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PREZ SEZ...

We can turn off the AC and remove the hardtops on our coupes and drop those convertible tops and enjoy this cooler weather. I love this time of year! With the cooler weather there are a lot of activities going on and our calendar is jam packed through December.

Show Season Gets into High Gear

Space Coast Corvette Club of Melbourne had a great turn out this year at their annual Vettes on the Avenue show. The show was held on October 22nd at their usual downtown New Haven Ave. location with 172 Corvettes lining the streets



in absolutely perfect weather for a car show. I believe we had 21 cars from our club enter the show. Cape Kennedy Corvette Club won the \$100 club participation award and we donated the \$100 back to Space Coast Corvettes to support the Space Coast Honor Flight charity. In addition to winning the club participation award, eight of our members received top 25 Corvette awards as well. Congratulations to Bob & Evelyn Fitch, Con-

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nie Kostyra, Faye & Gary Leschitz, John & Wilma O'Brien, Bill & Patsy Shearer, Charles Sweeney and Tony & Alice Valdes. Yours truly and my wife Janice took home an award as well.

TRUNKS OR TREATS CAR SHOW

On October 30 members of The Cape Kennedy Corvette Club enjoyed the Trunks and Treats car show at the Solaris Assisted Living Center in Merritt Island. Connie Kostyra went all out with her Halloween decorations on her 1966



It's a fun little show and if you haven't attended one in the past you don't want to miss it next year. Three in our Corvette group won awards, including Connie for pre-1969 cars, myself for 1991 to present year cars, and prospective new members Mike & Maggie Shannon won a Top Three Corvettes award.

TICO Warbird Air Museum

One event that I would love to see a large group of our members attend and support is the Tico Warbird Air Museum Veteran's Day Weekend Open House. Larry Mathis, one of club members has done a tremendous amount of restoration work on many of the aircraft on display. Talking with Larry he has a real passion for his work and it shows. Larry has offered to give a personal tour of the facility to our club members. Free food during this event as well! Let's support Larry and let's support our veterans and plan on attending this show on the 12th of November. We can make this our early morning event and still make the Long Doggers cruise-in later that same day.

NEXT MYSTERY CRUISE

Then on Sunday November 13th we have our Final Mystery Cruise of 2016. This mystery cruise has a professional photo shoot planned as well at the final destination. So shine them up put on your best smile and come hungry! The drive over will be very nice as well.

Don't forget that you can check the CKCC website and see what's happening on our club calendar. Lots of activities over the next few months so be sure to keep an eye on the club calendar and your e-mails. Roni Duys, our social chair, is doing a great job with keeping everyone updated through e-mail.

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween. I wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving as it will be here before you know it. Don't forget our annual Christmas party is December 10th this year.

OUR 2017 SHOW

On another note we are in need of volunteers for our 2017 Annual Car Show Committee. We need a committee chair and plenty of volunteers for this event. If you are interested please let a board member know as soon as possible. In the past this event has been our largest fundraiser of the year.

I am looking forward to this cooler weather, cruising and hanging out with fellow Corvette lovers over these next few months.



*Randy Anderson
President*

Best wishes to everyone through the upcoming Holidays. Enjoy your families, keep 'em shined and the wheels on the ground!

Tech Tips

Butch Jones, CKCC Member

Automatic Transmission Cannot be shifted out of PARK

I'm sure all of you remember the Audi episode where owners of Audis' and some other cars were driving thru their garage walls and running into and over all sorts of obstacles, some with disastrous results. Well in the typical legal maneuver, the public was blamed for not being smart enough to apply the brake before trying to start the vehicle (manual transmission) and not putting the transmission in "PARK" (automatic transmissions) when leaving the vehicles. So we now have an interlock to make sure everyone applies the brake before starting the vehicle and in addition automatic transmission equipped vehicles must be in PARK (or Neutral) before starting.

That is all well and good, but in our heavily computer controlled vehicles this adds a lot of switches, wiring, grounds and solenoids to the mix. And to further add to the potential for issues all of these relay information to the Body Control Module and or the Powertrain Control.

The C5 and C6 Corvettes are both prone to having trouble moving the shifter from the PARK position (in automatic equipped vehicles).

