



# The Spoiler

SEPT./OCT. ■ 2017

## OFFICERS FOR 2017

### **PRESIDENT**

**Randy Anderson**

president@ckcc.club

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

**Faye Leschitz**

VicePresident@ckcc.club

### **SECRETARY**

**Karen Patterson**

secretary@ckcc.club

### **TREASURER**

**Veronica Duys**

treasurer@ckcc.club

### **NCCC GOVERNOR**

**Brenda Teixeira**

NCCCgovernor@ckcc.club

### **OFFICER-AT-LARGE**

**Richard Dobsha**

OfficerAtLarge@ckcc.club

### **COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

**Kevin Charles**

CompetitionDirector@ckcc.club

## PREZ SEZ...

So many things happened in September and October it felt like a full year crammed into two months! Then to top it off we had the 'lovely' visit from Hurricane Irma. Hopefully everyone has recovered from the storm and things are getting back to normal in everyone's homes. In spite of everything our 50th Anniversary party was a huge success.



## Our 50th Anniversary Party

I want to thank all of those who worked so hard over the past year (see a photo of the Committee on the next page) in making it an event that will be remembered and cherished by all for years to come. I would give anything if I could be around for CKCC's 100th anniversary. As we look back at the 67 Corvette and how much it has changed in 50 years, I wonder what the Corvette will be like in the year 2067. Corvette's are fast now but I am willing to bet in 2067 they might actually fly! I have images of some of our Club members during the funkana permanently burned into my brain. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard in my life. What a fun time that was! How many of you would like the team that put on the 50th celebration put together another funkana again real soon? I know I would.

## Porsche versus Corvette Auto X

The Porsche versus Corvette autocross was an absolute blast. We made lots of new friends and kicked off an annual event that I hope will be with this Club for many years to come.

*Continued on next page*

## Toy Run Coming This Saturday

One the most cherished events I enjoy attending with this Club is the Brevard County Corvette Clubs' annual Toy Run. If you haven't attended this event in the past it's really one you don't want to miss. I hope to see every member in this Club come out and support the 17th event that George and Kristy Halkovic organize and do a fantastic job of every year. Be sure to thank them for all their hard work in putting on such a rewarding charity event cherished by many Corvette owners. So come on out and join the fun and not only will it put a smile on your face, your gift(s) will put smiles on the faces of the children who receive them. I promise.

Also, please remember to bring, besides the unwrapped \$20 or more toy and/or gift cards,

some non-perishable food items for distribution to disadvantaged seniors and children in Brevard County by the Women's Center.

It's been a great year for me and I have been honored to serve as your Club President during this 50th year of our organization. I'm looking forward to a great future for the Club and a lot more memory making events.

As always, Keep 'em shined and the wheels on the ground!

*Sincerely,  
Randy Anderson, CKCC President*



*The 50th Anniversary Committee from left to right: Roger Wolf, Patsy Shearer, Chairman Bill Shearer, Gary & Faye Leschitz, Judi Merrill, Janice Greene and Brenda Teixeira.  
Not pictured is CKCC Treasurer Veronica "Roni" Duys.*

