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PREZ SEZ

Happy Early Fall, everyone!

Yes, I agree, it does not feel much like fall here — yet. But we all know that the rest of the country is gearing up for beautiful

trees filled with stunning color, jackets, apples, pumpkins and fall festivals. If you happen to be one of those who still enjoy another home in such places, or who are planning to visit these places, be sure to share your photos so we can enjoy it also.

By September it hopefully will be starting to cool down a bit and we will be seeing more fall car shows popping up around us. If you know of any, or are planning to attend them, please share those shows with us so we can spread the word. There might be a few others who want to join you.

Our social committee is keeping us busy with lots of new cruises and places to eat. If you have not joined us in any of these, please come out and participate. We try to update everyone at least once a month via email with a list of planned excursions. Keep that email and add those events to your calendar. And sometimes we update the Facebook page. Although I know that is not always a guarantee. The official contact method is via your email address, though. If you are not receiving club emails, please let us know and we will get your information updated so you receive those missives.

Fall is the official membership renewal time. You will be receiving instructions on how to renew very soon, with plans to again be able to renew and pay online, as was done



President Janice Greene

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last year, via our CKCC webpage. As always, late renewals will be charged a late fee. Keep an eye out for that email notification.

Here are a few of standing dates that occur monthly. Put these on your calendar so you don't miss anything!

Sunday Brunch – The first Sunday of each month at Gators Portside, Port Canaveral 10:00 AM.

Club Membership Meeting – The second Tuesday of each month at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, 5:30 PM. Business meeting portion begins at 7:00 PM

Ladies Breakfast – The third Wednesday of each month. Location changes monthly.

Please ask any lady member for that month's location. If you are not receiving the emails with that information in it, please let us know so we can update your email.

As always, ALL events are subject to change due to weather or other issues. We always try to send out an email and update the Facebook page with emergency notifications. If you are in doubt, check the webpage or contact me.

Looking forward to some cooler weather soon! I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events.

Janice

Sunday Brunch at Gators Portside



By Pam and Steve Hepp

We are pleased to say that there has been a successful transition of the location of the CKCC Sunday monthly brunch. Thanks to all for being flexible and patient with the change from Fishlips to Gators Portside at Port Canaveral.

After serving our club members for four consecutive months, with 40 or more in attendance, General Manager Trevor and Manager Kristen have been listening to us and have been responsive to our needs. Both have expressed to us how very pleased they are to host our club.

The brunch will continue to be held on the

first Sunday of each month, and the doors open at 10 a.m. Tables are arranged with eight seats per table, as well as some booths for four. You may order from the brunch menu or the regular menu and two complimentary mimosas per person are provided. Gators has a rewards points program should you wish to sign up. It is good at all Gators Dockside locations.

Trevor told us he really enjoys seeing all our awesome Corvettes in the parking lot. He has even offered to host a CKCC cruise in, should the club desire it. Trevor also indicated a willingness to provide our club an area to dine together after the Christmas Toy Run.





Members Tour Historic Melbourne Home

By Beth Cavallaro

August 17 was a beautiful Saturday for a CKCC cruise-in to Green Gables in Melbourne. This historic home is located on 1.3 acres of prime riverfront green space in the middle of the Downtown Melbourne area. Admission included a tour of the house for a donation towards its ongoing restoration. Club members parked their 10 Vettes under beautiful shade trees along the river and enjoyed a lunch from Sweet and Salt food truck and drinks by Green Gables. One of our members commented, "I have lived here since 1969 and never been here." Everyone enjoyed the tour and the awesome setting. The home was built in 1896 by industrialist William T. Wells and Nora Stanford Wells. Together they built

Melbourne's first library, high school and auditorium, and also donated land for Wells Park and the site on which Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is built.







New Waterside Cruise-in Did Not Disappoint

By Janet Hoy

On Saturday, July 20 CKCC did a new dinner cruise-in to River Deck Tiki Bar & Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. Even though the weather forecast was iffy it turned out fine with 31 members in 18 vehicles converging at Titusville's Sand Point Park to caravan to

the restaurant. The food and service were great at the restaurant's breezy riverfront location plus most of us were able to park our Vettes in a row waterside for a mini show.