This can be both frustrating and potentially dangerous. To better understand this system let's take a look at what is involved in the C5 Corvette Shift Lock Control System. The automatic transmissions used in the C5 Corvette are of the 4L60-E/4L65-E variety and as such computer controlled. They have a Transmission Shift Lock Control safety device that prevents an inadvertent moving of the shift lever out of the PARK position when the ignition is ON. The driver must press the brake pedal before moving the shift lever out of the PARK position. The six basic components of the system are:

- The automatic transmission shift lock control solenoid
- The automatic transmission shift lock control switch
- The park/neutral switch
- The shift interlock cable from the ignition switch to the shifter
- And the wiring harness for the above components
- The shift cable is also part of this system



The shift lock control switch is energized when the key is ON locking the shifter in PARK. Depressing the brake pedal de-energizes the switch allowing the shift lock control solenoid to release the shifter so it can be moved from PARK. The wiring for the system

is routed thru the brake light (stop light) switch and the Body Control Module (BCM). It also routes thru the Shift Lock Control Switch and Solenoid and then to Ground G202.

If you Corvette does not want to come out of PARK, there could potentially be an issue with any of these components.

There are a few things you can check before calling for a rollback. The first is making sure the battery is fully charged and in good shape, this really should be done before you have a problem. Batteries can show a good charge but drop off very fast. This is especially true of Corvettes with few miles and more than five years old. A battery is designed to be used and if left for long periods of time unused, the ability to hold a charge can diminish. If left with a trickle charger on it will still lose its ability to hold a charge over time.

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Tech Tips (continued)

As a side note, I have recently found two cases of batteries exploding and both had Battery Tenders attached to them. There is no substitute to DRIVING YOUR CORVETTE – OFTER. Next check to make sure the brake lights come on when you step on the brake pedal. As simple as this sounds, if the brake lights do not work the signal may not be getting to the BCM saying it is OK to release the shifter. Next is push the shifter as far forward as possible and then depress the lockout button on top of the shift knob. It is possible that the shifter is a bit out of alignment and this may allow the solenoid to activate. At this point you have about exhausted the things to check if you are stranded, as the other items will require accessing the ignition switch and removing the shift boot and maybe the shifter.

As far as I can determine the shift lock control solenoid is not available as a separate piece and is sold with the shifter. I did find a new shift lock control solenoid (Delco Part # 94568533) for \$15.20 on Amazon but the description was vague as to what vehicle it fit, I could not find any others available that were for a C5 Corvette, and so this may be true. Fifteen dollars for a vital part on a Corvette does sound a little hard to believe. It is also possible that if the shifter moves and

shows that you are in another gear but the car will not move or the engine just revs up and you go nowhere, the shift cable may be broken or the ends may have come disconnected.

If your car will not come out of PARK and the shifter seems a bit vague and does not want to engage any gear ranges or the shifter does not allow the engagement of any gear ranges then most likely the shift cable has broken or come off its ball stud at the transmission or shifter. Either of these conditions are a bit more involved. The easiest fix would be if the cable came off the ball stud on the transmission. The worst would be if the cable is broken. If the cable end has come off at the transmission it can be replaced at the transmission, however, if it came off it may be damaged and will no longer stay on the transmission lever. If, however the cable is broken and is in two separate pieces, removal of the torque tube tunnel cover is involved. This cover is held in place by at least a thousand bolts (well, it seems like a thousand when you are removing them).

Remember, SAVE THE WAVE and DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE, OFTEN!

Next issue we'll look at the manual transmission Reverse Inhibit Solenoid.

Monthly Cruise-In

Our monthly cruise-in, which occurs on the second Saturday, was a huge success. In September we visited Molly's Seafood Restaurant in Merritt Island. About 40 of our members attended for great food and company. Molly's had the parking lot blocked off for our Corvettes and a nice section inside with three long tables so we all sat together. The service was great and they also extended a 10 percent discount to our members.



BUSY SEASON FOR CKCC

50th Anniversary Photo

The 50th Anniversary photo shoot for a 2017 cover of Blue Bars magazine, official publication of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), on September 17 at Eastern Florida State College Palm Bay Campus, went very well in spite of an oppressively hot and humid morning. Many thanks to Roger Wolf for planning the layout of the cars to spell out CKCC, Pete Johnson and all cars, and Keith Shook for taking the great aerial photos with his drone.



