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PREZ SEZ...

Well as we welcome the new year and say goodbye to last year filled with many challenges that we never expected or dreamed would happen in our life time. To the 2020 CKCC Board, and Past President Randy Anderson, I appreciate all your efforts during a very trying time. Even through the pandemic we were able to host 14-event weekend autocross races in October and November and the annual Corvette Toy Run in December, which was a huge success.



Bill Shearer

AUTOCROSS RACING

Our CKCC Racing Team was number one in the NCCC Florida region for the second time with Veronica Duys garnering the number one woman position; and Jason Brzozowski earning the number two man. Plus, many of our members finished in the Top 10 and 20. Our thanks to all the competitors and workers. Without your support and help this would not be possible. A special thanks to the owner of the American Muscle Car Museum Mark Pieloch for letting us use his property and especially his staff: Ed, Jerry and Andrew.

KICKING OFF 2021

The Social Committee began holding our monthly first Sunday Brunches at Fishlip's in January, followed by a Valentine's Day Cruise-In to The Black Hammock restaurant near Oviedo. We resumed holding monthly general membership meetings beginning on

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the second Thursday in February at the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island. The Racing Team hosted the Corvette vs. Porsche AutoX Challenge on February 27; and its first 14-event NCCC autocross on March 13 and 14.

Unfortunately this year's *Vettes at the Port Show*, which we usually hold the middle of



April, had to be cancelled since the Canaveral Port Authority's Covid-19 pandemic safety protocol policy hasn't permitted any outside events at the Port.

Other activities planned for the future, include working with the manager of the Moose Lodge to host Saturday Cars & Coffee events in the parking lot. The Moose now serves a full breakfast menu on weekends that it posts on its electronic outdoor sign, which may help promote Cars & Coffee. The Social Committee is working on additional events for club members to enjoy throughout the year, including an April cruise-in and possibly a club only Fun Rally in the future.

Our CKCC Racing Team is also assessing holding a Test & Tune autocross with walking, driving and classroom type instructions by the top drivers in the club.

I look forward to seeing all the current and new members in the coming months as we return back to some sort of normalcy.

Save the Wave,

Bill

SOCIAL EVENTS

By Lois Lacoste

Sunday Brunches

Some club members who were looking for some normalcy in our return to Sunday Brunch at Fishlips, decided to join us on Sunday, January 3rd, February 7th and March 7th. There were approximately 17 members in attendance in January, 23 in February and 35 in March. As more and more members receive their COVID-19 vaccine, they seem to feel more comfortable gathering at functions with other club members. We wore masks upon entering the restaurant and used the hand sanitizers provided. And the restaurant staff social distanced the tables according the CDC guidelines so everyone could feel more comfortable getting together.

APRIL BRUNCH MOVED TO SECOND SUNDAY (APRIL 11)

Our usual "first Sunday" Brunch at Fishlips has however been changed for our April Brunch, as the first Sunday of April this year is Easter and Mike, the manager is very grateful that we volunteered to move our club Brunch to Sunday, April 11th as he expects to be very busy on Easter.

We look forward to more members feeling comfortable enough to join us for future brunches, cruise-ins and club meetings. The general membership meetings also have seen an increase in participation since the beginning of the year in the beautifully remodeled Moose Lodge hall where the staff arranges the tables with social distancing in mind.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRUISE-IN

Club activities and Cruise-Ins are finally back on the 2021 social events calendar. Our first Cruise-In took place on Valentine's Day. With masks and social distancing intact, we met at the Titusville Lowe's store parking lot with approximately 20 Corvettes and many anxious club members to begin a new year with COVID19 restrictions of 2020 behind us. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed an hour



drive to the Black Hammock Restaurant on Lake Jessup, near Oviedo. The restaurant manager provided reserved parking for the



Corvettes and we had a separate dining area just for our approximately 45 club members. Great turn out!

All the ladies received a small heart-shaped box of chocolates from the club and we selected our food and drinks from a great menu. Many members reported enjoyment of the food, especially the corn fritters! While waiting for dinner to be served, the manager introduced us to their baby alligator, "Pickles".



Several brave ladies stepped forward to hold him – they're very cute when they're little.

