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PREZ SEZ

Happy New Year, CKCC! Greetings and welcome to 2024! I hope you each celebrated the Holidays with family and loved ones.



President Janice Greene

The year was over very quickly in a flurry of

activity for CKCC. We hope to extend that busyness into this upcoming year.

Thanks to each and every one of you who helped make 2023 an outstanding year for CKCC. We participated in parades, caravans, conventions, races and shows and... Well, you know... YOU were all there for it. You worked hard to make every event a success and I personally want to say THANK YOU for all those minutes and hours you donated to this club to make it a wonderful and fun year. Don't ever think your contribution was not appreciated or not seen. It was. And again, thank you for such a delightful year.

Another Successful Toy Run

If you got the opportunity to attend our annual Toy Run you know what a rousing success that was. We caravanned a total of 211 stunning, jewel colored beauties from Eckler's to Port Canaveral in sleighs full of toys, food and school supplies. You came out and helped get folks signed in on the waivers, you directed each of those 211 cars to assorted locations throughout the parking lot and you got every one parked and then dispersed without incident. You are amazing! And a huge shout-out to Eckler's/Turn 5 for their massive contribution to our

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cause this year. They participated in our toy drive with their local employees. Then, Turn 5 corporate offices matched that contribution, totaling nearly \$5,000 in additional toys for our event. Be sure to remember Eckler's when looking for anything for your Corvette.

On A Sour Note

As with all good things, sometimes there's a less than perfect note to go along with it. I'm sad to have to tell you that one of our own was having a hard time controlling themselves during the actual caravan. It was reported to us that our member was purposely falling back and then racing up to the rear end of the car in front of them, seen swerving into the adjacent lane to avoid hitting them and generally acting a fool. For nearly 20 years this event has been held without harm or incident. This behavior is not to be tolerated in this club. We cannot allow anyone from this club to harm another vehicle or passenger, let alone the Sheriff's officers who freely and joyfully escort us each year. Your actions could have easily killed one of the motorcycle officers! Here's what I need to convey to you... if you cannot control yourself for the 30 minutes it takes to drive from Eckler's to the Port, then stay home! We cannot allow you to damage, harm, injure or kill someone because you want to show you have a fast car. There were an additional 210 of us who have fast cars, yet we all acted like the adults we are. We expect you to do the same. If this happens in the future it would not surprise me to see the Sheriff's office cancel this event. I'm sure you don't want that hanging over your head as the cause. If you are unable or unwilling to drive appropriately, please... don't come.

Our Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held at the Radisson Resort at the Port on December 8th. I hope you enjoyed the evening. Although I have to admit, our age must be showing with most departing by 9:00 PM. And as with everything, some didn't like the food, the venue, the music. We try! We try really hard to find locations we can all enjoy. It's not

always easy. Which is why we are asking YOUR input into suggested locations for the next Christmas party. If you have a location you would like us to investigate, please let us know. Sooner is better as places and dates book up fast. We'd like to get a location nailed down and booked by mid-February.

Social Committee Needs Your Help

Which brings up another topic. We need YOU. We need you to join our Social Committee. This group is responsible for finding fun things and enjoyable trips for us to do year round. We have only one member left in this group so we need more! It takes more than one person to research these opportunities. Please consider contributing your time and experiences to help CKCC stay involved and filled with adventures year around. Check with me and I'll get you to the right folks. Remember, we can't do anything if someone doesn't help with the planning.

Charity Suggestions Wanted

During our February membership meeting the club will be deciding which charities to support during 2024. If you have a favorite charity you'd like to see us support, please come to the January meeting (January 9th) and present your favorite to the club. Be prepared to give us a description and a good reason for us to donate to them. We will hear all of them and then vote in February. This is an important issue within our club. We want to make sure we are donating to a worthy cause and one the club supports and approves. We hope to see you in January and again in February (okay, yes, we'd love to see you every month too!).

We look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings. As we close 2023, know that you were the reason the club is what it is. We're active and fun and always up for what's next. Thank you for making us CKCC.

May your 2024 be filled with happiness, love and good health.

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November 16th found about a dozen of us CKCC members setting up an exhibition of our cars at Port Canaveral for *Paws and Pints*, a fundraiser for the local Humane Society.

Even though it was an overcast day we managed to survive the entire show with zero rain drops. We had a prime location as we

were lined up beside the lure course, and were able to watch all the pups as they raced through the track chasing a small object tied to a moving cable. Several had exactly zero interest in the lure, but giving us some major laughs nonetheless.

Members Bob and Lois Lacoste brought Shiloh, their young golden retriever, and he was the most ambitious dog that raced the entire day. He could not get enough running and we loved watching him.

If you were looking for a very large assortment of dogs, pure bred and not, this was the place to be. It was a fun day and we enjoyed each other's company, giving us the chance to spend time with folks we don't

usually have time to chat with. There were the usual food trucks available and we also took advantage of the restaurants located within the Port area.

You never know what kind of day it's going to be when groups invite you to attend their functions. This was just a funday with no expectations for us other than to come out and enjoy.



November Sunday Brunch







Annual Toy Run, Fun and Rewarding

By Kristin and George Halkovic Co-chairs

Once again our annual Toy Run, held this year on Saturday, December 2, was a fun and rewarding event, thanks to everyone who participated. Where else can we meet hundreds of other Corvette enthusiasts on a nice afternoon and drive in a non stop caravan with a police escort that blocks all traffic for about 15 miles along two major highways carrying gifts to Santa waiting at Port Canaveral. We especially want to thank members who worked tirelessly at the event

directing parking, getting waivers signed, selling 50/50 tickets, moving toys to the trailer and all around helping. There were 211 cars from all over the states taking part. The Eckler's (Turn5) employees donated more than \$2,200 in toys with the company matching the donation. More than \$4,400 of toys and gifts were stowed in the Sheriff's trailer at Eckler's. The 50-50 was \$778 to the winner, which was our own Dale Lewis. The other \$778 was presented to Canaveral Fire Rescue to supplement our donations of toys and gift cards. As usual, you all stepped up and filled the trailer and trucks at the Port with your donations. Thank you all, as without you, this would not be the success that it was.





