the Mississippi from the French Quarter.

47. Window shop on Magazine Street.

48. See the swans from the Peristyle in City Park.

49. Pay homage at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

50. Come back and

catch the holiday spirit with Cathedral concerts, cooking demonstrations and more during Christmas New Orleans Style, the entire month of December.

Bernyce and Jerry



## MEMBERS ATTEND CAR SHOWS



## **Celebration of Cars**

A number of CKCC members attended and enjoyed the Antique Car Club's Celebration of Cars at the American Muscle Car Museum on Saturday, March 3rd., including John and Barbara Franklin, Joyce and Mike Hannon, Connie Kostyra, Dick and Judi Merrill, Bill and Deby Sasher, Bill and Patsy Shearer, Becky Strain, Phil Strode, and Roger Wolf.



The Space Coast Vettes club requested to park all their cars in the circle area of the track we use for our autocrosses so the show organizers also had our members park in the same area. Unfortunately this remote location put us further away from the rest of the cars, resulting in fewer people seeing our Corvettes. Since some of us were there to set up a display and sell tickets for



the drawing of four Power Wheels toy Corvettes at our Vettes in Viera Show on April 14, we asked to move the display closer to the main show area, in front of the Museum, so more people would see it. That proved fruitful as we sold more than 100 tickets.

All of the ticket drawing proceeds were destined for the local charity, Brittany's Wish, which helps children with life-threatening Leukemia.



Deby Sasher with her birthday present

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On Saturday, April 28, twelve Corvettes from CKCC drove to Sea World to display our cars at the park during the annual Seven Seas Food Festival. The cars had to be at the park prior to its opening. We also had to stay until the park closed. During that time we were able to wander the park and ride the rides. Judy Thompson, Connie Kostyra, and Bill Young seemed to have an especially good time riding the three roller coasters in the park.

At 5:00 p.m. the American Band Grand Funk Railroad presented a 1 hour and 20 minute concert. Finally the day ended and we headed home with passes to visit the park at some future date. Keep this event in mind to volunteer next year. There is only room for a limited number of cars so be the first to volunteer.



## Port St. John Boy Scout Troop

Several Club members attended the Boy Scout Troop 355 car show at the First Baptist church of Port St. John on Saturday, April 28. Afterward they gathered at the Beef O'Brady's restaurant in Port St. John for dinner.





The second CKCC Cars & Coffee event was held at Eckler's on the second Saturday in March from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Approximately 30 cars were there. Eckler's graciously provided free coffee and CKCC Treasurer Rick Sherlock provided free donuts for all to enjoy.

The April event was held on the 7th, the same day as our first autocross of the year and wasn't listed in the Events and never got changed on the web site so only three people attended.

The May event will not be held because it falls on the same day as Eckler's 31st Reunion.

## Get Your Car Photographed

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 Sunday Brunch or Club meeting.

> ROGER WOLF, CKCC Photographer 321-459-5084

## Join Our 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, go to Facebook, search Cape Kennedy Corvette Club and ask to join.