In their wildlife area, there were many more (larger) alligators and some beautiful talking parrots. Some members enjoyed the Gift Shop and ventured out on the dock area by the airboats where more alligators were visible sunning themselves on the banks of the lake. Airboat rides on the lake were also available, however, the late afternoon showers started to move in and club members decided to head home.

It was so nice to have members together again and enjoy our first Cruise-In of 2021.

The Social Committee has planned our next Cruise-In for April 24. See details in UPCOMING EVENTS on page 10.



Pitfalls of Headers Installation

By Bill Kassebaum



Photo 1 – Header installation from below looking to rear.

A lot of us have thought about installing headers on our Corvettes to boost the engine performance with increased engine torque and resultant horsepower.

But whether you plan to install the headers yourself or have it done by a friend or professional, there are some things you need to watch out for and verify will not be an issue later.

Some of you may know that my wife Lynn and I recently acquired a new to us 2007 Z06. When we bought the car it had a set of American Racing Headers installed (Photo 1).

I assumed that the headers had been installed correctly with no existing issues. I was wrong. I found three issues with the header installation that could have had potentially serious and costly problems soon. Two involved transmission fluid and engine oil cooling lines in direct contact with the header tubing (Photos 2 & 3). Either of these issues could have led to a catastrophic failure of the small tubing which would lead to loss of transmission fluid or engine oil and eminent failure due to lack of lubrication.



Photos 2, 3, & 4 – Left to right, transmission fluid tubing, engine oil tubing, and starter wires in contact with headers.

The third involved the starter control wiring in contact with the header tubing (Photo 4). The starter wiring was inside an insulated sheath, but it would not have likely protected the wiring for much longer as it was already showing signs of damage. It was not designed for protection with direct contact with an exhaust pipe.

The solution to these three issues I identified were solved with two different methods. The transmission and engine line contact with the headers were mitigated by first providing clearance and then applying insulation to further protect the lines from the heat of the header tubing. These two issues were the

more difficult fixes. The starter control wiring harness had sufficient slack that it was simply tie wrapped to the main battery cables going the starter (Photo 5).

The transmission fluid and engine oil cooling line tubing were both carefully bent away from contact with the header tubes sufficiently to permit installation of insulation and secured with stainless steel tie wraps.



Photo 5 – Starter control wires tie wrapped to main battery cable insulation.

Since addressing each of these issues, I have autocrossed the C6Z three days (21 events) and had no issues with the car. I inspected the headers and tubing/wiring each day after racing and have found that all fixes are holding up well.



Top photo: Transmission lines and
Bottom: Engine oil lines with air gap clearance and insulation.



The thermal insulation and stainless tie wraps used for the transmission fluid and engine oil cooling lines that were in contact with the header tubing.

CKCC 2021 RACING TEAM SPRINGS FORWARD

By James Patterson



CKCC is NUMBER ONE in the (NCCC) NATION! Thanks to the workers and racers that represent CKCC, we have compiled 2131 points at our March Autocross. Several of our racers also competed at Green Cove Springs, FL so more points are on the way. At this time, Steve Goodbread (pictured above) is #1 in the nation. We have 22 of the top 31 men in the nation. We also have 10 of the top 15 women in the nation. We are more than 1600 points ahead of the closest club. Great team work by many.

OUR MARCH AUTOCROSS

Two of the most beautiful days that I have seen in a long time were spent autocrossing at the American Muscle Car Museum (AMCM) on the 13th and 14th. This really is the premier site. We had a great time! Last fall was a completely different situation and I hope we are never going to repeat that weather again. I was concerned that last year's weather would negatively affect our worker turn out and it did but thanks to volunteer member Phil Strode we were able to get the right people in the right place and it worked.

On Saturday, we brought in racers from around the nation — Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana and the South East Region — with some very talented drivers and fast cars. Thirty-seven racers competed on a track setup to emulate the Corvette vs. Porsche AutoX Challenge course. I wanted to give all CKCC members a chance to drive the "Challenge Course" and give everyone a chance to say, "You should put me in the challenge next year." Connie Kostyra stepped up to lead the day of registration. It went extremely smooth on Sunday.

On Sunday we had 34 racers that competed on a very different course. Everyone got their money's worth because of the vast difference. Sunday ran very smoothly and we were able to complete all runs before 3 p.m., making a total of 28 runs for the two days.