Overall it turned out to be a very nice cruise-in that everyone seemed to enjoy.





Crab Restaurant Cruise-In, a Feast and a Treat!

By Peter Lenhard

On Saturday, August 31 about 40 CKCC members met for a cruise-in to Autumn's Crab restaurant in Rockledge. It was difficult to choose from the menu because they offered seafood boil bags, oysters, crabs, shellfish, mollusks and three types of seafood soup. If a member selected the seafood boil bag, the first item to choose was the two types of seafood desired.

The second choice was the flavors for the seafood such as lemon pepper, house Cajun, Old Bay, etc. Finally, the heat is selected from mild to extra hot. The people at my table, who ordered the seafood boil, were very happy. It was a feast and a treat!

It is always nice to socialize with our fellow club members. The cruise-in allows all to try new restaurants that we might not enter on our own. My favorite part is all the laughter that occurs. Great for the heart and soul. The social committee does such a super job finding great places. I wonder where we are going next month.





RAINY DAY DIDN'T DAMPEN GET TOGETHER

By Brenda Teixeira

On a rainy July Saturday about 30 CKCC members got together to enjoy some camaraderie and good food.

We met at the *Tequila Veintiuno Mexican Cuisine* restaurant in the Cocoa Commons shopping center on the 27th at 4:30.

The margaritas were great as well as the variety of tacos and their great Mexican corn.

If you missed this, please check for emails from CKCC, our Facebook Group page or the CKCC.club web site for upcoming events.

Till then, enjoy life and keep a smile on your face so people will wonder what you have been up to.

"Save the Wave!"

Upcoming Events*

- Sept. 1:** CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Gators Portside, Port Canaveral
- Sept. 7:** CKCC Cruise-in, Hanksters Hot Rods & North Turn restaurant, Daytona
- Sept. 10:** CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose
- Sept. 14:** CKCC Cruise-in, Beef O'Bradys, Merritt Island, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21:** CKCC Cruise-in, The Dock at River Rocks Bar & Grill, Rockledge, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28:** North Florida Corvette Association 7 - Event Low Speed Autocross, NE Florida Fairgrounds, Callahan, FL
- Oct. 6:** CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Gators Portside, Port Canaveral
- Oct. 8:** CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose
- Oct. 12:** CKCC Cruise-in, Beef O'Bradys, Merritt Island, 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12/13:** CKCC 14 - Event Low Speed Autocross, American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne
- Oct. 19:** Space Coast Corvettes Vettes on the Avenue Show, Downtown Melbourne
- Nov. 2:** Cypress Gardens Corvette Club 7 - Event Low Speed Autocross, Sun N Fun, Lakeland
- Nov. 3:** CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Gators Portside, Port Canaveral
- Nov. 3:** NCCC Chance Rally, North Florida Corvette Association, Jacksonville
- Nov. 9:** CKCC Cruise-in, Beef O'Bradys, Merritt Island, 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12:** CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose
- Nov. 16/17:** CKCC 14 - Event Low Speed Autocross, American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne

***Events are subject to change. Please confirm before attending.**

Caring about the first Customer Corvette Race Cars a/k/a “Box Cars”

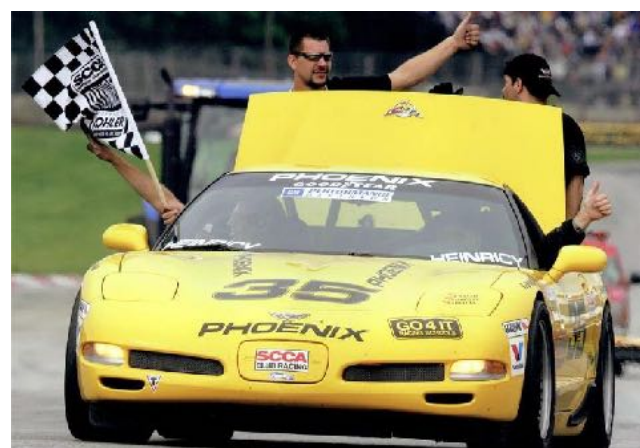
Taken from the Registry of Corvette Race Cars eNewsletter



In 1999, well before launching the current C8 Z06 GT3.R, GM sold C5 Z06 Corvette kit-cars that were never registered nor intended for street use.