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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Races with CKCC Autocrossers

By Bill Kassebaum



In September, several CKCC autocross racers attended a two-day SCCA Solo event at the Daytona International Speedway. We were surprised to see several formula type race cars that we had never seen before unloading and prepping their cars to race. Each car had

a team of workers that dwarfed many professional race teams I have seen. Each team member was smartly dressed in matching uniforms, and all had predefined jobs. As I was assigned to perform tech inspections for the weekend, I got to talk to each of the team leaders and drivers while inspecting their race cars. What I found was that each of these teams were from local Florida universities and the cars they brought were all designed to meet the requirements established

by the Society of Automotive Engineers International and were designated as Formula SAE. Formula SAE race cars compete nationally and internationally against other universities from around the world. These Formula SAE cars were very fast and took



overall fast time of the day both Saturday and Sunday. When talking to the teams, I gave them all flyers for our next AX at AMCM in October.

A couple weeks later I received a text message from one of the team leaders from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) asking if their team was still invited to race with us in Melbourne. A quick call to Ed Dedick at the

museum affirmed he did not have any problems with a Formula SAE car racing on the museum property. And as they say, the rest is history. The ERAU Motorsports team has raced with us twice since then and the team and drivers have been exciting to watch. They have entered two drivers in each



ER-07 and ER-08



day of racing, so their Formula SAE race car was on the track a lot. I am hoping we can convince more local school Formula SAE race teams to come participate at our events.

The ERAU team also provided a very valuable commodity for our racing events – young bodies with young legs. The team has provided us with almost enough corner workers to cover the entire track at our last two events. The lack of available and willing corner workers has been a more and more common problem we face with putting on our events.

ERAU Motorsports is Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's student run Formula SAE team. The team competes in the SAE Collegiate Design Series in the Formula SAE Internal Combustion (IC) class. Formula SAE also has classes for Formula SAE Electric Vehicle (EV), Baha SAE, Formula Hybrid and recently added Formula SAE Driverless. The ERAU Motorsports team builds a new, internal combustion, formula style car every year to compete against 120 universities from around the world. The ERAU Motorsports race car for 2023 is model ER-07, the seventh generation of car that they have designed and built. The team is currently designing and building their next generation race car, ER-08. The ER-07 has a 600 cc 4-stroke sport bike engine, clutch and gearbox. The



potential. Teams from universities worldwide participate in FSAE, fostering collaboration, creativity, and hands-on engineering experience among young aspiring engineers. This competition provides a unique platform for students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world automotive engineering, preparing them for careers in the competitive world of motorsports and automotive industries.

drivetrain is tuned and geared for a max speed of about 70 mph (~115 kph) for optimal performance on tight autocross courses. The frame is a tubular space frame design that must meet stringent design criteria. The entire suspension, drivetrain, brakes, aerodynamic package, data collection, driver envelope and steering are all designed and built by the students using both fabricated and commercially available parts. Safety is paramount for each team participating in the series.

The following description of Formula SAE was obtained from the ERAU Motorsports website (eraumotorsports.com). and also. More detailed information is available from the Formula SAE Online website (fsaeonline.com) including the series rules and regulations, past competition results and series resources.

What is Formula SAE

Formula SAE (FSAE) is a globally renowned engineering competition that challenges university students to design, build, and race formula-style race cars. These high-performance vehicles are not only judged on their speed and agility, but also on their innovation, cost-effectiveness, and market

Real-World Experience Meets the Future of Mobility

SAE International's Collegiate Design Series (CDS) programs prepare undergraduate and graduate engineering students in a variety of disciplines for future employment in mobility-related industries by challenging them with a real world, engineering application. Students engage with industry professionals to understand modern applications, build their network, and prepare for the workforce after graduation.

Collegiate Design Series Learning Objectives

- Project management, budgeting, communication & resource management skills
- Team collaboration
- Applying industry rules and regulations
- Design, build, and test the performance of a real vehicle
- Compete with other students from around the globe
- Develop and prepare technical documentation

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A Legacy of Competitive Education

In 1981, SAE International (formerly known as Society of Automotive Engineers) developed and managed the first Formula SAE® (FSAE®) student competition with assistance of Ron Matthews, Professor at University of Texas. SAE International operated the only Formula SAE competition for 17 years before its partnership with IMechE (Institution of Mechanical Engineers) in England where the brand "Formula Student" was developed. Since its inception, Formula SAE has expanded and includes many spin-off events.

Formula SAE is an engineering education competition that requires performance demonstration of vehicles in a series of events, both off track and on track against the click.

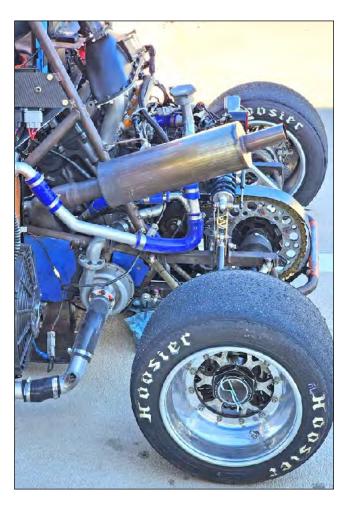
Competitions challenge teams of university undergraduate and graduate students to conceive, design, fabricate, develop and compete with small, formula style vehicles. Each student team design will be judged and evaluated against other competing designs in a series of Static and Dynamic events to determine the vehicle that best meets the design goals and profitable built and marketed.

Each competition gives teams the chance to demonstrate their creativity and engineering skills in comparison to teams from other universities around the world.

CKCC Needs To Help

CKCC has already provided some help to the ERAU Motorsports team by reducing the entry fee for each of their drivers. I have spoken with many members of the ERAU Motorsports team including drivers, and the multitude of team leads for each major system on their cars. They suffer from what most fledgling race teams lack: Sponsorship

money/parts. In addition, I think CKCC should consider sponsoring a scholarship for ERAU Motorsports students. We have provided scholarship funds for local colleges and/or universities in the past, but we never were able to direct our scholarships to something more closely related to our club interests, the automobile we all drive, the Corvette.