We had a gross income of \$3,425 but also have many expenses and overhead, even so we did well.

Thanks again to all of the racers who competed and supported our event. Most of all, thank you to all of the workers who were able to come out and really make this event a success.

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PORSCHE AUTO-X CHALLENGE

The 2021 Corvette vs. Porsche AutoX Challenge we hosted on February 27 and 28 is now complete. I spoke to Ken Marshall of the Porsche Club and he gave a glowing review of the day and the organization. He especially praised the relationship between our clubs and the ability to work together and put on an extremely successful event. CKCC won high praise.

The event went very well. We started on time and had very few delays. Twenty-four racers competed and each racer had 10 runs to improve their time. We completed all of the runs and paused to make sure everyone had 10 good times. I finally called the race complete at 12:39 p.m. Wow, you guys are amazing! Another big win for CKCC!



The CKCC women did extremely well. Veronica Duys (pictured) beat all of their women and at least one of their guys. That part of the strategy was a win for CKCC.



We set up a course that was smooth and fast. I believe it gave an edge to CKCC. Four racers were very fast and actually got down to 40 seconds. Fortunately, two represented CKCC, Jason Brzozowski and Steve Goodbread. Steve won Fastest Time of The Day. Another big win for CKCC!

We did the calculation and developed the composite average time for both clubs. The Porsche Club posted a 42.385 second time and CKCC came in at 42.585 so very close, yet not a win. We have come a long way since last year and will keep working on getting faster. Thank you to all of the workers who made this event possible. Thank you to all of the racers who represented CKCC. Thank you to Tyrone Tice for stepping up at the last minute.

Most of all, thank you to Bill Shearer for guiding me through my first Challenge, handling the T shirts, and starting this great tradition, the CKCC Corvette vs. Porsche AutoX Challenge!

FALL AUTOCROSS SCHEDULE

On October 16th and 17th, we have our Corvette Mustang Shootout. Unlike the Porsche Challenge, all are encouraged to attend and compete. Who are the fastest 12 drivers/cars in CKCC?

On November 20th and 21st we will host what will probably be the last Autocross of the NCCC season. We could close out the season in a very strong way.

Members Take Part in Popular Car Show

This year's *Celebration of Cars* show put on by the Antique Auto Club of America's Cape Canaveral Region on March 27, was once again held at the *American Muscle Car Museum* in Melbourne. In 2019 Dennis Gage of the TV show *My Classic Car* fame,

included a piece about it for one of his shows, which was broadcast later that year.

Show registrants each received free admission to the Museum and spectators gained admission by making a \$20 donation, which may have contributed to the large turnout, including 540 vehicles displayed and hundreds more in spectators.

The show is open to antique to modern vehicles of all makes and some CKCC members entered their Vettes or other cars they own.



Keith Bernkrant with his 58 that won a Top 25 Award



Beth Cavallaro with her husband's rat rod



← Connie Kostyra with her C2



(L to R): Peter & Barbara Lenhard and Barbara & John Franklin. Standing: Mary & Mitch Morgan and his sister.



Long Time Member 'Ties The Knot'



Kevin Charles, who has been the CKCC Competition Director and handled and competed in numerous autocross races for a number of years, got married to Amanda Wotton at the *Edward Postell Porcher House* in Cocoa Village on March 27.



NCCC GOVERNOR'S REPORT By Zachary Duys

ANNUAL CONVENTION

NCCC Convention is being sponsored by the East Ohio Region and will be held June 12-18 in Cleveland. Registration is currently \$200 per person until April 30th, then rates go up to \$225 per person. Registration includes the hospitality room, the Welcome party, Tuesday Game night, Thursday theme party with H'ors doeuvres, and Friday night Awards Dinner. When you register you will have the option to include additional diners, events and tours. Spectators are welcome at all events.

The host hotel is Embassy Suites Cleveland/Rockside. Please register for the Convention first, as you will need your registration number to get the discounted hotel rates. Convention information and registration can be found at: <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2021Convention/Convention2021.php>.

