

# Spoiler

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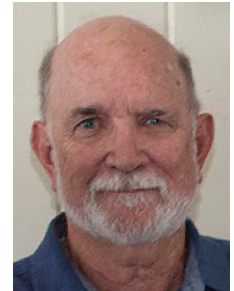
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## **PREZ SEZ**



Well here we are in May and 2019 is cruising by at a rapid pace. The first Sunday in March CKCC members met for our monthly brunch at Fishlip's with over 40 members in attendance. The following Sunday some members of the CKCC race team traveled to a 6-event autocross in Immokalee, FL, where we did quite well. On March 13 and 14 we held our first of three, 14 event autocross weekends planned for 2019. However, we didn't end up with the number of entrants we had anticipated due to health issues, car repairs and the 12 hour Sebring Race. That Saturday we also had our monthly Cruise-In, this time at Kelly's Burgers and Beer, which is not far from the American Muscle Car Museum. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food choices. My suggestion is to try their club sandwich and I bet you will ask for a take home box!

## **Vettes at the Port Show Kudos**

My thanks go out to Bill and Kristin Young for taking on the chair positions for the April 6th Vettes at the Port Show and to all the club members who showed their cars and those that volunteered to work. It takes a dedicated team to put on an event of this magnitude. Without the financial support and donations for the show, awards, tee shirts, baskets and tent sponsors, we wouldn't be able to hold this event. Plus thank you to Keith and Paula Bernkrant for donating the 10 drones for the NKF Silent Auction. The baskets raffle, the sale of the 10 drones and other items sold at the silent auction resulted in more than \$2,200 raised for NKF that will provide support and aide to local residents

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who need their assistance after Kidney problems occur. The next day we had our monthly Sunday brunch at Fishlip's with more than 40 members in attendance who chanted, "Bring on the Mimosa's."

### **Retired Corvette Chief Engineer Talk**

On April 20 we were fortunate to host a meet and greet with GM's 4th person to hold the Corvette Chief Engineer position, Tom Wallace. After introducing himself and his background he said he liked to tell stories. Those stories were mesmerizing and gave everyone insight into the factors of building and racing the C6 ZO6 Corvette and development program for the ZR1. After thanking Tom and his family for being so gracious, we headed to the Ice House Grill in Rockledge for the monthly Cruise-In.

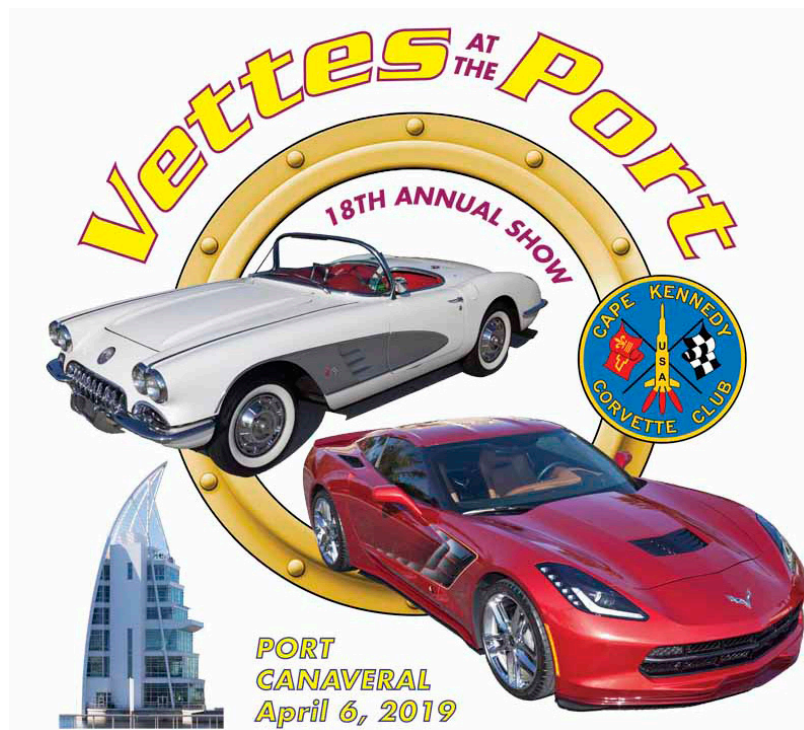
### **CKCC Leads in Florida NCCC points**

