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PREZ SEZ...

Well I have come to the end of my term as President of the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club. As I reflect back over this year's events and accomplishments it is quite staggering. To mention a few of the memorable events in 2019: The club picnic; meet and greet with the fourth Corvette Chief Engineer Tom Wallace; return to the Port for "Vettes at the Port" Show; NCCC Convention; Astronaut Parade; C8 Corvette Convertible Reveal; Murder Mystery Dinner Train and Bill Tower's private collection; and the Toy Run. I must not forget the Brunches at Fishlips, other social activities and the Autocross events.

A special thanks to Jim Patterson for his passion with heading up the CKCC Race Team and the remarkable accomplishments by the team and individuals acquiring the competition points that resulted in achieving first place club in the NCCC Florida Region and sixth place in competition points in the nation.

At this year's Christmas Party I recognized and presented a blue club shirt to each of the board members who are leaving office, the membership chair, Roger Wolf for being the Club photographer and Spoiler Editor, the Ladies Competition Champion Roni Duys, and Men's Competition Champion Jim Patterson. I also recognized and presented a banana yellow shirt to the Ladies Worker of the Year, Judy Thompson, and Men's Worker of the Year, Phil Strode (see photos on page 11). I wish to express my gratitude to everyone who worked, chaired or were members of various committees and all the volunteers who worked these events.

To Randy and the new 2020 board, I know that your efforts will make this another memorable year in CKCC history. *Save the Wave, Bill*



Murder Mystery Dinner Train Trip

By Barbara Marshall

What a great weekend we all had. Those who missed this event missed a good time. We caravanned from Cocoa to Ft. Pierce where we had lunch at Cracker Barrel and from there we



traveled to Ft. Myers and received our rooms at the Marriott. Five couples left on Friday and met us at the hotel in the afternoon. We had a short rest before meeting in the lobby to go to the Seminole Gulf Railway to receive our tickets



and board the dinner train. The five course dinner was delicious and the Murder Mystery comedy was interesting and fun.

Sunday we caravanned to the Muscle Car City



Museum in Punta Gorda where we also had lunch in their Stingray Bar & Grill. What a museum and worth viewing. The collection was magnificent.



Then we caravanned to Plant City to see Bill Towers private collection at his home. He was a GM engineer and had six rare race cars in his garage. He gave a run down on all the cars and all the engineering he did on them plus his rewards. He must have had a very exciting life. The five cars are worth more than \$1 million each. He even has pictures with past presidents, all kinds of awards and other memorabilia.



My husband Larry was our caravan leader and did a fantastic job... we didn't get lost once!

A Winning Race Team

By James Patterson

In November of 2018 I raced a high speed event at the *Roebling Road* race track. It was a great time but I was the only CKCC member to attend. I was told that the event was having a hard time and next year might be the last.

I can't just standing there and watch things fall apart. I remembered how hard it was and long it took to learn the steps required to get to Roebling. Perhaps I can help others. Maybe it can be made easy.

In December of 2018 I asked Bill Shearer and Kevin Charles to make me the Race Team Leader. The goal was to mentor others with similar interests and build a team, to increase interest and participation in local events. Perhaps find other racers interested in expanding there horizon and push on to the big tracks. More racers for *Roebling*.

Initially we started out with five core racers. We soon expanded to 10 racers with more potential members. More racers, more fun.

We caravanned down to Ft. Myers and began to race. Bill was having uncharacteristic trouble winning his class. He asked me and other team members, "How do you get to the finish, what

is the line?" We all offered advise to carry speed through the last few turns for a strong finish.

He went back out again and again. There is no quit in that guy. Finally he pulled up by the team, threw open his door and jumped out with a smile from ear to ear and both arms straight up and said, "I got him! This is so much more fun when you have someone to share it with." We all ran up and gave him high fives.

This was a great year — CKCC is #1 in the NCCC Florida Region — and #6 in the NCCC Nation!

Even better than that, our greatest success is our team with the people, the team work and the sense of achievement. Look what we have achieved. We now have 20 race team members with nine more prospective members. That means 2020 should be even better.

The *Roebling Road* race was the last speed event of the year. Instead of just one racer, CKCC sent four racers to *Roebling*. All four of us* set personal bests. Big tracks are so much fun!

Thank you to all who raced. Double thank you to all who worked. You made the team a success.