TIRE RAFFLE

The next Michelin Tire Raffle is being held May 1st with all proceeds to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Entries must be received by April 14th. The entry form and information can be found at <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Charity/FreeTiresForm.pdf>.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

The Michelin NCM Annual Bash is being held April 22-24. Registration closes April 6th with rates ranging from \$20-\$40. The fee includes classes, seminars and car and vendor shows. Hot laps on the Museum's Motor Sport Park (MSP) track are also available. There is a High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) event available at the MSP on April 19-20. The fee is \$499 for two days, however the Novice Class is already full and the Intermediate Class is filling up quickly. The NCM's annual Anniversary Celebration will be held on Labor Day weekend. More details to follow as we get closer to the event.

Upcoming Events

4/8: Club Meeting/Dinner, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose, N. Courtenay Pkwy. (S.R. 3)

4/11: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. (Note date change), Fishlips, Port Canaveral

4/17: NCCC Low Speed NFCA 7-event autocross, Green Cove Springs, FL

Go to the following for flyer: www.ncccsouth.com

4/24*: Stuart C.C. Show, caravan from Rockledge Mall (U.S. 1), departs 9:30 a.m.

5/2: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

5/8: Low Speed AutoX (6-event) Cypress Gardens C.C., Fun & Sun

5/?: Club Meeting/Dinner 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose, N. Courtenay Pkwy. (S.R. 3)

5/22*: Tentative Social Event, Dezerland Museum, International Dr., S. Orlando

6/10: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Fishlips, Port Canaveral

6/?: Club Meeting/Dinner 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose, N. Courtenay Pkwy. (S.R. 3)

6/13-18: NCCC Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH (See details in NCCC

Governor's Report on page 9)

* April 24—Several members of CKCC are entering the Corvettes at Keizer Car Show, hosted by the Stuart Corvette Club in Port Saint Lucie. Our Social Committee decided to make a day of the event. Those not entering a car in the show can meet at the Rockledge Mall, located on the east side of U.S.1 just south of Rosa Jones Blvd. The show is scheduled to end at 2:30 p.m. and we will go one exit north on I-95 to the West End Grill restaurant for lunch/dinner. The restaurant is rated 4.4 and John and Barbara Franklin tried it out and had a great meal. There are large indoor and outdoor dining areas and ample parking for our Vettes.

* May 22—We are planning a social function on International Drive, south of Orlando, by attending the Dezerland Auto Museum and dining somewhere afterward.

Welcome, New Members!

Collins Barber — Collins recently became a new member of CKCC. He lives in Sanford and owns 63, 70, 72 and 09 Vettes. His main interest is autocross racing and to be part of the CKCC Racing Team.

Robert & Donna Beiler — The Beiler's joined our club in March. They live in West Melbourne and own 63 black and 2015 red coupes. They're interested in cruise-ins.

Chris Duba — Chris also joined our club in March and lives in Cocoa Beach. He owns a

2015 blue coupe and is interested in cruise-ins and autocross racing.

Steve & Kelly Gjerme — Also becoming new CKCC members in March, the couple owns a 2012 silver coupe and live in Merritt Island.

Homer Piercy & Shirleen Miller — The couple, who live in Cocoa, also became members in March. They own an 88 red coupe and are interested in cruise-ins, car shows and social events.

Bruce & Mary Wentzel — The Wentzel's also became members of our club in March and live in Milford, Michigan (snowbirds?). They own a 2016 Shark Grey coupe and are interested in autocross racing.

LIMITED NUMBER OF DRIVERS AND WORKERS PERMITTED AT PORSCHE CHALLENGE AUTOCROSS

I would like to express our appreciation to all the CKCC members who worked and competed in this year's Porsche vs. Corvette AutoX Challenge. I know there are some of you who volunteered to work but were turned down as well as those who just wanted to be a spectator. Unfortunately we had to follow the guidelines that only drivers and workers be allowed on site — no spectators due to Covid pandemic restrictions that were instituted by America Muscle Car Museum and NCCC. Not having spectators cheering for the drivers competing did put a damper on the overall event for both clubs.

For those of you who wanted to compete in the Challenge but didn't get selected, there were only nine spots open for men and three for women. The selection process is very difficult because of who is going to be left off the team and sitting on the sidelines.

To be competitive against the Porsches and have the best chance to win, we needed to select the best and fastest drivers of the club. Each year the selection of drivers will

become more difficult because of the improvement of everyone's driving skills and future new members who want to take part.