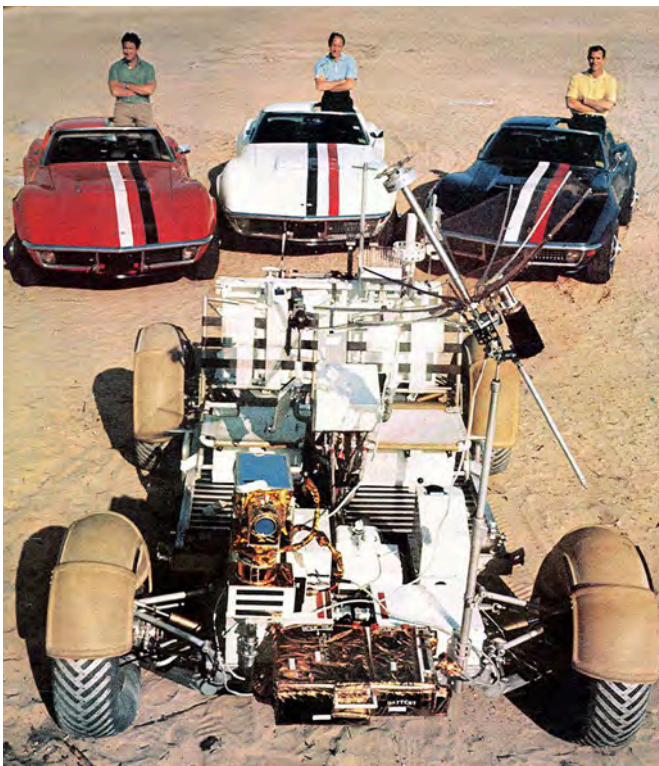


# CKCC — 50 YEARS OF SPACE HERITAGE

In the early '60's young engineers, technicians and secretaries who worked for NASA and the space contractors fell in love with the true American Sports car, the Corvette. Initially owners of the Corvettes met on the beach in Cocoa Beach behind a local watering hole to discuss their cars and celebrate with new owners.

Two young Corvette salesmen, Bob Dance Sr. and Jim Barfield Sr., got involved with the group and encouraged the formation of an organization. In March of 1967 under the leadership of Wayne Padgett, as president, Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) was officially formed and became a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), which it has been an active member of for the last 50 years. Current CKCC member and a charter member, Max Nagel, was the second president of the organization.

## FIVE OF THE ORIGINAL SEVEN ASTRONAUTS JOIN CKCC



*Apollo 12 astronauts Dick Gordon, Charles Conrad and Alan Bean ordered identically equipped, 390-hp 427 Stingray coupes in a color scheme designed by Bean.*

In the beginning CKCC was small but had five very distinguished honorary members. They were five of the seven original astronauts who were given a Corvette for a nominal cost by Jim Rathmann Chevrolet of Melbourne and General Motors. Those honorary members were Alan Sheppard, Deke Slayton, Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper,

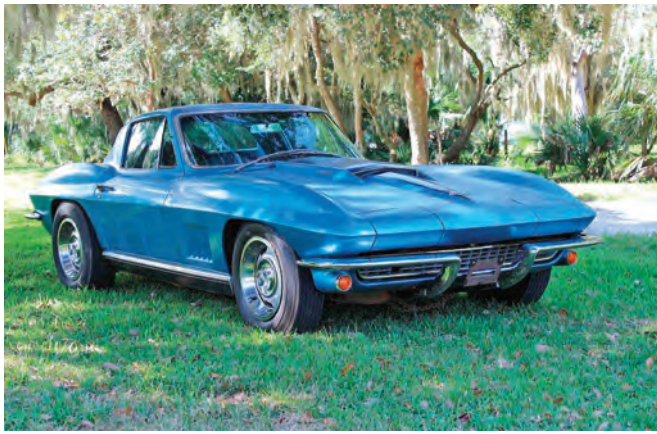


and Wally Schirra. Gus Grissom (pictured) was also active in the Corvette group but died January 1967 in the Apollo I fire at Launch Complex 34.

The Apollo astronauts were given the use of Corvettes when they trained in Florida. Many became active in the Corvette life at the Cape. There are many tales of "races" going on around the Space Center. A Corvette having the letters CDR on the fenders belonged to the commander of a mission. The initials PLP represented the mission's pilot and LMP stood for Lunar Module Pilot. Some of the astronauts purchased their own personal Corvettes. Neil Armstrong's 1967 Sting Ray coupe (pictured below), after many years in storage







was recently preserved to the condition it may have been today by the current owner and CKCC member Joe Crosby, who was advised by the National Corvette Museum and other experts.