The ERAU Motorsports website, https://www.eraumotorsports.com/sponsors, already lists the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club as a Sponsor for the help we have provided them while racing with us. But I think CKCC can do better. A lot better.

Christmas Party Fun & For a Great Cause

By Patsy Shearer

Our CKCC Christmas Party was held on December 8th at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral, which broke from tradition of having it at the Rockledge Country Club for so many years. It was great seeing everyone all dressed up for the special occasion. What a good looking group.

Approximately 80 members enjoyed the charity auction, which consisted of at least \$25 value items donated by other members and placed on tables. After reviewing all the items, bidders put their drawing tickets in cups that were in front of the items. One winning ticket was drawn from each cup so there were a lot of winners. The drawings raising a total of \$950 and the CKCC Board of Directors (BOD) approved adding \$250 to give \$1,200 to the Central Brevard Sharing Center for restocking shelves with food that was given to families in need during Christmas and throughout 2024. Members were then called by tables to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner. After eating President Janice Greene presented plagues to members for their accomplishments and service in 2023. Congratulations to the winners! Then the lights were dimmed and some members hit the dance floor while others just enjoyed listening to the music and each others company.



















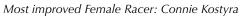
President Janice presented plaques to the following deserving members







Race Workers of the Year: Charlie Acton and Cindy Barrett







Club Representative of the Year: Barbara Hurn

Club Volunteers of the Year: Barbara Young & Frank Storc











Queen of All Things: Judy Thompson

Outgoing Board Members: Darlissa Salazar, Ellen Schwartz, Dale Lewis

"Successfully Beautiful Car Rallye"

By Veronica (Roni) Duys

This rallye was planned to be the day after the December 2 CKCC Toy Run to reduce travel time for those participating in both events. The Rallye route included all street names, major turns, locations of checkpoints and indicated the restaurant location where the event ended. Checkpoints had either a restroom available or workers provided information to one nearby.

The starting point was Spessard Holland South Beach Park in Melbourne Beach. The first car out was at 11:30 a.m.

By Connie Kostyra

Thanks to Roni and Zach Duys we had a successfully beautiful car rallye down A1A ending up at Mulligan's restaurant in Sebastian. It was a happy and stressless poker rallye with beautiful sights along the way. Lots of trophies and prizes were awarded for the many categories. Apologies to some of the folks who ran/worked the rallye whose photos I did not capture. Folks were even there from North Florida Corvette Association and the Space Coast Corvette Club. Thank you everyone for a very happy day!

RESULTS

- 10 cars participated
- \$167 was raised for St Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- 300 points were earned for our club
- Deb & Denny Murphy won Highest Drive Hand
- Jay & Lynn Griffin won Low Navigator Hand
- Bill Shearer & his neighbor won Yahtzee 5 Roll For rallye winner details click on this link NCCC South and scroll to the bottom to see each event and more data on how people finished and what their scores were.



Deb & Denny Murphy



Jay & Lynn Griffin



Bill Shearer and his neighbor

Corvette Performance Street Alignments

By Bill Kassebaum

This technical paper is not an in-depth discussion of how to set up the suspension of a Corvette for the track or even autocross. Race cars are designed and set up for one purpose, to go as fast around corners of a track and that setup will not result in a streetfriendly daily driver and anything but a smooth, quiet or safe experience. Most Corvette owners drive their cars on the street and while we all think we would like our cars to handle just like a race car, in reality we also want our tires, suspension and steering to be comfortable, long lasting and trouble free. So, what this paper will provide is a short overview of the Corvette suspension and the adjustments we can request during an alignment to ensure we can get the exact trade-off for the handling, safety and comfort we (and our passenger) want.

Corvette Suspensions

I will limit my discussion to C4-C8 Corvettes. Earlier Corvette suspensions, though sort of state of the art for the time, were assembled from repurposed/modified components borrowed from other GM product parts bins for a substantial portion of the suspension with exception of the C2 and C3 independent rear suspension. Not till the C4 was the complete suspension design and parts unique to the Corvette. The C4 was a revolutionary design for the Corvette. With the release of the C5 and C6 Corvettes, the suspension was dramatically improved with the same basic layout as the C4. The major difference between the C4 and the C5-C7 Corvettes was the transmission was moved to the rear of the vehicle and became essentially part of the rear differential and center rigid section of the rear suspension. A torque tube connected the output of the engine to the transmission in the rear without the traditional drive shaft of all earlier Corvettes. This allowed a better weight distribution for the suspension to control and provide the best handling and still provide acceptable street manners. The C8 is a midengine design, so weight distribution is radically different than the earlier C4 through C7s, but the C8 design still uses the same basic front suspensions as the earlier generations but utilize coilover shocks for springs in lieu of the transverse leaf spring.

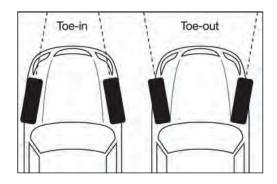
Technically, all modern Corvettes have very similar suspensions with:

- Double wishbones: Independent, unequallength double wishbones
- Transverse leaf springs: Fiberglass transverse mono-leaf springs at the front and rear (except C8)
- A-arms: Upper and lower A-arms that are suspended by transverse leaf springs
- Magnetorheological dampers: Optional magnetorheological dampers

The suspension for the C4 is unique, the C5 and C6 share a few parts (shocks, hubs, sway bars, etc.) and the C7 is unique also. The C8 has the same suspension as the earlier generations, but since it has a mid-engine, the entire frame/suspension layout and thus weight distribution is completely different. The alignment for the C4, C5, C6 and C7 will be pretty much the same with minor differences in the range of suspension adjustments each generation design is capable of. The C8 is different due to wildly different weight distribution and chassis layout but all the adjustments for street cars are essentially the same for all modern Corvettes. Each car has front and rear adjustments of toe and camber, and the front has an additional adjustment for caster. A short description of each of these is delineated below and what you should consider for each parameter for your street driven Corvette.

