



# Spoiler

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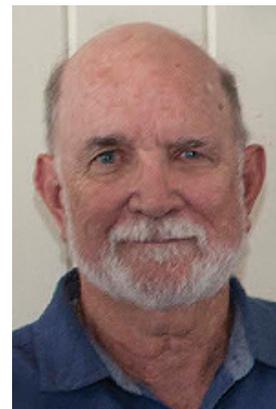
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## PREZ SEZ...

Well we are now in hottest months of the year and always watching for potential hurricane alerts. The Florida competition calendar is on hold until late September. Nine of our members attended the 2021 NCCC National Convention hosted by the Cleveland Corvette Club for six days of competitive racing and fun events.



*Bill Shearer, President*

## Social Events

The Social Committee hosted two great cruise-ins since our last Spoiler issue. The cruise-in to Mullegan's along the Indian river in Sebastian was fantastic and the cruise to The Cat Fish Place in St. Cloud that is a historical local restaurant with southern cuisine. I am sure the Committee has more great venues planned for members to enjoy in the future.

Our recent monthly Brunches at FishLips have been well attended with an average of more than 40 members per month.

## 2022 Vettes at The Port Show

The next "Vettes at the Port" Show is being evaluated for holding it at the American Muscle Car Museum on April 30, 2022. We will need someone to volunteer to be the show chairperson and to start holding meetings in the fall. The past show chairmen and committee members stand ready to guide the new chairman in holding a successful event, which in the past has been the club's main source of income.

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## Fun and Poker Rally Plans

There is discussion among some members who are interested in holding a sanctioned NCCC Fun and Poker Rally in the fall. Watch for a future announcement.

**Welcome, new club members!**

I hope you enjoy meeting new friends while participating in all we do. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me or another member know.

Save the Wave,

*Bill*

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# NCCC Convention in Cleveland



## Making the Long Trip Fun

*By Bill Shearer*

Pat and I, Mary Jo and John Helm and Lloyce Campbell met to discuss plans for our trip to the NCCC Convention. We agreed to take three days to get to our destination at the host hotel at the Rockside Embassy Suites in Independence, Ohio. We would leave on Friday morning from Sam's Club and arrive at the hotel Sunday afternoon. The first day we decided to spend the night in Rock Hill, SC and the next night in Charleston, WV. We selected motels to make reservations. Lloyce suggested the purchase of UNI Toll Transponders and visit the New River Gorge, the newest U. S. National Park in Beckley, West Virginia.

On Friday, June 11 we departed the Sam's Club parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and headed on

the first leg of our journey. John was the designated leader of our three car caravan, Lloyce was in the rocking chair and I brought up the rear. At the first rest stop south of Jacksonville we all agreed have lunch and get gas in Georgia. The fast food places where we stopped were carry out only with no inside dining. John asked a person in line if there was a place with inside dining and he suggested an African American family owned seafood restaurant. We thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality, homemade sides and southern food there. The staff was thrilled to talk with us about our Corvettes and our trip. We arrived in Rock Hill, SC around 6:00 p.m., tired from the long drive, and hungry.

The second day on our way to Charleston, WV, we stopped to explore New River Gorge. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting the

information center, driving the one and two lane switch back mountain roads and the magnificent views of the New River from vistas we encountered along our journey. We spent most of the afternoon playing tourist as we headed to Charleston, WV to spend the night and head to our final destination Sunday morning. We arrived at the host hotel Sunday afternoon, checked in and headed to convention registration. Registration was setup with multiple tables in alphabetic order to obtain your name badge and the tickets for the banquets and any day excursions you registered to take during the week, and also to get your tech inspection forms, which John and I needed for the low speed autocross. In our case, we had signed up for bus tours that were on my Bucket List for a long time — The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and NFL Hall of Fame, plus we added the Hidden Cleveland tour. Other excursions were offered throughout the week for those not participating in the competition events.

Returning home Saturday morning after the convention was over, we were faced by a tropical depression heading to the east coast of Florida, so we all headed back quickly wondering what kind of weather conditions we would encounter. We decided to make reservation with the same motel we stayed in Rock Hill, SC, which was approximately half way home. Fortunately we only encountered some rain storms but nothing like we expected. The Duys drove back home in one day arriving after midnight, very exhausted.

We all had wonderful experiences seeing old friends, making new friends and the time we shared together.

### **Planning the Next Trip**

Several of us are working on a route to tour on the way to the 2022 Convention in Atlantic City, possibly stopping at the Outer Banks of North Carolina and maybe even the Delaware shore. If you are interested in helping us plan a fun route with things to see and do along the way, let us know. The 2022 Convention is June 12–17.

## **Our Convention Experience**

*By Veronica (Roni) Duys*

Nine CKCC members drove to Cleveland for Convention this year. Zach and I were already there to meet them all, as we arrived earlier in the week to participate in a track day at Nelson Ledges, the location for the high-speed event. Bruce and Mary Wentzel (dual members) were also in attendance but were representing their primary club.