## AMERICA'S FIRST SPACE FLIGHT ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Over the years, Club members with classic and mid year Corvettes were asked to take part in parades for different milestones of the Manned Space Flight Programs. In 2011 the club was asked to provide Corvettes for the parade honoring the 50th Anniversary of America's Manned Space Program first flight in space by

Grande Marshall of the parade that included Astronauts representing every Manned Space Flight Program. Attending from the original Mercury 7: Scott Carpenter; from Gemini, Dick Gordon; from Apollo, Walt Cunningham and Ed Mitchell; from Skylab, Bill Pogue; from Skylab and Shuttle; Jack Lousma; from Shuttle; Rick Hauer, Jon McBride, Bob Cabana, Bob Springer, Susan Kilrain, Don McMonagle, Sam Durrance, and Jon David Barto. The parade was especially gratifying to CKCC members who had worked on the space program.

As you can see, the space program, Corvettes and the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club are historically webbed together.



*Astronaut Scott Carpenter*



Alan Shepard on May 11, 1961. The parade was held on Saturday May 5th in Cocoa Beach with some members being fortunate to have the privilege to escort the Astronaut's in attendance and local dignitaries while other members were lined up along each side of the parade route. Gordon Cooper's wife, Susan served as the

For those who are interested you can view the parade on YouTube. Search astronaut parade 2011 Cocoa Beach and open #3 video.

Pictures and information about the astronaut connection to the Corvette are displayed on the wall leading into the theater at the National Corvette Museum.



## 50th Anniversary Celebration



### FRIDAY EVENING

Well, our 50th Anniversary Celebration held October 6, 7 and 8 was a quite a memorable event to say the least, which was the result of the Committee's great planning and execution. It began Friday evening with registration check in and a welcome reception at the Radisson

Resort at the Port. The banquet room, decorated in a 50th theme with historic CKCC photos, documents, patches, T-shirts, jackets, and John and Barbara Franklin's beautiful 67' roadster, were on display for all to enjoy.

Long time member and incoming President Bill Shearer, once again graciously entertained us with his guitar playing and singing talents.



*Continued on next page*







The featured speakers were CKCC members Bob Dance Jr. and District 4 County Commissioner Jim Barfield who reminisced about what it was



like growing up around Corvettes and other hot cars at their fathers' car dealerships.

The evening fun included a Corvette trivia contest hosted by Gary and Faye Leschitz who handed out several nice automotive related products to the winners.



## SATURDAY

A full slate of fun activities filled the day and night beginning with a morning tour of the historic Cape Canaveral Lighthouse, where we were able to drive our Vettes onto the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station property via an escort, passing by historic launch facilities that few people get to see.

Next we had lunch at Zarella's Pizzeria near the Radisson and headed back to the Resort for a funkana, where several members tested their skills doing challenging, and funny, gimmicks.

The main event was that evening, which consisted of an elegant dinner and fascinating talk by guest speaker and honorary CKCC member, astronaut Bruce Melnick, (pictured) who said six of the original seven astronauts owned Corvettes.



Only John Glenn did not. Melnick has owned several Vettes and currently owns a 2017 C7R, the racing version. But the highlight of his talk was a vivid second by second description of what it was like to be aboard a shuttle from lift off to outer space, which captivated everyone.

The rest of the evening included the presentation of the funkana door prizes to participants and winners; give away of the model Corvettes that



*Connie Kostyra & Judy Thompson demonstrate how to, and how not to, do a funkana gimmick*



were the center piece at each table to a lucky person with a sticker under their seat; and dancing and socializing.