They arrived as a chassis along with parts that came in boxes, hence the name “Box Car”.



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Not to be confused with the stock C5 Z06, a popular choice among SCCA club racers.



Box car customers installed the cage, mounted components, suspension pieces and altered bodywork to comply with rules - chiefly for the SCCA World Challenge Series or for the Rolex Grand Am Series or SCCA GT and ITE classes.



The Box Car emerged in the wake of the Corvette Racing Team C5.R at a time when the Dodge Viper threatened the supremacy of “America’s Sports Car.”

Following is a link to a video about the Registry of Corvette Race Cars.

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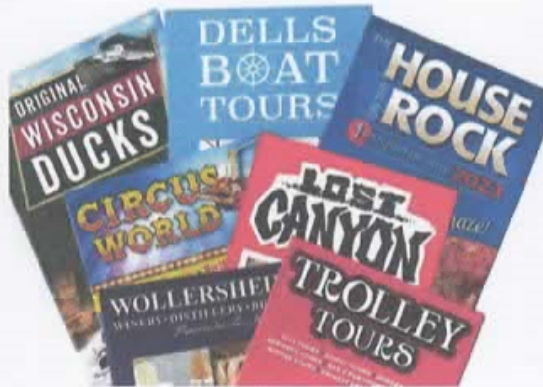
Photos By Mark Windecker

2025 NCCC Convention



We invite you to join us in the Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton area of Wisconsin for the 66th Annual NCCC Convention August 17 – 22, 2025

The Scenic Wisconsin Dells area is an exciting and beautiful resort area for to gather for partying as well as sightseeing, driving unique roads and exploring everything the area has to offer. Wisconsin Dells is the Water Park Capital of the World.



Wisconsin Dells is about an hour north of Madison, WI. There is plenty to see and do in the Dells and even more throughout the surrounding area. The Host Hotel will be the Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center conveniently located for all activities just off I-90/94 at Exit 92. The Room Rate at The Kalahari will be \$156.03 including taxes, free parking, no resort fee. Guests will have free entry to the Tom Foolery Amusement Park as well as free use of Indoor and Outdoor Water Parks. Entertainment, Parties and both Hosted Tours and Self Guided Tours are in the planning stages. Competitive Events are being planned for 2 Rallyes, 3 Drags, PC Car Show, Concours d'Elegance, Funkhana, Autocross, High Speed (not Time Trials), 2 Scavenger Hunts, Valve Cover Races and an Overall Competitor Competition.

To save travel, Speed events will be run on Tuesday (the 19th) swapping tracks around noon. Planning for the Autocross and High Speed Events is focusing on making it possible to give all competitors four runs.



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4.1 Mile High Speed Track shown in Orange



Autocross will be run on the Briggs & Stratton 8/10 mile Motorplex shown above and with an X inside the Racetrack

High Speed will run on the 4.1 Mile Racetrack

All 3 Drag events will be held on Thursday (the 21st) at the Rock Falls Raceway just south of Eau Claire, WI. It is a little ways to drive (mostly along I-90/I-94) but so worth it to drag on an NHRA 1/4 Mile track that is so clean, well maintained and professionally staffed!



www.rockfallsraceway.com



CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024
MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

President Janice Greene called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no new members or visitors in attendance. Janice recognized July birthdays and anniversaries.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Frank Storc

Frank said Patsy Sheerer is still hospitalized and she is thankful for all the good thoughts from members. Connie said she talked to Patsy this afternoon and she is hoping to go home in about three days.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

Checking account balance: \$15,104.48

Savings account balance: \$11,140.85

Petty Cash \$140

Total balance: \$27,349.26

Secretary Barbara Young

No corrections or additions were noted by members. (Since Barb was not available for the June meeting, Janice had completed the notes.)