Toe

Toe is whether the front points of the wheels on the same axle are closer together (positive toe) or further apart (negative toe) than the rear points of the same wheels. Zero toe has the wheels exactly parallel to each other. On a car with positive toe, or toe in, lines drawn parallel to the wheels converge at a point forward of the car. On a car with negative toe, or toe out, the lines diverge forward of the car.



Car tires with toe in (+) and toe out (-)

When your Corvette enters a corner, front toe primarily affects the car's resistance to turn-in and then midcorner it impacts the car's understeer/oversteer balance. A Corvette with front toe in (positive toe) will tend to track straight even with small inputs to the steering wheel. So, when entering a corner, the toe in will tend to produce noticeable lag to the car's turn in and can cause oversteer mid corner. Most Corvettes are factory set to have some toe in. This makes the car more stable and easier to drive on the street without constant steering input.

A Corvette with front toe out (negative toe) will initiate direction changes more aggressively with no lag. Small amounts of toe out can increase the confidence a driver gains from more responsive steering inputs. If there is significant toe out, the car will feel "loose" with a tendency to wander on straight stretches or uneven roads.

The Corvette rear toe alignment is as important as the front. Rear toe adjustments have similar effects to the front toe except, in a rear-wheel drive Corvette, the rear tires continue to be loaded asymmetrically through much of the corner and not just in the middle and exit of a corner. A Corvette with rear toe out (negative toe) will tend to rotate into turns and the rear of the car will be more likely to swing out around the car's center (oversteer).

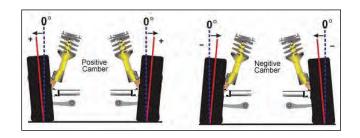
A Corvette with rear toe in (positive toe) will tend to keep the car's rear tires following the front tires, so the car will tend to be more stable under braking, especially when braking in corners (trailbraking). If your Corvette has rear toe out (negative toe) it will tend to cause car rotation under trailbraking and could easily lead to excess oversteer or drift under trailbraking or with an aggressive (high steering angle) corner entry.

When your Corvette exits a corner a rear toe out (negative toe) setting will tend to cause the car to oversteer under throttle. If your Corvette has rear toe in (positive toe) setting this will tend to cause the car to exhibit more understeer as the rear tires will follow the front tires and will push the front tires forward in a straight line.

Anything but zero toe will contribute to drag on straight sections of highway you drive your Corvette on. Any toe in or toe out will produce more drag than zero toe since both tires will have small slip angles to actual path of the Corvette. Most street driven Corvettes see way more straight line driving than those driven on a track, so the impact of running too much toe in or toe out can be excessive tire wear. Excess toe is a major cause of premature tire failure due to excess scrubbing.

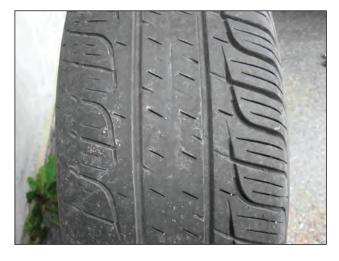
Camber

Camber is the angle of the tires with respect to top and bottom when viewed from the front or back of the Corvette. Positive camber means that the top of the tires are tilted outward with respect to the bottom or toward the side of the car and negative camber means the top of the tires are tilted inwards with respect to the bottom or towards the center of the car.



Camber - Positive vs Negative

Camber adjustments on your Corvette will control the size of the tire contact patch on the subject wheel. Most Corvettes are set from the factory with a fairly large acceptance range with most of the range being negative camber. For modern Corvettes, camber is usually stated as $-0.5^{\circ} \pm 0.6^{\circ}$ or something similar for the front and rear suspensions. Mostly negative with a slight positive camber are all still acceptable. This is a wide range of acceptable camber adjustments that could lead to some unpredictable driving traits. Most alignment shops can accurately set your actual camber to a much tighter tolerance and ensure you get the results you want to achieve. Your Corvette suspension will benefit from setting your camber toward the negative side of the factory acceptable range. With zero or slightly positive camber the size of the tire patch is greatest when the car is traveling in a straight path and smallest when the car is cornering. As most cars are limited by lateral grip in corners, setting up the suspension with some negative camber (both front and rear) will allow a larger tire patch when cornering and thus more aggressive cornering speeds can be obtained. Depending on your driving habits, you may want to try to set your Corvette's camber in the middle of the range or about -0.5°. Excess camber, while great on the track can lead to premature tire wear on the insides of your tires and compromise your straightline braking and acceleration.



Tire worn on inside due to excess negative camber

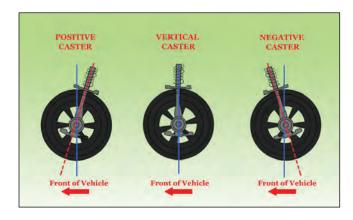
Camber adjustments for dedicated track cars vary by the type of track and racing. But most dedicated Corvette's that are tracked regularly have significantly more negative camber than those driven daily on the street. All Corvettes and most other rear wheel drive cars, ideal camber setting for the front wheels generally depends on how hard the driver corners vs how hard they brake. More advanced drivers tend to corner harder, and brake less and therefore are able to effectively utilize more camber on the front wheels. Less experienced drivers who do not corner as hard will want less front camber. Camber for the rear of your track driven Corvette is based on the same principals as the front, but with more nuances than just the tire contact patch. That is beyond the scope of this daily driver street alignment discussion. Race cars in the past tried some wild large negative camber setups as shown below.



1960 Milliken MX1 with large negative camber

Caster

Caster with respect to your Corvette suspension and alignment is defined as the angle of the front steering axis with a line perpendicular to the ground as viewed from either side of your car. All Corvettes are designed to have negative caster from the factory, the only question we need to ask is: How much of it do you need? Caster only applies to the front suspension of your Corvette since GM has never implemented rear steer on any Corvette. I did find one reference in an online forum that suggested that GM recommends rear caster adjustments for a dedicated track car. I could not validate this through any GM documentation.