** Pictured L-R: Veronica (Roni) & Zach Duys, James Patterson and Chris Moss*



November Sunday Brunch



December Brunch





ANOTHER WONDERFUL TOY RUN

The 2019 Corvette Toy Run may have past but the memories will last. It's one of the best feel good days of the year.

On Saturday, December 7, 192 Corvettes departed Eckler's parking lot at 2 p.m. headed to Port Canaveral to deliver toys, gift certificates and food. When they arrived at the Port participants lined up at the collection site and presented their gifts and non perishable food items to Canaveral Fire Rescue (CFR) firefighters and Santa Claus for distribution to needy children and seniors for Christmas. In addition, a check for \$650 (half the 50/50 drawing proceeds) was presented to CFR to help with its charity work throughout the year.

In order to hold event of this magnitude you need the support and help of many CKCC members. Our thanks go to Kristy and George Halkovic, who have managed the event for many years, and this year did the initial coordination for acquiring the services of the Brevard County

Sheriff's Office, a food truck and DJ Fast Eddie; to Brenda Teixeira and her crew of workers who took care of getting the insurance waivers signed; and to Kevin Charles and his group of workers who handled the parking by generation.

Thanks also go to: Eckler's for embracing this wonderful cause and allowing us to use their parking lot; to the Brevard County Corvette owners who are not members of CKCC that participated in the Toy Run and helped make it a success; to Brevard County Sheriff's Office deputies who escorted and kept our Corvettes safe on the roads to Port Canaveral; to the Canaveral Port Authority for allowing us to use its parking lot; and a Special Thanks goes to the CFR team for its partnership with CKCC and collecting and distributing the toys, gifts and food.

If you didn't make the 2019 event and don't want to miss the next one, mark your calendar now for the 2020 Toy Run, which once again will be held on the first Saturday in December.

*Sincerely,
Patsy Shearer*

Additional photos on next page



SUCCESSFUL AUTOCROSS

By Kevin Charles, Competition Director



On November 16 and 17 CKCC hosted our third and final autocross of the year at the American Muscle Car Museum. The track layout was an interesting and fun course.

Taking part were competitors from Ohio, Georgia and various parts of Florida; 37 drivers on both Saturday and Sunday.

Those who drove completed the courses with an average time of 45 to 55 seconds on Saturday and 43 to 53 seconds on Sunday. Some of the fastest men's times throughout weekend were turned in by Jason Brzozowski, Tim Readon, Zach Duys, Charlie Acton, Jim Patterson, Larry

Kupka (Florida Corvette Club), Harry Way (North Florida Corvette Club), Steve Goodbread (Corvette of Naples), John Haskell and myself, For the women, Roni Duys, Connie Kostyra, Tammy Sulsona (Vette Set Corvette Club), Betty Parks (Southeast Region; Georgia), Deb Malwick and Debbie Haskell ran the course the fastest.

My sincere thanks to all those who drove. I especially thank the volunteers who helped run this autocross. Without your efforts, it would be impossible to run a safe and successful event.



Tech Tips — C7 Problems

By Roger Wolf

CRACKED WINDSHIELD

About three months ago our 2015 coupe mysteriously developed a crack in the upper left corner of the windshield, which looks like it's on the inside and doesn't show any impact damage from a stone on the outside.



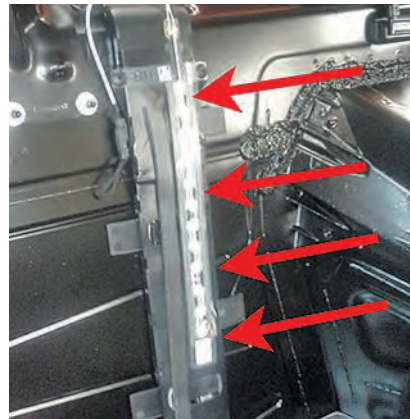
After hearing that another CKCC member's 2015 developed a similar crack I searched the Corvette Forum and saw several posts about 2014 and 15 cars having the same issue and GM had replaced those that were still under the three year bumper to bumper warranty. There were also posts about the possible causes, including some alignment pins and welder slag that happens during assembly at the factory. Even though our car was no longer under that warranty I contacted Bob Steele Chevrolet to see if it was still covered since it was a known problem but the service writer said he had never heard about the problem and there was no Technical Service Bulletin about it so it wouldn't be covered by GM. So I contacted my insurance company and they sent me a check to cover the cost. But wait, it's not over. I took the car to *Safelight* to have the windshield replaced, however the service manager looked at the windshield and said that they had replaced others like it and in a couple of months they cracked, too. He said it's a problem caused in manufacturing the car and he recommended taking it to the Vette Doctor, which I did. However, an insurance agent friend said he wouldn't have it done by them. Damn! Then another CKCC member told me he had the same problem with his 2015 windshield and Rosner Chevrolet in Melbourne replaced it at no cost. So I called them, now Boniface Hiers, but they also said GM wouldn't cover it. Hmmm? Stay tuned, I'm not giving up yet.