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum

NCCC does not do competition in the summer. If anyone is interested in racing elsewhere, see Bill. The autocross races for the fall will take place on October 12-13 and November 16-17 at the American Muscle Car Museum.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys, Absent

Frank Storc provided information from Zach regarding the Regional Awards picnic 2025. The suggested location is the Cocoa Beach Pavilion, which is near the Country Club. The facility has a kitchen, a large indoor area, and is on the water. We are looking at March 2025 and are still in need of a member who

lives in Cocoa Beach who can get us a discount.

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra

Connie reported on a trip to Green Gables. The information is included with the Social Events Calendar.

OTHER REPORTS

Social Event Calendar

Committee members include Connie Kostyra, Janet Hoy, Barbara Marshall, Mary Jo Helm, and Beth Cavallaro. Connie reported the following:

- a. July's trip will be a cruise-in to the River Deck Tiki Bar in New Smyrna. Janet Hoy is facilitating. We will meet Saturday, July 20th at Sand Point Park in Titusville. There will be reserved parking. If anyone is driving on their own, the restaurant is expecting us at 3:30.
- b. This Friday is the premiere of Fly Me to the Moon in Melbourne. An email (and Facebook announcement) will be sent with the details of where we will meet up to drive to the theater.
- c. Connie is facilitating the August 17th trip to Green Gables in Melbourne. You have a choice of purchasing a box lunch for \$10 or having lunch as your own. Payment for the box lunches will be collected at the August meeting. There will be lots of shade with breeze and is on the water. A box lunch will be provided for \$12. Payment will need to be made at the August meeting.
- d. Pam Hepp talked about brunch at Gators. Gators was so welcoming.

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- e. If you want chili, she said to tell the server to put the chili in a bowl (not crock).
- f. There was a discussion on the monthly cruise-in. Do we want it at *Beef O'Brady's* or *Galaxy*? It was decided we need to look at the social committees' calendar to see if a standing Saturday (ex. 2nd Saturday of every month) is feasible.

Spoiler Editor/Facebook Admin. Roger Wolf

Roger said the Spoiler is completed and will be posted on the website this week.

He would also like to take a club picture ASAP so we can give a framed print of it to our sponsors. If not, he will use the previous photo.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still in need of someone to chair the 2025 car show. It is imperative that we start work now so we can distribute flyers at the December Toy Run.

Veronica "Roni" Duys was absent so we will postpone the discussion on charities.

Passing the Hat to enhance the memorial/flower fund resulted in \$221 collected. This added to the previous \$149 brings our fund to \$370.

Status on the trailer repair – Randy said we need to clean and reattach a panel.

The Sunday brunch location was discussed to determine the length of time to stay at Gators Portside restaurant (summer vs long term). First, it was decided we will return to Gators for August and September. After another discussion and vote, it was decided Gators will be our permanent location. However, we need a more accurate attendance count to provide to Gators. Last Sunday, we told them 38 and 48 showed. This left Gators short one server for us. Since mimosas are so important to us, Gators has agreed to give each attendee two free mimosas. Additional mimosas will be discounted to \$4.00 (from \$4.99)

NEW BUSINESS

Janice read a letter from Mitch Morgan explaining his ongoing months-long health problems. Keep him in your thoughts.

Jerry Wojcieszak is also having health problems. We will have members sign a picture next month and give it to him.

50/50 winner of \$72.50 went to Lloyce Campbell.

Meeting was adjourned.

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CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2024
MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

Prior to the meeting, a visitor, Gina, showed her late husband's corvette in hopes of making a sale. She did not stay for the meeting. The 2003 Corvette maroon convertible is a 50th Anniversary edition with 32,000 miles. Brenda Teixeira has her information and pictures if anyone becomes interested.

President Janice Greene called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no new members or visitors in attendance. Janice recognized August birthdays and anniversaries.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Frank Storc, No report

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan

Checking account balance: \$15,964.41

Savings account balance: \$11,110.23

Petty Cash: \$140

Needing to be deposited: \$73

Flowers and Memorials: \$283

Total balance: \$27,570.64

Secretary Barbara Young

A member noticed an error in the July minutes. The notes should read Florida Region, not NCCC in the section. The error was noted and corrected.