Caster - positive or negative

Caster is whether the bottom of the suspension is forward of the top of the suspension (positive caster) or rearward

(negative caster). Usually cars have positive caster, the question is only how much of it. Caster only applies to the front (steered) axle. Most discussions about caster setting centers on steering effort and self-centering of the steering after exiting a corner. Caster and camber are linked in all modern Corvette suspension designs. At high steering angles, smaller values of positive caster can overcome negative camber and degrade cornering ability and speeds. In addition, a Corvette set up with more positive caster than factory recommended may impact the amount of negative camber you can set, so you must be sure the alignment shop checks both camber and caster after adjusting either one. With the stock Corvette

front suspension, the amount of camber is usually limited by how much caster is set.

If you are interested in adjusting your Corvette alignment settings, you may need to find an alignment shop that is willing to set up your suspension to something outside of the factory street specifications. Not all shops will do this. A few suggested levels of aggressiveness are delineated below. If you do not understand your Corvette alignment settings impact on your day-to-day driving, please ask your mechanic or alignment shop technician. They are the experts. You don't want your Corvette to look like the car below.



Factory	Specifications
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Front	min	max
Camber (deg)	+0.1	-1.1
Caster (deg)		8.0
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17°)	(O°)
Rear	and the same	
Camber (deg)	+0.1	F1.1
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17*)	(0*)
Notes		
Factory Specific from the factory		what your Corvette came with

Front	min	max	
Camber (deg)	-0.7	-0.9	
Caster (deg)	7.5	8.5	
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17°)	O (0°)	
Rear		****	
Camber (deg)	-0.4	-0.6	
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17°)	O (O°)	
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Front	min	max	
Camber (deg)	+1.1	-1.5	
Caster (deg)	7.5	8.5	
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17°)	O (Oa)	
Rear			
Camber (deg)	-0.7	-1.0	
Total Toe	-1/8" (0.33*)	-1/16" (0.17°)	
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NCCC Governor's Report

By Zachary "Zach" Duys

This year I wrote three major articles with very little to no feedback, so I have no idea if you are reading this information. I know I did not ask for any feedback but if you did not read these articles this is what you missed. The May Spoiler had a summary of our NCCC insurance, the August Spoiler covered the membership renewal process, and the October issue covered the National Corvette Museum. This article I hope to get a response. In the March Spoiler I mentioned that NCCC is looking for ways to reduce expenses or

increase the annual dues. At our last general membership meeting three major expenses were identified: insurance, NCCC national meetings and Blue Bars magazine. Ellen Schwartz explained that the cost of paper and mailing the Blue Bars magazine has exponentially increased. Ellen suggested that each of us receive our Blue Bars on-line. To change your subscription to on-line you n e e d contact t o m e duysmarine111@gmail.com. The change is made to your NCCC database so please do not contact the Blue Bars editor.

The next NCCC meeting is February 23rd and 24th. The next Florida Region meeting is January 14th. CKCC ended the renewal process on December 1 with 187 members.

Member Recognitions

Attendance and Generosity

At the November general membership meeting President Janice presented CKCC gifts to Dick & Judi Merrill and John & Janet Hoy for their membership meeting attendance during the year; and Lois Lacoste read a proclamation and presented Pat Wolf with a "Cookie Monster" coffee cup, and squeaky toy and a \$25 Publix gift card as tokens of appreciation for generously making her homemade cookies for everyones enjoyment at the meetings.







Welcome Our New Members

Alan & Debra Ling

The Ling's joined our club a few months ago and live in Merritt Island. They own a 2023 Elkhart Blue convertible. Their interests include helping out and/or participating in our car show, cruise-ins, and social events.

Peter & Ann Huke

The Huke's live in Viera and own a 2004 Silver coupe. They became members of CKCC in October and also are interested in helping out and/ or participating in our club events.

Shannon Crosby

Shannon became a member of our club in November. She lives in Cocoa and plans to own a Corvette some day. Her interests include, helping out and/or participating in the car show, cruise-ins, Funkanas, and rallies.

Mike & Kim Hone

Mike became a member in November. The Hone's live in Merritt Island and own a 2009 black coupe. The couple is interested in helping out and/or participating in the car show, cruise-ins, and the Toy Run.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 6: CKCC Monthly Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlip's, Port Canaveral

Jan. 13: CKCC cruise-in, Beef 'O Brady's, Merritt Island, 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 17: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30-7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

Jan. 27-28: CKCC 14-event Low Speed Autocross, AMCM, dinner afterwards

Feb. 4: CKCC Monthly Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlip's, Port Canaveral

Feb. 11: Rallye & Funkhana, 11 a.m., Spessard Holland Park, Melbourne

Feb. 13: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30-7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

Feb. 17: Valentine Cruise-in, 2:00 p.m., Mo Bay Grill, Sebastian (caravan from Rockledge High School at 12:45 p.m.)

Mar. 3: CKCC Monthly Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlip's, Port Canaveral

Mar, 10: 6-event Low Speed Autocross, Naples, FL

Mar. 12: CKCC Social/Meeting, 5:30-7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose, S.R. 3

Mar. 23-24: 14-event Low Speed Autocross, AMCM, dinner afterwards

Cape Kennedy Corvette Club Nov. 14, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes Merritt Island Moose Lodge

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Greene at 7 p.m.

The minutes and treasurer's report were put on the tables.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

OFFICE REPORTS

President Janice Greene

CKCC members with November birthdays & anniversaries were recognized. Welcomed the snowbirds back home so glad to see so many.

Vice President Dale Lewis (absent)

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

Mary Alice gave the Treasurers Report:

	October	November
Checking account	\$10,905.08	\$18,423.82
Savings account	11,101.51	11,101.89
Petty cash	140.00	140.00
Balance	\$22,146.59	\$29,665.71

MaryAlice put the report on each table.

October 50/50 deposit was \$120.00.