Congrats to the CKCC autocross race team for their results and NCCC points acquired; and other club members who worked the events, including the "Vettes at the Port" show, which also earned NCCC points for CKCC. All totaled it has made the Club first in the Florida region. We currently have Club members who are in the top 10 both in the Florida region and nationally.

### **Cars & Coffee**

Please remember to try to attend the Eckler's Car's and Coffee on the second Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

*Save the Wave,  
Bill*

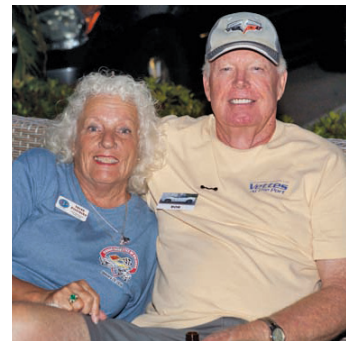


### **Friday Meet & Greet**

On the Friday night before our show, CKCC hosted a Meet & Greet for show guests at the Homewood Suites in Cape Canaveral. We made arrangements with hotel management to have our event on the Tiki Bar Deck where we were allowed to bring our own food and drinks or order from the bar and restaurant. The Tiki Bar Deck was a perfect venue with lots of seats and

tables. Kristin ordered Pizzas with a variety of toppings to satisfy different tastes. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, sharing stories, talking about the show's return to the Port and listening to variety of songs that our president Bill sang while playing his guitar. The motel staff provided exceptional service and we now have a great place as a host hotel for future shows.







## Vettes at the Port Show Day

The car show was a fun day with 152 Corvettes in attendance. CKCC members entered 51 of them. The weather was picture perfect with blue skies and pleasant temperatures.

The participants and spectators seemed to really like the venue and all of the beautiful cars displayed by generation, plus the four cruise ships in the background.

## RAFFLES AND DONATIONS

The 50/50 raffle took in \$1,242 with \$621 going to the lucky ticket holder and the Club rounded up the other half to \$700 and donated it to Canaveral Fire Rescue.

The basket raffle took in \$800, which the Club donated to the local chapter of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF).







The Silent Auction raised \$1,012, which CKCC donated to the NKF. It also produced another \$290 in checks made out directly to the NKF, which did not go through the Club treasury.

Space Coast Vettes club donated back the \$100 that they won for Club Participation, which CKCC donated to the NKF.

Thank you to the sponsors who made generous donations, including long time CKCC member Lloyce Campbell who funded the majority of the cost of the show t-shirts; the Car Show Committee for your assistance with planning, organizing and preparing for the show; and the CKCC club members who volunteered on the day of the show to make it smooth day for all of the participants and guests. The show was a great success and would not have been possible

without your contributions and several vendors who paid fees to display a variety of products and services.



## FUTURE SHOW IMPROVEMENTS

At our post show meeting there were several suggestions to make the 2020 show even better. A couple of those were to shorten the show and to allow CKCC cars to park amongst the guest participants, which other clubs do and works quite well. This would have filled some of the empty parking spaces we had this year due to a lower turnout. If you have any other improvement suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me or any other committee member know.

*Bill Young, Show Co-Chairman*





# Tech Tip

By Paul Lassonde, CKCC member

## C4 Climate Control Fix

We have quite a number of C4's in the Club so I want to share my recent experience about a problem and solution on my C4.

Eight months ago I started having trouble with the climate control on my 94. The air conditioning was stuck on high, including the fan, and I could not change it or even shut it off. The display just had three or four dashes showing and that was it. I understand it's a common problem on C4s.

I found a You Tube video that showed how to get the module out, disassemble it and clean all the contacts inside. I did this twice and it worked good for six months, then it started doing the same thing.