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum

The Autocross for the fall will take place on October 12-13 and November 16-17 at the American Muscle Car Museum. The Porsche Challenge is coming up the end of October. Bill sent the new rules to the Porsche Club a week and a half ago. New rules were written

to make the challenge fairer. Bill had not heard back from the Porsche Club.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys

The next NCCC National Governor's meeting is in St. Louis September 13th and 14th. Roni and Zach will be attending. They will also be towing their Corvette and heading up to Wisconsin to have fun with a track day along with an autocross.

Nominations for national officers are open. The positions are for president, treasurer, public relations, and VP of membership. If anyone is inclined to be an officer, let Zach know. There were also nominations open for regional positions. There were no new nominations. Fred Dugach from Corvettes in Paradise will remain as Regional Executive, Rita Robison from Vettes for Fun will remain as secretary, Bob Pollard from Gulf Coast Corvettes Club will remain as sergeant-at-arms.

There was a lengthy discussion at the Regional meeting regarding ways to lower expenses. They agreed the best way to reduce costs are to raise dues by \$10 for the primary and \$5 for the spouse/companion. The Florida Region will go to the NCCC meeting and suggest the Florida region would like to raise dues instead of cutting the hard copies of *Blue Bars*. The NCCC Florida Region has a total of \$10,891.

CKCC has closed new member applications until September. This will allow new members to join for the cost of the rest of 2024 and all of 2025.

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra, No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Brenda Teixeira

No new members or visitors are present.

Social Event Calendar

Connie: Saturday is the Green Gables trip. The tours are \$10, which goes toward the restoration of the house. Members are to meet up at Green Gables at 11:30.

Saturday, August 31st at 4:30 we are meeting at Autumn's Crab Seafood and Bar in Rockledge. A sign-up sheet was passed around to give the restaurant an approximate number.

Another event will be September 7th to Hankster's Hot Rods of Daytona. It used to be a roller-skating rink but now holds 65 cars, a gift shop, and all sorts of memorabilia. After seeing the cars, we will be going to Racing's North Turn Beach Bar, which is a restaurant with a museum inside. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Janice: There will be Cruise Ins to Beef O'Brady's for September, October, and November on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 4:30.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still looking for a location to do a club photo. We had some information about going to the Space Center. Connie and Frank are working to see if it is a possibility.

We are still in need of a car show chairman. A mini car show committee is welcome to brainstorm in the next couple weeks. We need to get going on this so we can hand out flyers at the Toy Run. The car show numbers keep decreasing. We have amped up goodie bags and baskets and it has not helped increase our numbers. Other club shows are also decreasing in attendance. Weather and location are important factors. Cocoa Village is difficult because they only have so many

days available each year and book two to three years in advance.

Roni reported on the possibility of partnering with The Brevard Adult Community Education Center. They have a paved lot to teach people how to drive commercial vehicles. We plan to donate money to the program and there is a possibility for us to hold autocross races.

We are still waiting on repair to the trailer.

At the NCCC Regional meeting, Zach and Roni told the attendees CKCC would be willing to host the Regional picnic in 2025. There will be a survey sent to the Regional clubs to see if they are willing to donate volunteers in the kitchen, setup and cleanup, not just show up and enjoy the party. We still would like one of our Cocoa Beach resident members to assist with getting a discount at the park.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a car show at the Moose on November 2nd. They do so much for us and it would be good to support them.

Input was requested about having conversations before general meetings about maintenance or other issues related to our cars. We can have a specific topic for each month. We can also bring in guest speakers. This can take place before the meetings begin. Members expressed interest.

Roni: Name tags can be purchased for \$15 with two lines under your name. Let Roni know if you need one.

If anyone wants to join Zach and Roni for the Carolina Region's autocross in mid-October, let her know. They have a 3-bedroom VRBO house reserved.

50/50 winner of \$73 went to Barbara Lenhard.

Meeting was adjourned.

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