The host hotel was on the east side of Cleveland, and the site of all non-driving events. As always, there was a car wash station behind the hotel so we could all clean up our vehicles after the trip (or track event). The Rockside Embassy Suites was recently renovated, and similar in layout to the old Courtyard hotels. Our club banner was proudly hung overlooking the indoor courtyard.

Sunday night was the "Welcome Cocktail Party" with a great local Rock and Roll Band where everyone wore their club shirts and decorated the center of their table to help identify club.

Monday the Competition events started at full speed with the Car Show, Rally and Funkhana all completed on day one. The Patterson's won 1st in their class in the judged car show with their C6, 2010 ZR1. Zach and I took 3rd place in our class for People's Choice with the C5Z. This led right into the Rally, which travelled through the Ohio countryside, eventually ending at the Funkhana location. Zach and I placed 4th in the Rally. The Funkhana was held at an arcade/social club. As the "driver", I competed in racing a Go-cart, ladder toss, and cornhole. While as Navigator, Zach earned points in Ring toss, short lane bowling, and skee-ball. We took first in class for this event! That evening was the 2019 Top 15 Banquet where CKCC received the 6th place certificate for club competition points.

Tuesday was high speed time trials day, which was at Nelson Ledges. This historic track has been undergoing improvements for the past few years, and plans continued for

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upgrades in the future. I wish we lived closer so we could play there more often. Tim Lally Chevrolet sponsored this event. They hosted a food truck ALL DAY for all the drivers workers and crew; and provided beer after the track went cold. They also had four cars competing, several with two drivers. Jim Patterson's best time was 1:22:681 for a second in class, Zach's best was 1:21:374 for a second in class and I posted a best time of



1:17:308! This gave me first in class, and second overall just behind Tim Lally's sponsored driver and 10+ seconds ahead of the rest of the NCCC ladies.

Tuesday's social was 60's Night with the entertainment being provided by all girl singing group "The Pop Tarts" also the Valve Cover Races were being held simultaneously.

Wednesday was Low Speed Autocross at Dragway 42. This track has also been upgraded recently. When local SCCA folks went there for a drag race, they found the newly paved roads in the trailer/RV parking area would be a great AutoX course. The only disappointment was that we only had two runs on this great course layout. Mary

Wentzel took Ladies OFTD (35.666), and I had first in class and second overall (36.109). Zach (36.180), Bill Shearer (38.545), Jim Patterson (36.591) and John Helm (40.369) also competed for CKCC; and Bruce Wentzel (35.069) represented his home club. Wednesday night did not have an event at the hotel but many CKCC members booked the Harbor Dinner Cruise. It had been sold out when Zach and I decided to attend Convention. However, we owe a great big THANK YOU to Bill Dougherty, National Competition Director, who gave us his tickets as he was unable to attend. The food was amazing, the views incredible and the companionship stellar.

Thursday was tour day for those of us not competing in Drag events — maybe next year. We chose wine tasting, and while it



*One of the tours was to Mongoose Motorsports company that built Grand Sports for Fast & Furious movies. Of the 9 Mongoose made only three are still complete. The rest were destroyed during filming. One is in a museum, one in Japan in a private collection, and this one at Mongoose.*

wasn't what we expected, we had a great day. Traffic was so light the bus driver ended up giving us an impromptu driving tour of the local lakeside villages. First stop, Grand River Cellars, was a typical wine tasting, choose your flight and snack. At the second winery, Debonne, we were dropped off and told we had two hours to explore on our own. They had beer and wine flights but Zach and I chose to split a bottle of Chamboursin, a regional varietal we discovered last time we were in this area. As departure neared, a fellow NCCC member told Zach about their Butter Pecan Porter also brewed on-site and a six pack ended up coming home with us. The third stop included a wonderful lunch in the Ferrante Winery's outdoor pavilion.

The meal, wine and camaraderie were all awesome.

Thursday's social was Hippy Night, with the Cleveland Key's Dueling Piano's who were

fantastic. At this convention the final award ceremony was held as a dinner function on Friday night. Despite having the least number of members in attendance in over a decade, CKCC won the Most Distance Traveled Award (1049 miles x 9 members). Hopefully 2022 will see our typical 30+ CKCC members in attendance in Atlantic City, NJ.



# CKCC Ladies Monthly Breakfast

*By Marilyn Lewis*

After a long COVID hiatus, the CKCC ladies have resumed their monthly breakfast camaraderie! The group is a spinoff from the Retired Teachers Breakfast Group. With several members of the club retired teachers the group expanded to include more CKCC



*June 16 at The Pancake House in Rockledge*

members and the CKCC Ladies Breakfast evolved. We usually have 15 or so attending and enjoy meeting and getting to know each other. We meet at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. At breakfast a

location is chosen for the following month. Look for the email from me sent 10 days prior to the breakfast and RSVP is you'd like to join in.