## NCCC and CKCC Events

May 5 Vettes at the Light • Ponce Inlet

May 6 Sunday Brunch • Fishlips • 10 AM

May 10 Club Social/Meeting • Moose • 5/7 PM

May 12 Eckler's 31st Reunion Show • Eckler's • 7 AM

May 19 Cruise-In • Cheer's, Rockledge • 4 PM

May 19 CGCC 7- Event Low Speed Autocross • Sun & Fun • Lakeland

May 19-20 CKCC Test & Tune AutoX • AMCM • 8 AM

May 28 Memorial Day Parade • Cocoa Village

June 3 Sunday Brunch • Fishlips • 10 AM

June 9 Cars & Coffee • Eckler's • 9 AM

June 14 Club Social/Meeting • Moose • 5/7 PM

June 16 Corvette Show • World Golf Village • St. Augustine

June 17 Cruise-In • Cheer's, Rockledge • 4 PM

July 1 Sunday Brunch • Fishlips • 10 AM

July 12 Club Social/Meeting • Moose • 5/7 PM

## NCCC and CKCC Events (Continued)

July 14 Cars & Coffee • Eckler's • Tiusville • 9 AM

July 15 – 20 NCCC Convention • New Orleans

July 21 Cruise-In • Cheer's, Rockledge • 4 PM

August 5 Sunday Brunch • Fishlips • 10 AM

August 9 Club Social/Meeting • Moose • 5/7 PM

August 11 Cars & Coffee • Eckler's • Tiusville • 9 AM

## Keep the following dates in mind for the Future

Sept . 15 6 - Event Low Speed Autocross • Location TBD

Sept. 22-23 14 - Event Low Speed Autocross • Sun-N-Fun • Lakeland

Oct.13-14 CKCC 14 - Event Low Speed Autocross • AMCM • Melbourne

Oct. 20 Space Coast Vettes Car Show • Downtown Melbourne



## **Convention Help**

Are You Ready? Well, Let Us Help.

**Convention Encyclopedia** – We will be introducing a new electronically sent event guide called the "Convention Encyclopedia" to be sent

to every registrant via email on July 2nd. This encyclopedia-like guide will be comprehensive in scope giving information about many subjects including general instructions from every social and competition event chairman. A printed version will also be included in your registration packet when you arrive.

Our intention is to share with everyone as much guidance and reference material about convention including scheduling, directions, maps, restaurant suggestions, helpful tidbits, etc. BEFORE you leave home. Any questions or concerns at that point can then easily be fielded by sending an email directly to the convention directors.

For those first timers, this guide will be a wealth of information that may differ slightly from regional events that you may have already attended in the past. At convention we use this format to not replace driver's meetings per se; but to abbreviate them for sure.

**Parking** – As earlier announced we will be using a reserved parking program for everyone that will be towing their Corvette(s) to the convention. Due to our limited parking facilities and to provide a spot to meet the needs of everyone, we will incorporate a system closely monitored to reduce wasted space, maintain proper security and give everyone the ease of coming and going during the week.

Those that initially provided us with their tow rig information will be emailed a simple questionnaire & feedback form during mid-May for the sole purpose of soliciting their preferences of parking arrangements that can be offered. Please respond in a timely fashion so that we can reciprocate with a reserved parking assignment in advance of your arrival. In this manner we will be able to accommodate and reserve spaces for those special needs.

Corvettes, regular passenger vehicles and nondually trucks will be allowed in the general parking garage and areas adjacent to the hotel by permits issued upon arrival and will not necessitate an advance reservation.

Bernyce and Jerry

# C4 CORVETTE RACING TRIVIA

From the National Corvette Museum

## The C4, Unloved at First, Not Like What We Expected and Nearly Axed & Delayed in 1983

The all new "4th generation" C4 Corvette was a radical departure from what Corvette enthusiasts had come to expect. The frame, suspension, and driveline (dating back 20 years) were finally gone.

#### **Observation**

With lessons applied from racing, the all new "4th generation" Corvette was lighter, stiffer, lower, wider, more aerodynamic and equipped with digital components. Engineered from a clean sheet of paper by Dave McClellan and styled by Jerry Palmer, there was literally nothing carried over from the days of Zora Arkus Duntov and Bill Mitchell.



Straight off the floor, the new C4 Corvette fit into the Escort World Challenge SCCA Pro Series for showroom stock cars. Racer, tuner, and whiz, Kim Baker, fielded 3 Corvette teams among some 13 others. The Corvette consistently outperformed the new Porsche Turbo 944, Datsun, and Lotus when mounting complaints finally pressured the SCCA to ban it in 1987.

With legions of Corvette enthusiasts set adrift, an audacious Canadian by the name of John Powell lined up a number of Chevy dealers to buy Corvettes that were built to identical race



specs. In turn, he hired drivers for his new series called the Corvette Challenge. Billed as a sure way to increase sales, participating dealers instead found themselves saddled with advertising, promotion, and repair bills to fix cars banged up at the track.