We had the good fortune of pre-arranging designated parking with the show organizers. So we staged at the SunTrust Bank and then were escorted into our PRIME club location at the north end of Brevard Ave. At the last minute the show organizers decided to let a few club cars that had not preregistered enter early with us. Once we were all parked, the starving crowd headed over to Ryan's for Brunch. A few other CKCC members joined us that were not showing their cars... so we had a Riverview table for

20. The food was awesome... if you haven't tried

Ryan's new location, you should definitely plan to do so. They also have a great second floor deck for alfresco dining if it ever cools off here. If there were better nearby street parking this place would be great for a Saturday cruise-in. How do y'all feel about parking at

Lee Weiner Park? The car show itself was HOT!

Cocoa Village Car Show

After the CKCC 50th anniversary photo shoot, a dozen club cars took a leisurely spin up I-95 to Cocoa Village. It was a pleasure having so few cars in the caravan, no stress, no massive rubber-banding, and we all arrived together.



As in awesome cars in all makes and vintages were lining the streets, and it was really warm and humid. Cocoa Village is a great place for a car show since there are many shops to drop

into, cool off, and a nice ice cream parlor, too. The show has one trophy each for 13 classes. It should come as no surprise to anyone that Bill and Debbie Sasher won the Corvette class with their beautiful turquoise 1957.

On October 1 we had our annual Beach Picnic and enjoyed great food and conversation at member Lloyce Campbell's family Cocoa Beach home on a perfect weather day.

On October 7 some Club members participated in the Cocoa High School Homecoming and 100th Anniversary parade, and the Cocoa Beach High School Homecoming parade.

Veronica (Roni) Duys, Social Chair



Member Phil Strode Gives Student a Sweet Ride

Members Tackle Tail of the Dragon

On October 12th, the Dickmanns, the Halkovics and the Merrills headed north for Loudon, Tennessee, to participate in the "Corvette Expo" which was a production of Cooper Events LLC of Knoxville, TN. It was a two day car show with vendors and cars for sale, on October 14 and 15.



Friday was especially exciting because the day ended with 435 Corvettes caravanning on the "Tail of the Dragon", setting a new record over last year's 423 Corvettes. We had a police escort the first 41 miles to the start of the "Tail". All intersections were blocked by police and it was very well organized, smooth and trouble-free.

The 11 mile "Tail" has 318 turns, with most being hairpins. The road is in very good condition and the drive was fun for most but scary for others.

The Halkovics left Saturday because of work schedules, the Dickmanns and the Merrills left Sunday. All arrived home in good shape with many new memories.

Dennis and Linda Payne, Darlene and Michael Connor, and Judy Thompson also attended the event. When Corvette Expo ended they drove on north to visit Bryson City and Gatlinburg before heading home.



Tom & Barbara Dickmann

Join the TOY RUN Dec. 3 and Help the Less Fortunate



The 16th annual Brevard County Corvette Clubs Toy Run is set for Saturday, December 3rd. Beginning at Eckler's new warehouse at noon the first cars will depart with a Brevard County Sherriff's Office motorcycle escort promptly at 2 p.m. in a non stop caravan to Port Canaveral.

If you've never been in the Toy Run before it's a lot of fun and a rewarding way to help others in need during the Christmas season.

Last year 169 Corvettes participated. Hope to see you there — the more the merrier!

See the 2015 Toy Run video at www.CKCC.club



Member Awards

SPACE COAST HARLEY SHOW

On October 15th, Pete Paris, prospective new member Mike Shannon, and Gary Leschitz won awards for top three Corvettes at the Space Coast Harley Show in Palm Bay.



Left to right: Pete, Gary and Mike

SPCA SHOW

On Oct. 8 Butch Jones's 1964 Vette and Gary's 1991 ZR1 received Participants Choice awards at the 6th Annual Hot Dogs, Cool Cats and Wild Rides Car & Motorcycle Show at Fox Lake Park in Titusville.



Helping Fellow Members in Time of Need



Bill Shearer graciously entertained all of us with his singing and guitar playing talents at October's CKCC meeting to raise money through tips he received from members for Cal & Shelly Moser's 5-year old grandson, Landon, to help with expenses to fight his life threatening illness.



Prospective new members, Mike and Maggie Shannon, were very gracious as well by donating their 50/50 winnings from the October CKCC meeting to the Landon fund, care of Cal & Shelly.