Sadly, this year's Challenge was once again won by the Porsche club. However, Steve Goodbread, driving his new (55) car, had the overall Fastest Time of the Day (FTD), beating all Corvette and Porsche drivers best time.

The first year of the Challenge we lost by more than six seconds but this year by only 2/10th of one second so we have improved tremendously and are sooo close to that 1st. win. We put the Porsche club on notice that we are going to be a serious threat to their dominance.

Unfortunately next year's Challenge shirt will have another star added on the Porsche sleeve. I was hoping like hell we would stop the trend but there is always next year to finally become victorious.

A special thanks to the following sponsors who covered the cost of this year's shirts: Keith Bernkrant (EAA Corp.), Keith Shook (N Sync Computer Systems), and Zach and Roni Duys (Duys Marine Electronics).

*Sincerely,
Bill Shearer*

Club	Name	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Run 8	Run 9	Run 10	Best
Corvette	Goodbread	42.410	41.669		41.855	41.144	43.315	41.006	42.095	40.405	40.658	40.405
Porsche	K Marshall	43.220	42.306	41.355	41.619	40.441	41.194	40.779	40.489	40.575	40.834	40.441
Porsche	Krivo	43.802	42.473	42.050	42.013		41.647		40.532	41.116	40.912	40.532
Corvette	Brzozowski	43.769	43.678	43.516	43.576	42.931	45.652	41.228		43.935	40.974	40.974
Corvette	Reardon	43.409	43.076	42.004	44.176	44.027	41.813	44.007	44.230	41.953	43.504	41.813
Corvette	Z Duys	46.277	43.836	43.949	45.378	44.793	44.117	43.091	42.042	42.133	42.340	42.042
Porsche	Strater			46.101	43.051	42.641	42.469	42.175	43.839	42.273		42.175
Porsche	T. Marshall	43.237	42.944	42.897	42.639	42.629	42.785	42.526	42.283	42.403	42.478	42.283
Porsche	Layman	44.064			43.980	43.239	42.504	42.590	42.292	43.060	42.856	42.292
Corvette	Shearer	47.102	43.898	43.725	45.638	42.348	42.434	44.892	42.643	42.931	47.983	42.348
Porsche	Lund	45.828	45.223	43.389	42.600	43.155	43.537	42.768	42.733	43.006	42.673	42.600
Corvette	Moss	45.172	44.768	43.820	43.853	43.564	43.714	42.845	42.830	42.735	43.203	42.735
Porsche	Kraemer	45.795	43.824		42.837	43.345	42.911	42.905	46.890	44.310	43.309	42.837
Porsche	DeVito	43.347	43.605	43.889	42.883							42.883
Corvette	R Duys	48.772	46.912	45.015	45.007	44.169	44.220	43.438	47.321	43.141	43.191	43.141
Porsche	Prusaski	48.019	46.032	44.927	44.691	44.911	47.818	48.444	45.966	44.230	43.191	43.191
Corvette	Patterson	50.509	45.594	44.703	44.416	43.400	43.837	46.257	44.788	47.702	44.530	43.400
Corvette	Acton	48.361	49.416	46.336	44.119	45.440	44.307		45.507	44.353	44.119	44.119
Porsche	Colgan			45.352	45.480	45.217	44.641	50.153	46.428	48.593	44.567	44.567
Corvette	Tice	47.962	47.916	46.490	47.046	46.805	44.983	45.476	44.874	46.199	45.114	44.874
Corvette	Kostyra	48.982	48.357	46.715	48.462	46.265	46.132	47.737	48.486	45.518	45.548	45.518
Porsche	Hambidge	50.488	48.488	49.955		49.535	48.219	46.744	45.768	46.557	46.617	45.768
Corvette	Campbell	49.464	48.735	49.159	48.441	48.291	47.644	47.119	48.580	47.936	47.804	47.119
Porsche	Hoffman		49.679	47.814	47.591	47.912	48.264	48.184	48.867	47.945	48.501	47.591

	Corvette	Porsche
Top 3 Times	41.064	41.049
Mid 4 Times	42.567	42.503
Bottom 3 Times	44.131	43.547
2 Dropped Times	46.3185	46.6795

	Total	Average
Porsche	425.851	42.585
Corvette	423.801	42.380

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