Secretary Darlissa Salazar

We do have a quorum tonight. A copy of the minutes from the October meeting was placed on each table for review. No questions or comments were received.

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum

As you can see on the Treasurer's report you can see October Autocross you see \$5,000 dollars in. They had 40 cars on Saturday. This next weekend will be our next autocross at the American Muscle Car Museum. All visitors are welcome to come and watch. Last month at the autocross we had Emmory

Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) Formula SAE Team They had fast time of the day by four (4) seconds. They were Hot. ERAU made their own car designed by the students. Plus they are really good cone chasers. The week after that we had the Porsche-Corvette Challenge. It was a lot of fun. The course was amazingly insane. They had four (4) loopty loops it was crazy. Porsche beat us but next year we will beat them. We really had great shirts they had half corvette and half Porsche on the shirts. We had 12 corvettes and 12 Porsche's. Bill took a low-ball cost of their cars \$2 million worth of cars almost as mush as CKCC. Our 12 corvettes were \$500 thousand almost the same. CKCC is 6th in the nation, maybe after this weekend we will be 4th? It's tough getting in the 4th position as they are 10,000 points in front of us. We have two drivers in our club in the top 30th. First is Women's 10th place being Veronica Duys and Men's 30th place is Zach Duys. If anyone needs to register for the autocross this weekend Bill has forms. Bill has 27 pre-registered for Saturday and 21 for Sunday.

How does the club get name tags? Bill used to do that but he doesn't do that anymore. Veronica said Al's Trophy. She will check and see if they still have ours.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys

Roni & Zach just came back from the National Governor's meeting along with Ellen and Patsy and Bill Shearer. All 14 of the competition rules were voted in. This was the first time that the governors participated in online voting. The VP of competition let them know that 76% of governor's out of 238 clubs voted. This was a very good vote. The VP of

membership let them know 19,077 members. The treasurer reported \$31,985 in net profit. They did let them know they would be in the red soon. NCCC is talking about raising the dues. They haven't increased the dues since 1986. They are working to try to keep it as low as possible. It won't happen in 2024 but probably in 2025. Alan Morris the Business Manager did say we haven't had any claims for the past two years. For convention news 2024 May 13-19 in Joplin, MO. They voted to approve the Midwest Region 2025 in Wisconsin sometime in August 2025. That means we might get to run Road America the track is 4 miles long. The southeast region is having an autocross fundraiser at NCM Motorsport Park in April 6-7, 2024. So, if you like going up to KY there's an event for you. So far CKCC membership renewals 161 members and online pay is going well 70 members paid online and 91 mailed in checks. So, we only have 49 to renew and 17 of those are new members. Roni & Zach are hosting a new member orientation on Nov 16th Thursday. Roni went over the subject matter website, competition, Facebook, Car Show, and volunteering. If you are new to the club, please feel free to join them. They will send out an email.

Officer at Large Ellen Schwartz

Ellen let everyone know one of the largest expenses that NCCC has is *Blue Bars* it cost like \$100,000. Because of paper cost and printing cost and everything. So if you don't really need the printed book four (4) times a year and you would rather read it online like we do the Spoiler. You can do that for free on the NCCC website and click on Blue Bars you can see any issue you would like. Please let Zach know and he can click soft copy on your membership. That would greatly help.

As you know we have a slate of members who have said they would be on the board this year 2024.

- President Janice Greene
- VP Frank Storc
- Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

- Secretary Barbara Young
- Competition Director Bill Kassebaum
- Governor Zach Duys
- Officer at Large Connie Kostyra

Any other nominations? Motion to close nominations.

Vote on the slate as presented. The board was voted 100 percent by the members.

Visitors & New Members, Brenda Trexeira

We have a couple of new members, Margie and Glen, who are interested in becoming members. Glen said he is celebrating a two-time cancer survivor by buying a 2006 drop top. Margie & Glen live right here on Merritt Island. They have been here 25 years. Glen is from Michigan and Margie is from St Petersburg. They moved here from CA when they were in the computer industry. They are looking forward to joining the club and having fun with their car.

We have a new member, Shannon Crosby, she has decided to join the club.

Peter & Ann Huke are new members who have joined. Peter and Ann live in Viera. This will be the 4th club. He also is the owner of a 55 Chevy pick up truck. They have a C5 silver and black hard top retired Navy pilot.

Brenda wanted to thank everyone for renewals really made it easy this year.

Janice gave an update on the Toy Run 2023.

This is always the most fun event of the year. Kristi Halkovic started this 18 years ago when they inherited this event. They wanted to make sure the toys stayed local. So that meant they had to find partners. This is when they found Cape Canaveral Fire & Rescue Group and Brevard County Sheriff's office. It went from 50 cars to now over 200 cars. Everything stays local. CKCC and everyone who comes sees all the officers and we hand our gift off to Santa. Tonight we have Corporal Susan Ricchuito and Commander Ken who came to tell us their side. Corporal Susan with the Sheriff's office. She thanked the club for all the generosity and let us know where all