NCCC Events

Nov. 5: Low Speed (7), Cypress Gardens CC, Lakeland, FL

Nov. 6: Concours (7), Corvettes of Naples, Naples, FL

Nov. 11-12: National meeting, St. Louis, MO

Nov. 19-20: Low Speed (14), America's CC & Florida CC, Jacksonville, FL

Jacksonville Automobile & Motorcycle Museum

Nov. 26-27: High Speed (10), Roebling Road

Dec. 10: Low Speed (7), Florida Corvette Racing C, Brooksville

All events and flyers to the events may be found on www.NCCCSouth.com

CKCC and Other Coming Events

NOVEMBER:

10 – Monthly meeting at the Moose Lodge, 5:30 social and 7:00 meeting

12 – Car Show - Merritt Island Moose Lodge

12 – Cruise-in at 4 p.m. to Long Doggers in Cocoa Beach

13 – Mystery Cruise. Meet 9 a.m. at Sand Point Park, Titusville

12 and 13 – TICO Warbird Air Museum, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Veteran's Day Weekend Open House. (Larry Mathis has stated he will give our club members a personal tour. If we go on the 12th it still gives us time to make the Long Dogger's cruise in)

19 – Rock n' Rides Car Show, Rockledge HS

26 – Art of the Car Show, 11-3, Lutheran Church on Minutemen Causeway, Cocoa Beach

DECEMBER:

3 – Toy Run, Eckler's to Port Canaveral, lunch at Fishlips (see flyer on last page)

4 – CKCC test and tune autocross at American Muscle Cars in Melbourne

8 - Monthly meeting

10- CKCC Christmas Party, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Rockledge Country Club.

Reservations for the Christmas party need to be made in November. The cost is \$40 per person.

This is an occasion to dress up.

We also bring a gift of approximately \$20 for silent auction, which everyone can bid on their favorite item(s). The money raised will go to the Central Brevard Sharing Center to help give the homeless a good Christmas dinner.

JANUARY:

10 – Monthly meeting at the Moose Lodge, 5:30 social and 7:00 meeting.

14 - 2nd Sat cruise in- Sonny's BBQ, Merritt Island

21 – NCRS meet LAKELAND

21 – Eckler's 30th Reunion,

FEBRUARY:

5 – Fishlips Brunch – 10 a.m.

9 – Monthly meeting at the Moose Lodge, 5:30 Social and 7:00 meeting

11 – Saturday Cruise in

Corvette Trivia #5 Answer

Corvette Trivia answer to last issue's question number 5.

The first 1965 Corvette was painted 1964 color Satin Silver. The color code used was ZZ which was also a Cadillac color.

Corvette Trivia Question #6

In what year was the first big block equipped Corvette raced?

Want Your Car Photographed For The Web Site?

We are adding new members and updating photos of current members with their cars on the web site so if your car is not pictured or you've changed cars, please let me know in advance if you'd like the photo taken at the monthly Fishlips Brunch or Club meeting.

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Want To Join Our Closed Facebook Group?

If you'd like to see and post photos of members and their cars at CKCC and other Corvette events, join the CKCC closed group on Facebook.

All you have to do is be a paid up member of CKCC and Friend Me (Roger Wolf in Merritt Island) and request to be added.

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16th Annual Brevard County Corvette Clubs



TOY RUN



When: 12:00pm Saturday December 3rd - (Rain or Shine)

Where: Eckler's New Warehouse and Showroom

50/50

7980 Grissom Parkway Titusville, FL

Parking will be by Generation C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7

DJ

Escort provided by: Brevard County Sheriff & Canaveral Fire Dept.

Who: ALL Corvette Owners (Club Affiliation NOT Necessary)

Donations: Unwrapped Toy or Gift Certificate (Ages Infant - 17)

Non-Perishable food items will be collected for The Women's Center

Benefits: Disadvantaged Children & Seniors of Brevard County

Departs: 2:00pm Sharp to Port Canaveral, FL

Social: Fishlips Waterfront Bar & Grill (Upstairs)

610 Glenn Cheek Drive Cape Canaveral, FL

For more details: www.ckcc.club or call (321) 452-6993

**Special Thanks To: The Brevard County Sheriff's Office,
The Canaveral Fire Department, and**