MEMORY SEAT / POWER SEAT OPERATION

Common complaints:

- Some seats may not move into position when entering the car
- Seats may only move when pressing and holding the Memory 1, Memory 2 or Exit buttons down
- The seat stops moving when releasing the Memory 1, Memory 2 or Exit buttons
- Have to hold the Memory 1 or 2 buttons down until the seat stops moving
- The seat barely moves and then stops completely when pressing the Memory 1, Memory 2 or Exit buttons

There was an all new system developed in 2016 that uses two new limit switches and recall modes that were not used on 2014 and 15 models, which necessitates a different diagnostic procedure based on transmission type but both can be fixed.



Bulkhead Limit Switch

One CKCC member mentioned to me that he had a problem with his seat, which the dealer fixed based on Technical Bulletin **PIC5960E**, **Diagnostic Tip – Memory Seat / Power Seat Operational Characteristics – July 3, 2018.**

A Fun and Rewarding Christmas Party

By Patsy Shearer



Cape Kennedy Corvette Club held our annual Christmas Party at Rockledge Country Club on Saturday, December 14. The celebration started at 6:30 p.m. with 80 members and guests attending. Domestic and imported cheese and crackers were set up for members when they arrived. The delicious meal included a house salad, fresh rolls, rice pilaf, fresh vegetables, tenderloin of beef served at a carving station, and pan seared cod.

Members placed their gifts on the tables around the edges of the room. Then we bought tickets to put in the containers associated with each gift. The money raised in this event was taken to the Sharing Center on the Tuesday afternoon after our party so that the staff could buy food for those unable to purchase their own Christmas meals. Thanks to the generosity of CKCC members, we raised approximately \$900 from this event. The charity committee recommended that we add an additional \$600 from our charity fund to this make a total of \$1500. Special thanks go to our members. The director of the Center was extremely pleased with our gift and knowing that we were sharing with others made the night more fun.

At the second break of the music, winning ticket numbers were read and new CKCC polo shirts were awarded to officers who are retiring this year, to Phil Strode for male volunteer worker of the year, to Judy Thompson for female volunteer worker of the year, and Jim Patterson and Veronica "Roni" Duys, for being the male and female autocross competition winners of the year. Framed photos of the club cars were also presented to CKCC sponsors who were present.



The remainder of the evening was enjoyed socializing, and dancing to the music of Lonnie and Delinda who played a nice variety of songs to keep the dance floor busy after dinner.

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President Bill Shearer passes Gavel to Randy Anderson



Pat & Roger Wolf holding shirt he received



Phil Strode



Judy Thompson



Jim Patterson



Veronica "Roni" Duys



Sponsoring firms, L-R: Duys Marine Electronics, USSG, Stan's Cocoa Corvette, 317-55-11 LLC, N Synch Computer Systems

Car Show Winners & Historic Race

By Gary Leschitz

NOVEMBER 2

The Bay Area Corvette Club hosted *Vettes, Vittles & Vino* at Keel & Curley Winery and Restaurant in Plant City. John and Barbara Franklin took a top 10 award for this people's choice show. Proceeds from the show went to Veterans Alternative.



NOVEMBER 16-17

The Historic Sportscar Race (HSR) Classic 24 Hour was held at Daytona Speedway on the infield track Saturday, November 16 from 1 p.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, November 17.

CKCC members who attended were John and Barbara Franklyn, Peter and Barbara Lenhard, Tony and Alice Valdes, and Faye and I.