*Funkana participants*



*Funkana toilet paper relay winners  
Dennis and Linda Payne*

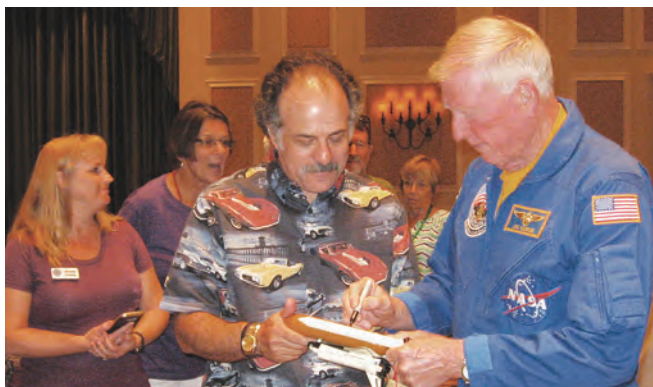


*Continued on next page*



## SUNDAY MORNING

The morning started with a wonderful brunch at the Radisson. The featured speaker was CKCC honorary member, astronaut Jon McBride, who has arranged to get our Club into Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex Rocket Garden for group photos. He told us fascinating information about how it was to live in the weightless atmosphere aboard the space shuttle and the after effects of it on one's body back on Earth. Afterwards McBride posed for a photo with John and Barbara Franklin in front of their 67 Stingray roadster (pictured) that they agreed to display during the event.





# ***CKCC OCTOBER AUTOCROSS***

On October 14 and 15 we hosted a 12-event autocross at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. I would first to thank Mike Connor for picking up the Club trailer and transporting it to the Museum on Thursday.

Friday morning Bill Young, Dennis Payne, Mike Connor, Dave Knowles, Paul Lassonde, Judy Thompson and myself met to help with setup track and checkout the timing system prior to the Saturday event. The course layout went pretty smooth but it took us multiple times setting up the sensors and timing display because of the inclement weather conditions we dealt with the entire morning. This made us nervous about what to expect on Saturday.



help dry up the water puddles before starting the timed runs. Each driver has two runs for each of the six events. The 19 drivers participating were divided into two groups. All drivers ran the first run and were given time to check the tire air pressure and make any adjustments before proceeding. We broke the first run of each event into two run session and three run session. We took a short



Saturday morning, Competition Director Kevin Charles and I had to make some last minute changes to the track, dodge one more brief rain shower and perform last minute sweep up of standing water before proceeding with the event. At the drivers meeting we informed the drivers that they would get five parade laps to

break for lunch before finishing the all the second runs by dividing into two three run sessions. We had very few re-runs and the event went very smoothly. Everyone participating enjoyed the track and complemented us on the event.

*Continued on next page*





Sunday, we decided to not make any changes to the track. Some of us took brooms to sweep up some of the corners to remove the loose concrete layer. Since we only had 13 participants, we knew we would be finished earlier than Saturday. Sunday's event went smoothly. No major problems were encountered. Our own Roni Duys and Bill Young, finally got behind the wheel of their cars. She improved each run and I think became died in the wool autocrossers.

After declaring the event over everyone helped to stack the pylons for pickup, breakdown the timing system, fold up tables and take down the tents. Then the real fun began with the loading of the trailer. The overall weekend was a huge success and everyone seemed to go home pleased with the outcome.

Many of us met at Chili's restaurant to celebrate and wind down with food and drinks before heading home.

It takes a lot of volunteers to host a weekend autocross. Without the support of course workers, timing, scoring, taking photos and other related tasks it can't happen, so big thanks to each of you. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't give a special thanks to Kevin for flying home

from Phoenix, AZ, Friday night into early Saturday morning to be at this event. I look forward to our events planned for next year. With a team like this, we can't help but be successful.

Also, a big thank you to the Museum President/ Owner Mark Pieloch, Operations/Restoration Manager Ed Dedick, and Jerry Frye for allowing our Club to hold the autocross at their facility.

*Bill Shearer*



## TECH TIP

By CKCC Member Bob Lacoste

### C5 CORVETTE EBCM MESSAGE

Perhaps you have had the message on your C5's Driver Information Center read out: Check Traction Control or Check ABS or Check Active Handling. It may be activated by your Electronic Brake Control Module (EBCM). This is the electronic control for these systems, which is mounted to the ABS hydraulic section of your ABS Brake System.