I got back on line and Googled the module and found a company called **Automotive Scientific Inc.** and I looked over their parts and gave them a call. They said they would test and upgrade it if I sent it to them. They said as soon as they got it they would call me and tell me what they

found. True to their word they did just that and we discussed my issue with the module. They said they could up grade and retest it, if I was agreeable, and call me when it was finished and let me know what I owed. Once again true to their word they called and said it was done and would ship it back. The charge was \$216, which was awesome considering I've seen used ones for sale with no guarantee from \$300 to as high as \$500. The \$216 included a one year warranty. Longer warranties are available for more money.

I installed it and it works better than ever with functions that hadn't been working.

The entire process, including shipping time, was right at a week. I highly recommend this company if you run into the same issue. Everyone I spoke with was very friendly and knowledgeable.

**Automotive Scientific** repairs all sorts of electronic parts for many cars, including throttle bodies, ABS systems and more. They also sell parts. Visit their web site and give them a look.





# ***Successful March Autocross***

CKCC had another successful autocross on March 16 and 17 at the *American Muscle Car Museum*. We had competitors from Indiana, Ohio, Georgia and various parts of Florida; 28 drivers on Saturday and 27 on Sunday.

The weekend started out early with the track layout being finalized and technical inspection of competitors cars.



The course layout was a slightly different setup with us starting near the parking lot, driving onto the 'pad/circle' area and then onto the main straightaway with slaloms and offset gates along with way. On Sunday we reversed the course direction to make things even more interesting.



Those who drove, completed the courses with an average time of 37 to 41 seconds on Saturday and 27 to 32 on Sunday. Some of the fastest times throughout the weekend were turned in by Jason Brzozowski, Bill Shearer, Zach Duys, Charlie Acton, Chris Moss, Jim Patterson, Tyrone Tice, Harry Way (North Florida Corvette Club) and Steve Goodbread (Corvettes of Naples) for the men.



On the Ladies side were Veronica "Roni" Duys, Lloyce Campbell, Connie Kostyra, Wanda Buck (Indiana region) and Tammy Sulsona (Florida region).



*Photos by American Muscle Car Museum and Matt Shirey Photography.*

My sincere thanks to all those who drove. It is always fun to see Corvettes being enjoyed in a safe environment and meet up with good friends. I also thank you who volunteered to help run this event. Without your efforts, it would be impossible to run a safe and successful event.

**Kevin Charles,**  
**Competition Director**



# MARCH BRUNCH





# APRIL BRUNCH

Happy members enjoying our monthly brunch at *Fishlip's Waterfront Bar and Grill* in Port Canaveral on the first Sunday. This event continues to be well attended with an average of about 45 members participating. Besides great conversations and food, the free memosas may help. Now all we need is for more members to drive their Corvettes to it.





# Cruise-Ins

## March

A Good time was shared by members of CKCC at the March 16 Cruise-in to *Kelly's Burgers & Beer*, on Wickham Rd. in Melbourne. The restaurant was very accommodating and service was excellent. Burgers are their signature item but they do serve other dishes. Food was served

hot and in a timely matter and most members found it delicious. Parking out front of restaurant was ample and the interior of *Kelly's* was spacious. A number of the autocross participants and workers attended.

**Robert (Bob) Pietrasko**



## April

On Saturday April 20, 35 Club members went to Ice House Grill in Rockledge for the Club monthly cruise-in. Originally this cruise-in was planned to go to Mellow Mushroom Grill in Port Orange that the club has visited before but was rescheduled to follow the retired Corvette Chief Engineer's talk at the Cocoa Library (story on page 12).

Apparently Ice House Grill is part of a restaurant

chain, some of which are called Ice House Foods that only offer take out food. The staff at this restaurant was very good in spite of being a little short handed and the menu did not list all of their tap beer brands. However, the food was reasonably priced and most everyone seemed to like it. The only complaints heard were some who's orders were taken first received their drinks and/or meals last and some traditional dishes were prepared differently but still good.