Before the race we were allowed to do a parade lap in our Vettes on the famous high bank oval track. We drove in single file in the bottom lane. Speed was limited but I did get to go 70 mph on the turns, which was fun. Our spouses got to ride with us. Unfortunately it was extremely cold and windy and no one had the proper clothing so the ladies bought some warmer clothes available at the track. Afterward we went back to the hotel, had dinner and retired for the evening. In the morning we got up early, had breakfast but it was still very cold out so we decided not to go back to the track, except for Peter and Barbara who did go back for couple of hours.

In spite of the cool, damp weather, overall it was still a good time with friends.



Christmas Party Drawings Help Local Charity

On December 18 CKCC combined the Christmas party drawings proceeds (\$900) with \$600 from the Club treasury to make a \$1,500 donation to the Central Brevard Sharing Center, which the Club has been doing for many years. The Sharing Center is a Community Based Organization that has been providing community service for more than 41 years. Its mission is to provide emergency assistance and guidance to those who struggle to obtain life's most basic needs. Our (CKCC) \$1,500 donation will be

The Sharing Center President/CEO David Brubaker, said, "We realize we exist due to the kindness and generosity of others. That's why your (CKCC) financial donation means so much to us. We are so appreciative of your continued support and want to express our sincere thanks to all your club members."

CKCC Donation Helps Students to Perform at Carnegie Hall

By Judi Merrill



Patsy Shearer, Judi Merrill, Brenda Teixeira, Dave Brubaker

used to support basic needs programs, which include the Emergency Food Pantry that provided perishable and non-perishable food to more than 15,000 people in 2018-2019; the Community Kitchen Program, which served 52,000 meals in 2018-2019; the Cold Night Shelter; the Client Assistance Program, which provided clothing, hygiene items, shoes, and other household items to 37,800 people (2018-2019) who reside in central Brevard. In addition, emergency food is provided to children through the Weekend Bag Pack Feeding Program. The Sharing Center plays a vital role in preventing families from falling in to homelessness and provides support to many households that struggle to make ends meet.

The Cocoa High School chorus, under the direction of Dr. Misty Martinez, was honored with an invitation to perform with two other schools at Carnegie Hall in October for the 2019 "National Fall Sing Remembering 9/11." The chorus joined with the two other high schools from North and South Carolina for a combined 100 member performance. It was a huge

honor for Cocoa High to be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall for this event.



Brenda, Judi & Patsy presenting a CKCC check for \$500 to Dr. Martinez to assist the chorus with their trip expenses.

Welcome, New Members!

Scott & Kathy Broers

The Broers own a 2005 convertible and live in Rockledge.

Joe & Cathy Rauback

The Raubacks own a 2003 coupe and live in Merritt Island.

Jasmine Chandler

Jasmine is a youth member and the 16 year old granddaughter of member David Glenn. She currently runs her Mustang in our autocrosses but looks forward to some day owning a Corvette.

Upcoming CKCC and NCCC Events

Jan. 4: Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

Jan. 9: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose

Jan. 18: Eckler's Reunion/Show

Jan. 25: Cruise In, El Leoncito, Viera, time TBA

Feb. 8: Corvette Porsche Challenge, American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM), Melbourne

Feb. 2: Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

Feb. 9: Valentine Cruise-in, Riverboat Barbara-Lee, Sanford

Feb. 13: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose

Feb. 15-16: Two Autocrosses, AMCM, Melbourne

Mar. 1: Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

Mar. 12: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose

Mar. 21: 7 Event Autocross, Green Cove Springs

Unofficial Mini Cruise-in

On November 23 a few of us CKCC members decided to caravan to St. Cloud and try "The Catfish Place" for dinner that some other CKCC recommended. We had a great time and the food and service were excellent.



Join Our Facebook Group

If you'd like to see and post photos or videos 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 member of CKCC, go to Facebook, type Cape Kennedy Corvette Club in Search window and ask to join.

CKCC Valentine Cruise-in



Save the date for CKCC's Valentine cruise-in to historic downtown Sanford for a luncheon cruise on Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River aboard the riverboat Barbara-Lee. You'll experience a different way to see Florida during this 25- mile cruise with scenic views of the lake and river while indulging in chef-prepared cuisine and relaxing to onboard entertainment in climate-controlled comfort.

Sunday, February 9

Caravan Departure: 10 a.m.

Riverboat Cruise: 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$51.53 per person
(Make your check out to CKCC)

PAID Reservation Deadline: January 9

For additional information, contact:

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