This happened to our 2002 C5 so I have a friend/mechanic at a Chevrolet dealership that checked it out and verified that the EBCM was indeed the problem and he told me that a lot of C5's have this problem and that 90 percent of the time the EBCM was the cause. Then came the real bad news — the part was \$1,400 plus tax and the labor to match the new part to the system in the car was one hour or \$105 plus tax. So, I politely thanked my friend and said I'd have to think about it as you can hit reset button three times and then again three times and the message center will clear the message until you shut off the car, at which time you will have to repeat the process each time you restart the car.

So I did some research and found a company called "Module Master" that will repair your EBCM for \$150 plus \$24 FedEx with insurance included and can return your repaired unit usually within one week.

The process includes reflow solenoid and ABS relay printed circuit board or "PCB"; reassembly with new solder and resealing the module housing. This repair comes with a five-year warranty to original purchaser of the rebuilt item and is plug

and play with no reprogramming fee to be done by the dealership or repair shop.

The EBCM unit is held to the hydraulic section of the ABS Brake Control locator left front of the engine behind the radiator fan shroud and is held in place with six small #20 torx screws, and has



one large wire connector assembly, which has a locking lever holding the connector in place. After removing the connector and the six small torx screws (you will need a torx 20 bit about 1 to 2-inches long) to remove the screws. The module might need to be gently pried off the ABS unit since there is a small bead of sealant to keep moisture from getting to EBCM and/or ABS unit. When you reinstall the unit, put a film of Vaseline on the seal to reseal to ABS unit so no moisture can enter. Reinstall the six screws and connect your multi-pin connector and your good to go, no reprogramming necessary.

The Unit worked perfectly for me.

The company that provides this service and repair is:

Module Master

2006 S. Main, Moscow, ID 83843

Phones: 1-888-892-0764, 1-208-892-0764

Email: [info@modulemaster.com](mailto:info@modulemaster.com)

Web site: [www.modulemaster.com](http://www.modulemaster.com)





# **Porsche vs Corvette** **Auto X Challenge 2017**

The kickoff for a first Porches versus Corvettes autocross began with just a telephone conversation between our Competition Director Kevin Charles, and Ken Marshall of the Space Coast Porsche Club, with a meeting to follow.



Both clubs wanted to make a donation to the American Muscle Car Museum President/ Owner Mark Pieloch for his favorite charity, as a small token of our appreciation and thanks for allowing us to hold autocrosses on his Museum property. Representatives from the Porsche Club, Ken Marshall, Craig Barrie and Carmine DeVito met with Kevin and myself on Sunday, May 28 to share our thoughts on the event structure.

We agreed on the number of drivers (12), the amount of runs (10), the \$50 entry fee per driver, a \$500 club donation from each club, the number of course workers (eight minimum) required from each club, and a date to hold the event (October 28). We also discussed ground rules for driver skills (no wringers, no pros), type of cars that would be eligible to compete and commemorative shirts for the drivers. The Porsche Club hosted this year's challenge and in 2018 it will be Cape Kennedy's turn.

The last meeting was held with most of the volunteers and drivers from each club attending

and receiving their shirts. Ken Marshall gathered us together to go over the rules of the day, safety guidelines, the course layout and the time lines for the event and answer any questions. The main message shared to the group, was this is going to be fun event.

I arrived at the Museum a little after 7 a.m., unloaded the car and welcomed Kevin who had just come back from Arizona. We then let everybody know we were going to walk the track. For those not familiar with autocross racing, walking the track helps with making decisions on the lines to take throughout the course and track visualization. It also gives drivers the opportunity to ask question and receive feedback from the more experienced drivers. We had just completed walking through the double loop box area, when we heard the announcement to gather at the timing area to go over how the Porsche Club planned to run the event. After discussions were completed, Kevin and I had to finish the Tech Inspection of our cars but that unfortunately didn't leave us time to complete walking the course.