## Retired Corvette Chief Engineer Shares His "Dream Job" Experiences With Our Club

On April 20, the fourth Corvette Chief Engineer Tom Wallace was going to be in Orlando for a family-get-together. CKCC member Nancy Garwood heard about Wallace's visit through a friend and asked if she thought he would mind sharing his dream job experiences with Corvette Enthusiasts in Brevard County. After Wallace agreed to the visit, Cape Kennedy Corvette Club was able to reserve the largest meeting room at the Cocoa Library and invite Space Coast Vettes club members and other Corvette enthusiasts to attend, which more than 50 did!

Wallace was a great speaker who kept all of us captivated with several interesting stories, including how the design of Corvette was changing during the 2+ years that he was Chief Engineer. First of all, GM went into bankruptcy and plans for changes to GM vehicles were put on hold. That is until the U.S. government discovered that GM trucks and Corvettes were the most profitable among all their vehicle lines. One of Wallace's stories was about when he took the Corvette staff to a racetrack at Putnam Park to see how the new C6 ZR1 Corvette performed. With the Head of Finance in his car and after racing around the track about 10 times, Wallace hit the brakes hard for a high-speed turn but



the brakes were so hot he could barely slow the car enough to make it. The Financial guy was shocked that the car couldn't be slowed safely and was very concerned about product liability. That's when Wallace told him that the ZR1 needed carbon fiber brakes to make the car brake safely, which cost \$10,000 per car. Needless to say, Wallace got the carbon fiber brakes on the ZR1.

A special thanks to Nancy for arranging Tom's visit. Hopefully he will come back to Brevard again soon.

*Patsy Shearer*

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## Eckler's Cars & Coffee

Saturday, April 13th, 15 club members and other guests attended *Eckler's Cars & Coffee*. The event was held at the left end of the building up the delivery ramp to the warehouse.

We arrived at 9 a.m. and enjoyed the complimentary coffee and donuts provided by Eckler's. In the absence of a Guest Speaker usually provided by Eckler's, our Club President, Bill Shearer, provided tips for preparing your Corvette for a judged car show, which he better referred to as, "What did I miss?" Member Dick

Merrill brought his 2015 Stingray for Bill to use as an example of how to prepare your car for judging.

Once you believe your car is ready to show, get a second pair of eyes to look it over and point out areas you missed, i.e. "dead" wax. Suggestion number one, at the show, open your hood. Most judges will walk on by your car if the hood is not open. Look at the paint, where did you miss something? Look down and in the engine compartment. Clean those areas by using cans



of compressed air, an air hose or a vacuum cleaner. Secure loose tape and wire connections – keep it factory looking. It doesn't matter what upgrades you've made; what matters is how did you prepare the car.

McGuire's makes a detail spray that works well on dashboards and windshield wiper cowlings. Other cleaning products such as Frenzy and Back to Black were also mentioned. Use a lint roller for the inside of the hood to make sure no lint particles are left behind.

### **Inside the car**

Organize and clean the console and glove compartment or completely empty them out; remove floor mats (judges want to see the carpet) and make sure there is no tell tale lint on the interior. Clean the glass inside and out by having someone inside the car pointing to the areas you might have missed (most wives are really good at pointing out places you missed – LOL!). A mixture consisting of one quart of water with one tablespoon of white vinegar makes a good glass cleaner. If you have hard to remove water spots on your glass, try using a regular paste toothpaste, not a gel and nothing abrasive.

### **Outside the car**

Be sure to clean inside the gas filler door and the doorframes. Clean wax from around the edges

of all emblems — a soft toothbrush works well. Clean brake calipers, tires and wheels last. Ace Hardware's Frenzy brand was recommended for the tires. Be sure to remove all little stones/pebbles from the tire tread and wipe down the tires. Using a sock to clean the wheel wells works very well. Clean and wax tailpipe tips in and outside. Clean and wax the wheels – chipping of the clear coat on the wheels may be a deduction in judging. Cover up paint chips on any edges. It's all about, "What did you miss?"