our donations go. She let us know that all the food we bring goes to Cape View Elementary School. They have an extra classroom that is set up for all the food. Every weekend kids' families that need food put together brown bags and send the food home on Fridays for those that need food. The money goes to different families who need help with Christmas and food during the holidays. The officers ran them to the families about 15 – 20 families were helped. Over the summer they have kids with Cape Canaveral summer rec center, and they put on a barbeque for them and they spent the day with the kids and families. School supplies go to Cape View Elementary school to help the teachers and the kids that don't have those supplies. The stuffed animals the small ones go to the Canaveral Fire Rescue they have Santa in the city and they go up and down the streets and throw out candy and the stuffed animals and the kids know when this is each year. They get the Christmas Wish List each year put it out to Cape View Elementary applications goes out. They put it out on the website, Facebook page, Twitter page for any family who gets some sort of government. So any family who is in any program. They also share with the Cocoa Beach Police department and they do a similar program. The other thing is the school resource officers can get some gifts for those kids that they know don't get anything. Also the deputies on patrol will come and get some gifts when they come across kids when they are on patrol. They also share with American Legion they sometimes are short so they share toys with them and also the VFW and likewise. The VFW also shares their toys with them. They talk with Cape View Elementary school to make sure kids are taken care. They have also shared with Toys for Tots in Brevard County. Also share with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. When Christmas is over they donate the toys to Cape View Elementary. Most of the kids they get are 10 - 14 years old they sometimes get a baby. A lot of the kids like science projects, crafts the kids like doing things with their hands. They really don't give them any electronics. From December til May they are dealing with the toys. They also let the younger deputies take two toys for their young kids. Is there anything the club would like for them to do differently. The gift cards are generally Publix or Walmart and Winn Dixie those are the three they hand out. For our event we have about 20 deputies who help us with the Toy Run each year. George let us know they do the permit for this event. We will have No Ordinary Burrito at the Toy Run. The showroom will be open and their restrooms will be open. Kristi also thanked everyone for coming out working and volunteering and Roger who takes all the pictures and everyone who comes. It takes a lot of people to make this go smoothly. Janice said this is the last meeting before the Toy Run. We are hoping for another 220 Corvettes and hoping at least two per car that 440 toys plus gift cards, school supplies and food. We really appreciate each and every one of you. This is the one event that all the volunteers show up and really work hard to make this such a great event. Janice is asking for help please see Janice, Kristi and Barbara. Looking for help for 50/50, parking the cars and getting the waivers signed. Bill Shearer let everyone know the Toy Run is a feel good day so come. Patsy said a lot of other clubs will come and join us please be sure to invite everyone. Connie gave a brief overview of the Toy Run day event. Janice thanked the officers from coming and serving us. Brenda let us know they need at least 10 people who help get the waivers signed. Janice let us know we have the parking crew, waiver crew and others.

Social Committee - Patsy Shearer

The Christmas Party is coming up, please sign up, we are only about halfway. CKCC will need to pay them ahead of time. CKCC is looking for at least 80 people. They are also looking at doing some planning. They are looking forward to going to Gaylord Palms this year. They have a circus style Christmas show. They also have the ICE Show there. Patsy is looking forward to the third weekend

of December to go. CKCC can also eat there or there are plenty of restaurants around there. They are looking at December 17th. They are also looking at the Brevard Tour of Homes to let them know if anyone has ideas.

February 17th Valentines Cruise-In

They are looking at going to the Elliot Car Museum in Stuart, FL. They have a lot of vintage cars and really cool things. They will be giving the club a tour. They have a restaurant there that serves wine and beer.

December 16th PSJ Christmas Parade November 18th Paws & Pints event. Spoiler newsletter editor – Roger Wolf

Roger: Spoiler was sent out to everyone. Roger had a really good newsletter for everyone to check out. The club had a lot of events this last month. Janice thanked Roger for doing such a great job on the Spoiler for the club.

Old Business

By-laws changes Ellen let everyone know the by-laws copies are on the table.

Amendment ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 MEMBERSHIP, 1.2 ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Teixeira made the motion to approve and Bob Hill second the motion. Members voted 100% motion passed.

Amendment ARTICLE V, SECTION 6 QUORUM – Brenda Teixeira made the motion to approve and David Glen second the motion. Members voted 100% motion passed.

Car Show – Peter Lenhard gave a brief update on the Car Show it will be April 27, 2024. The show will be at Dillard's at Merritt Square Mall, they are very welcoming to us. There will be the Food court at the mall and plenty of restaurants around. Dillard's may be giving a discount for everyone who comes. The requirements were very easy to work with. The committee meet last week and 2024 would be a Top 40 Show. They do have a graphic for the show. The next meeting Peter will have sign up sheets. Dillard's is set up they have 800 parking spaces, and they own

all of them. They are on the back side of the mall. Dillard has opened the whole area for us. How many sanctions will CKCC need. Last year we used 2.

Barbara Hurn did a show last weekend in Ocala and took one of the Top 40 spots.

Lois Lacoste - for the past three months she had been working on something. She asked Pat Wolf to join her up on the stage. CKCC has been waiting 3 months to award Pat an appreciation for the delicious variety of cookies that she bakes every month. Lois had a cookie monster mug to award Pat with a Publix gift card to purchase more ingredients to keep making more cookies. Lois had an actual Cookie Monster that says different sayings. Thank you so much Pat Wolf.

No attendance prizes this week, so sorry.

Please tip our waitress as she has been amazing tonight. Please clean up your table.

Roni let us know that CKCC will be doing a Rallye the same day as our Sunday Brunch, but she had to keep it on December 3rd. The Rallye will be happening and it's a two-poker hand. She will also have a 3 rolls of Yahtzee game to play as well. She has the entry forms tonight, it's \$30 per car. You will need a driver and navigator. So, the registration is between 10am – 11am, the first car goes at 11:30am. For the member orientation meeting please let them know who would like to come. They will be going over NCCC and CKCC and the different types of events.

If you want to take a sneak peek of the draft graphic the t-shirts are on the table, please take a look and appreciate any advice. Also looking for 2 more cars for Paws & Pints please.

Connie also talked about Mecum Auction coming in January. So much fun driving.

New Business

The 50/50 drawing won \$155 by John Darnell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

December meeting minutes on following pages

December 12, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes (Draft)

President Janice Greene called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and members and guests were welcomed. December birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Vice President Dale Lewis thanked the Board and the membership for their support during his two terms as Vice President.

Secretary Darlissa Salazar was absent. The minutes for the November meeting will be available later.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan gave the Treasurers Report. Copies were on the tables. Balance in checking \$776.22 Balance in savings \$11,102.63

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum reported the competition year is over. CKCC is 3rd in the Nation in competition points. Zach and Veronica Duys are both in the top 25. The first race of 2024 is January 27-28. We could use some help. March 23-24 is the next race weekend.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys reported the next NCCC Governor's meeting is February 23-24. The NCCC web site is going to be offline starting December 16th for rebuilding and updating. At the November meeting there was a discussion about raising the dues. There are a few ways we can help with reducing costs and Ellen will address that in her report. In the Florida Region the next meeting is January 14, 2024. There is a new treasurer and many of the problems we had are being addressed. To do our club activities we need sanctions. We have 14 sanctions, and we borrow more from other clubs. Zach has received donated sanctions from several clubs. For renewals, we ended up with 187 members. Our hope we can get at least half of them to be active.