Twenty-four cars, alternating Porsches and Corvettes, lined up for the parade lap and event. We made all five runs continuously in one group but I found this to be too long sitting in the car, which affected my concentration. After completing our runs I spoke with Kevin to







meet with the Porsche team and suggested that we breakdown the second session of five runs in two groups of 12 cars. Our suggestion was accepted and the drivers notified of the change. During the break we had the opportunity to look at the posted times. The Corvette Team times were multiple seconds slower than the Porsche Team. We were going to have to greatly improve our times in the second session to have any hope of winning the cup.

During the second session, we did improve our times but so did the Porsche drivers. After giving a valiant effort, we were beaten by an average of almost six seconds. (The formula for the time is based on taking the best time from the top 10 competitors from each club, adding their times and dividing by 10 to obtain the average time).

No excuses but our team did consist of mixture of experienced and seasoned autocrossers, to those with little and no autocross driving experience. We hope to improve our driving skills next year by holding more test and tune events and driver schools to help make those improvements and be more competitive.

Our congratulations to the Space Coast Porsche Club Team for winning the inaugural event.

On behalf of CKCC, I would like to thank Glover Oil and Stateside Marine for sponsoring the shirts and the members of the Space Coast Porsche Club for their sportsmanship, friendship and the good-natured ribbing. I also thank our club members who participated, worked and were spectators, and to Geoff Bodine for being a driver.

We're looking forward to hosting the Porsche vs Corvette Auto X Challenge 2018.

*Bill Shearer*



*A symbolic check for \$600 was presented to Mark Pieloch for his pet adoption charity and he intern presented the Auto X trophy to the Porsche club.*



## CKCC Wins Big at Vettes on the Avenue Show



On Saturday, October 21 CKCC members living north of the Merritt Island Moose Lodge caravanned from the Lodge to Melbourne to participate in the Space Coast Vettes on the Avenue annual show. Members south of the Lodge joined the caravan at Rosner Chevrolet so CKCC cars could be displayed together. Located in the downtown area on streets lined with quaint shops and great restaurants, it's always a pleasant venue for a show. This year several CKCC members won Top 25 awards and our Club received the Most Club Participants award, which has been the case most every year. Space Coast Vettes also supports CKCC's annual show with a large number of participants and usually receives the same award.

## Upcoming NCCC and CKCC Events

Dec. 2: Toy Run, 12 noon at Eckler's Corvette, Grissom Pkwy.

Dec. 9: Three Concours, CG, Ft. Myers, FL

Dec. 9: CKCC Christmas Party at Rockledge Country Club, 6:30 till 10 p.m.

Dec. 10: NCCC Regional Meeting, (11 a.m.), Carl Black Chevrolet

Jan 6-14: Mecum Auction in Kissimmee

Jan 11-14: NCRS Fun & Sun in Lakeland

## Annual Toy Run Saturday, December 2



**For details, see flyer on last page.**

---

## Get 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.

ROGER WOLF, CKCC Photographer  
Merritt Island, FL  
321-459-5084  
photographer@ckcc.club

## Join Our Facebook Group

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

All you have to do is be a paid up member of CKCC, go to my FB page and Friend Me (Roger Wolf in Merritt Island) and request to be added to the group.



## Letters from Students Who Received CKCC Scholarships

Thank you Cape Kennedy Corvette Club!

I would like to send my appreciation and thanks for this generous scholarship for the fall semester. Everything helps when it comes to trying to pay for tuition, fees, books, etc. I am originally from a small town in Michigan and am a first generation college student. I live in Florida for work now and have fallen in love with the community. I do work full time so my degree has been a longer process but never ceased importance. The hard work put into college is always rewarded with much support and is part of what keeps the enthusiasm to get through those tough classes. Nothing is ever accomplished alone, and the generosity from the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club for the award of this scholarship is highly appreciated. This donation will help me continue to work towards my degree and end goal of becoming a Biomedical Engineer. Every step towards this degree is a step towards my future and I am extremely grateful for those who are helping me get there. Thank you again!