As a thank you for attending, Eckler's provided a 15 percent discount coupon for all those in attendance who might wish to make a purchase before the May 12th deadline.

Cars & Coffee is held the second Saturday of every month. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, which also coincides with the monthly New Smyrna Car Show. So next month, join us for Cars & Coffee, donuts and another guest presentation, which concludes just in time to drive to the downtown New Smyrna Car Show on historic Canal Street. May 11th is also the Vettes at the Light car show at Ponce Inlet. Hope to see you at one of these events.

*Lois Lacoste*





## Winter Sun & Fun Show

On February 23rd, John and Barbara Franklin attended the Corvette *Winter Sun 'n Fun* show in Lakeland. The show was presented at the same time as the Lakeland Winter Collector Car Auction by Carlisle Auctions. There were over 200 Corvettes in the show and they won a Celebrity Choice award for their 2017 Grand Sport. The auction held its inaugural Corvette



Hour in which all the cars presented on the block in that hour were Corvettes from C1's to C7's.

## Transmissions for Missions Car & Truck Show

The 4th Annual Transmissions for Missions Car & Truck Show was held on March 30th at First Baptist Church in Merritt Island.

There was a great turnout considering the Cocoa Village Annual Spring Show and Melbourne Air Show were held on the same day.

The beautiful weather brought out over 50 cars & trucks to compete for Top 25, Sponsors, Pastors and Youth Choice Awards.

Free coffee and donuts were provided for all participants and spectators.

The show was held in conjunction with a Family Fun Day. There were bounce houses, games, raffles, Brevard County Sheriff K9 demonstration, and a BBQ food truck.

Among the top 25 people's choice winners were Bob Pietrasko, Paul Lassonde, Mitch Morgan, Bob Fitch, Larry Marshal, Tony Valdes, John O'Brien,

Bill and Debbie Sasher. Bill showed his 57 Classic Corvette and Debbie displayed her beautiful 1950 Classic pickup truck. They both won top 25 as well Sponsors and Pastors Awards.

Friends and past CKCC members, Pete Paris, Mike Shannon, Charles Sykes and Don Mennillo, also won trophies. Other CKCC members who supported our event were Jeff Hudson, Connie Kostyra and Rich Dobsha.

A special thank you to Shelly Moser for her tremendous help and expertise in registration.

The show was a huge success and raised \$2,000 for youth missions. A heart felt thank you to our CKCC friends who supported this worthy cause.

**Gary & Faye Leschitz**





## Welcome, New Members!

**Beverly Hanson** is a companion member of Mike Dougherty. They live in Merritt Island.

**Gary Bitner** owns a 1986 coupe. Gary is a member of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). He lives in Heritage Acres, Rockledge.

**Peter and Barbara Lenhard** own a 1969 coupe. They live in Merritt Island.

**Tim Reardon** owns a 2012 Corvette. Tim is a member of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). He lives in Titusville.

**Rob and Elaine Zuchowski** are former members. They own a 2015 Corvette and live in Rockledge.

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## NCCC and CKCC Events

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

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

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

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**May 18:** Cruise-In, Island Time, Cocoa Beach, 4 pm

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

**May 25:** Low Speed Autocross, Green Cove Springs, FL

**May 27:** Memorial Day Parade, Cocoa Village, Parrish House, 5 p.m.

**June 1:** Corvette Masters Car Show, Jaxsonville, FL

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

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

**June 8:** Car Show, Corvette Masters, Jax

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

**June 15:** Car Show, World Golf Village, St. Augustine

**June 15:** Cruise-In, Road House Grill, 4 pm, Edgewater

**July 7:** Brunch, Fishlips, 10 am

**July 7-12:** NCCC Convention, Denver, CO

**July 13:** Astronaut Parade, Cocoa Beach, 8:30 am

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

## Convention

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.



## 2019 CKCC SPONSORS

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## 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.

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