#### **Observation**

The fun was short-lived because the dealers had enough after 2 years. Yet most of the 70 +/cars that saw action survive. Hat's off to Curtis Smith from South Carolina for preserving them and their records. The 1989 # 3 driven by series winner Bill Cooper for Valley Chevrolet might be the best of the lot. It is in the hands of the late Chip Miller's family. The SCCA tweaked its rules to let the widely popular Corvettes return on a more equal footing.

The C4 Corvette also fit into a package for more aggressive tube frame sports cars referred to as GT-1/Trans Am/IMSA. Molded fiberglass silhouette bodies, resembling the production Corvette, Camaro, Mustang, Cougar or Dodge, were matched up with adjustable tube frame chassis from approved constructors; which varied only slightly in geometry in the quest for more performance.

Early in his now illustrious career, Gary Pratt (Pratt & Miller) was a welder for Pratt & Selix, one of the leading chassis constructors. Prominent drivers included David Hobbs, Wally Dallenbach Jr, Gregg Pickett, Darin Brassfield and Willy T. Ribbs.

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In 1981, prior to the intro of C4, IMSA created a series for GT Prototypes. GM tapped Rick Hendrick, (owner of rising Chevrolet NASCAR teams and a chain of dealerships) to compete with a C4 styled Corvette GT Prototype against entries by Porsche, Jaguar and Nissan.

Hendrick launched his GTP program in 1984 with a South African team that had been founded and led by Ken Howes. Sarel Van der Merwe and Doc Bundy were the main drivers.



They built three GTP Corvettes on Lola chassis numbered HU 710, 8660 and 8810 respectively with 6-liter V8 engines, supposedly as a test bed for a turbo 3 liter V6 that was used occasionally.

#### **Observation**

Prized values for these rare but inconsistent winning GTP Corvettes support a niche market for replicas. One of the originals sits in Hendrick's museum collection. Ken Howes rose to manager of crew chiefs for Hendrick's all-time leading NASCAR teams that starred Jimmy Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr and Jeff Gordon.

In August, 1987 Corvette Was Featured Marque for 1st Time at the Prestigious Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca. Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Chevrolet, Zora Arkus Duntov\* and John Fitch\* were reunited in the Corvette SS on Ioan from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

C1 and C2 Corvettes won their respective race groups among 22 invitees.

#### **Observation**

Some folks worried the venerable V8 push rod

engine had reached its limits. Rumors circulated about the ZR1 "King of the Hill", a Corvette powered by a double overhead cam engine designed by Lotus of England. Proponents of the push rod engine instead came up with a "better mousetrap" while the costlier trouble-prone engine in the ZR1 fell by the wayside.

The ZR1 while it lasted spawned the IMSA Supercar Series, culminating in 1996 with Doug Rippie's USA Motorsports team at Le Mans in 1996. Rippie sold the car after it blew up 3 hours shy of the finish. Several years later it was discovered, restored and raced by Heinz Roth of Germany.

As the Corvette reached its 40th birthday, racer/ enthusiast/entrepreneur Tommy Morrison gave C4 Corvette racing one more boost with his Mobil 1 sponsored Corvettes that appeared in IMSA GTO and Supercar series, SCCA Trans Am and SCCA Showroom Stock (re-named Speed TV World Challenge series).

Name drivers included GM engineer John Heinricy\* (developed C4 and C4 Grand Sport street performance), Stu Hayner, Andy Pilgrim, Don Knowles and Morrison himself.

The Corvette Super Natural designed and built by tuner Reeves Callaway might be the ultimate production-based C4. It was supercharged, had aerodynamic ground effects, a rear wing and could be ordered from dealerships covered by a full warranty. Callaway Corvettes were a hit with fans at Daytona and Le Mans from 1994 to 1997.

Per Reeves, "In our first attempt at Le Mans, the organizers insisted at the last minute we should have a French driver in our lineup. Things were going well until darkness fell. Michel Maisonneuve missed a pit signal, ran out of fuel, abandoned the car and was not seen or heard from since."

#### **Observation**

If the C4 arrived unloved and uncertain, it surely gained respect over a 12 year run that laid a solid foundation for the new C5 and generations to come.

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