*Very Respectfully,  
Katie Skrzypczak, Rockledge*

Hi, my name is Yasmyn Lopez and I am so thankful to have been chosen for the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club Scholarship! I live in Palm Bay with my mom who is a teacher, and my dad who is currently unemployed. Because of my family's financial situation my parents have not been able to help out with my school fees. So when I saw that I had received this scholarship I was ecstatic. I work a part time job at a movie theater that doesn't always provide the best hours but I have been trying very hard to save money for my class and book fees. This scholarship was such a help for me to reach my goals of becoming a nurse. After I graduate from Eastern Florida I hope to get accepted into the nursing program at UCF. After being a nurse for a while I want to expand my schooling and get my masters to become a nurse practitioner. I am so excited to begin my career as a nurse! Again, thank you for choosing me for this scholarship, I am very grateful!

*Sincerely,  
Yasmyn, Palm Bay*

A big thank you to the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club on the very generous scholarship opportunity that I received for this up and coming fall semester! Your donation is greatly appreciated and lifts a big burden off of my shoulders in not having to worry about the stress of not having enough funds to fulfill the high costs of college. I can focus all of my attention on trying to balance going to school full time and having a full time job as well.

To tell you a little bit about myself, I am originally born in Summit New Jersey but moved to Merritt Island Florida when I was three years old. I received my AA degree a few years ago from Eastern Florida State College, and currently I'm in the third semester of the two-year Aerospace Technology Program, and I absolutely love it. Space has always intrigued me, so what better place to experience it than on the Space Coast of Florida! I love the fact that we as humans have so much unknown about the universe, that it's a great mystery and that anything is possible.

In my first two semesters in this particular program I have made Deans list both semesters! I have put in a lot of hard work trying to balance school and work but I'm doing the best I can. I hope to accomplish continued success while I finish up my last year here at Eastern Florida State College, learning new things everyday. My goals after graduation are to get my career going in the booming Aerospace field. This semester us students are eligible to start interning for the many different companies and I'm very excited about that!

So I just want to thank you again. I'm very grateful for the generous donation by the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club.

*Sincerely,  
Stephen Forgino, Titusville*





## 2017 Club Sponsors

### DIAMOND

USSG

### EMERALD

(available)

### PLATINUM

***The Vette Doctor***

### GOLD

***Beckman-Williamson Funeral Homes***

***Eckler's Corvette***

### SILVER

***Blue Ridge Awards & Engraving***

***Cemex***

***Fishlips***

***N Sync Computers***

***Ruddicks Detail***

## Volunteer Chairpersons for 2017

### CHARITABLE DONATIONS

***Judi Merrill, Patsy Shearer and***

***Brenda Texeira***

charity@ckcc.club

### HISTORIAN

***(Chairmanship Open)***

historian@ckcc.club

### MEMBERSHIP

***Randy Anderson***

***Richard Dobsha***

***Faye Leschitz***

### PHOTOGRAPHER & SPOILER GRAPHIC DESIGN & PRODUCTION

***Roger Wolf***

photographer@ckcc.club

### PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

publicity@ckcc.club

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

***Karla Camarata***

social@ckcc.club

### SPOILER EDITOR

***Patsy Shearer***

editor@ckcc.club

### WEB SITE

***George and Kristy Halkovic***

webmaster@ckcc.club

### 50/50 DRAWING

***Christine Dobsha***

50/50@ckcc.club

### ANNUAL CAR SHOW CHAIRMAN

***(Chairmanship Open)***



# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Brevard County Corvette Clubs



## TOY RUN



**When: 12:00pm Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> - (Rain or Shine)**

**Where: Eckler's New Warehouse and Showroom**

**50/50**

**7980 Grissom Parkway Titusville, FL**

**DJ**

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

**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: Baja Chowder and Seafood**

**626 Glenn Cheek Drive Cape Canaveral, FL**

**For more details: [www.ckcc.club](http://www.ckcc.club) or call (321) 452-6993**

**Special Thanks To: The Brevard County Sheriff's Office,**

**The Canaveral Fire Department, and**



**Baja  
Chowder and Seafood**