Officer at Large Ellen Schwartz regarding NCCC dues: NCCC dues have remained the same since 1986. The three largest expenses

that NCCC has are insurance, Blue Bars, and the National Meetings. We can help with these expenses. If you are not particularly attached to receiving a hard copy (magazine) of Blue Bars four times a year, you can notify Zach that you would like a stop receiving a copy. A stop copy means you can go online to the website, click on Blue Bars, and read the entire newsletter online in color, and even print any pages you want. This way even if half of our club members do this NCCC would have 100 less magazines printed and mailed. Ellen also thanked the membership and the Board for their support as this is her last meeting as an officer. She remarked that Connie Kostyra would do an excellent job as Officer at Large.

Membership Brenda Teixeira introduced new member Stan Robeson. Stan has a C-8 and owned a C-7 before that.

Spoiler Editor Roger Wolf – the Spoiler is not out yet but will be soon. Roger explained that all members can also join the CKCC Facebook Group. He is hoping we can have a new club photo soon, maybe in January.

Toy Run

Janice reported that the Toy Run was another outstanding event. We had 211 cars. She didn't hear any complaints about staging or parking. There was a member who was dropping back, racing, swerving into the left lane. We cannot have this kind of driving during the Toy Run or we might get the whole Toy Run cancelled. Janice will be repeating this announcement at the next meeting and in the future. She thanked everyone who turned out and brought toys. She thanked Eckler's/Turn 5 for donating \$5000 in extra toys. It was a good day for the Cape Canaveral Fire Department.

Brenda Texieira thanked all the people who came out and worked helping with waivers and parking.

Social Calendar-Holiday Party

Janice reported we tried to make it fun for everyone. Parking was a problem. Next year we are investigating other places. We are looking at the Valiant Air Command/Warbird Museum. We heard they have a good caterer. If you know of a good place, please let us know. We made \$950 from the auction. That money is dedicated to the Sharing Center. We are going to add \$50 and make it a \$1000 donation. We would like to know if you would like to add to that amount. Brenda made a motion that we add money to the donation. Roni Duys moved that we double the amount to \$2000.

Bill Shearer said that he thought that was too much and would be setting a precedent. He said in the past we donated \$1200, and we should keep it in that range.

Roni Duys amended her amount to \$1500.

Randy Anderson asked if this was going to cut into the budget, and do we have enough money to donate that amount.

Bill Shearer said that we had equipment we need to purchase. Randy Anderson said we should have assets and liabilities on our treasurer's report. Zach Duys said that we are reentering Quick Books on the new computer, so all the line items and members need to be entered individually. It takes time to enter everything and that is where you get all the assets and liabilities. Our liabilities ties are the insurance and registration for the trailer, and website host. We have money set aside for the car show and Christmas party.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan said if you look at the treasurer's report you see that we have a hold from the Radisson in the amount of \$5930.93 that will be returned to us in the next few days. That will bring our checking account balance to \$13,777.15.

The decision was made to donate \$1200 to the Sharing Center.

The Port St. John Parade is Saturday morning. Comments were made that there is a 90% chance of rain. Because we did not have much interest we probably will not go. Janice CKCC NOV/DEC. 2023 SPOILER NEWSLETTER

will post on Facebook and let people know the decision.

Car Show

Janice reported that Peter will have a car show meeting at the beginning of the year.

Social Committee

Janice is looking for volunteers for the social committee. We have workers, but we need someone to be the chairperson. There is an event scheduled for Valentine's Day. Mary Jo Helm is on the committee but does not want to be chairperson.

50/50

We need a new 50/50 person since Barbara is now on the Board. Janice Anderson volunteered to be the new 50/50 person. A back up person will be needed if anyone would like to volunteer.

Veronica (Roni) Duys gave a report about the December rallye. There were 10 cars. She announced the winners. \$45 was raised for St Jude's. The net profit was \$120 from the proceeds, Roni made a motion to add this amount to be donated to St. Jude's. Maryalice seconded the motion. Motion passed. \$165 will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Roni also presented a Fishlip's gift certificate to Dick and Judi Merrill for working at all four of the rallies.

February 11th there will be a 3-event rallye and 2 event funkhana. It will be a \$40 entry fee.

Roni also brought up the "NCCC Friends and Family" where you can volunteer to help other Corvette members in need if they have car trouble, need a trailer, or a ride. Please talk to Zach about signing up if you are willing to help.

Patsy Shearer added events to the calendar: February 17, 2024, is the Valentine event. Brunch at Fishlip's will be February 3, 2024.

Charity

Janice asked everyone to come up with ideas for what charity we would like to support with the money from our auction at the car show. She asked members to be ready in January with your suggestions and why you think our club should support them. We don't have to pick just one. We will discuss it in January and vote on it in February.

Randy Anderson talked about the charity for the Moose, Mooseheart. Since we are meeting here for free, we should probably think about donating to their charity.

Janice reminded us to please tip the bartender. Next month we will have meatloaf and macaroni and cheese. Janice said the management of the Moose Club does not want us to go over there to order, even if we are members. There was a suggestion about changing the meeting night. We have discussed it before, and we can discuss it next month. There is something every night. We

need to spend our money here and not go next door. We can ask them to serve us other food - like burgers, pizza, salad, and hot food.

Attendance Awards

We had four people who attended every meeting January through October, Dick and Judi Merrill and John and Janet Hoy.

Janice presented an award to Ellen Schwartz out going Officer at Large for her service for the last two years.

Becky Strain won the 50/50 \$105.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Schwartz

Officer at Large (for Darlissa Salazar, Secretary)

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