*July 21 at the Country Cookin' Diner in Port St. John*



## Cruise-In Fun

By Lois Lacoste

### June Cruise-in to Mulligan's Beach House

On Saturday, June 26 we were not sure if the Florida weather was going to cooperate with our club plans of cruising to Mulligan's Beach House Bar & Grill in Sebastian. The plan was to meet at the Rockledge Mall (the old Sears Town) parking lot on U.S. 1 however, that abruptly changed upon arrival. The owner of the property, in no uncertain terms, told us to vacate his property and we could no longer use his parking lot as the starting point for our cruise-ins. Even though not all of the members who signed up for the cruise-in had arrived, we had to move immediately somewhere close by so they could find, which was the Big Red Bus blood drive parking lot just south of the Mall.

The weather ended up cooperating nicely for the caravan along U.S 1 and the beautiful drive on the river road in Sebastian. Fifteen Corvettes were in the caravan and an



additional 11 club members met us at the restaurant, for a total of 39 members who enjoyed the drive, a delicious dinner and socializing. The only damper was when we were dining in the enclosed patio, a couple of rain showers approached over the water but members dining next to the windows were quick to close them until the rain passed. And by the time our dinner together ended, the weather cleared once again and everyone enjoyed a pleasant drive home.

### July Cruise-In to The Catfish Place

Social Committee member Barbara Marshall, did a great job arranging our cruise-in to The Catfish Place in St. Cloud on Saturday, July 24th. Seventeen beautiful club member Corvettes met in the Sam's Club parking lot in Cocoa and we enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing drive on Nova Road to St. Cloud. The restaurant provided a private room for our group and everything was ready upon our arrival. Thirty-three members enjoyed various entrees from the wide range of menu choices. The food was delicious and the service was impeccable. We gave the manager and two waitresses a heartfelt thank you for hosting our cruise-in and for their excellent service.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the drive, dinner and friendship. The weather stayed perfect for the day and Bob and I enjoyed an added treat along Nova Road on our way home – it was near dusk and we were greeted by a deer on the side of the road – just some of the wildlife you may see on this route.



# The Icing On My New C8

By Phil Strobe

Owning a Corvette is something special to those who have had the passion for the car since childhood. My first contact was in 1953 when a man from my small hometown in Kentucky, population of 1000, won his car in a charity raffle. He did not keep it long but shared the experience with his friends... my father being one of them.

My second exposure was in the summer of 1964 when my friend's parents bought him a red 1964 convertible with a 327 cu., 365 hp. engine and 4-speed trans. I had the great pleasure of riding in and driving that car for a year prior to enlisting in the USAF.

Life went on and little things like education, marriage and children took priority. My first Corvette was a Polo Green 96 coupe, followed by a 2000 Pewter gray coupe. My first new Corvette was my 2012 Grand Sport Convertible. I got the bug again when the mid-engine appeared on the scene. My son and I really like the design and in September 2020 his friend took delivery of a 2020 Blade Silver couple. My son arranged for me to meet his friend who graciously took me for a ride... and that set the hook!

On October 8, 2020, I made a deposit with Kerbeck Corvettes in Atlantic City, NJ... the same dealer that I bought the 2012 through and I even had the same salesman to guide me through the process. I purposely kept my order and plans a secret from everyone in the club except one couple and a family member who managed to keep our secret. It was a long and stressful wait for delivery. My partner Becky was my rock during the long agonizing delays caused by GM strikes, several parts shortages, the Covid-19 pandemic and an ice storm. I was watching the Kerbeck website daily waiting for my order number to move up in the manufacturing process but finally on the first of July my car was built — a 2021 Silver



Flare Metallic Couple, 2LT, front lift, magnetic ride, performance exhaust, red calipers, sterling silver engine cover, and engine appearance package. When I originally placed the order Becky talked me into the National Corvette Museum (NCM) delivery so we scheduled it for two weeks later. We flew to Nashville, rented a car and stayed overnight in Bowling Green to pick up the car the next day.

The NCM staff delivers 10 Corvettes a day and five on Saturday. Our family was able to watch the delivery specialist guide us through all the functions of the car via live webcams on the NCM website. Under normal conditions the Museum delivery also includes a tour of the Corvette plant and a guided museum tour for you and up to three guests. However, due to Covid, the plant tours have been temporarily discontinued but a rain check is offered for a later date. There is also an opportunity to drive your car or an NCM Corvette on the Museum's Motorsports road course track. Unfortunately the track was not available the day we took delivery and we needed to head home that day.

All in all the Museum delivery was quite a memorable experience and well worth it... icing on the cake!

*P.S. Museum delivery also includes a one year membership to the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) that has more than 250 Corvette clubs and thousands of individual members nationwide.*



# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CORVETTE FOR TRACK DAY EVENTS

By Bill Kassebaum with input from Tim Reardon and Jason Brzozowski

Technical inspections take place before each event to ensure all vehicles are track-worthy with respect to basic safety compliance, but the responsibility for your safety and the mechanical reliability of your vehicle is up to you (or your mechanic). Preparing your Corvette beforehand will help ensure it is ready for the track and you do not miss out on track time due to a mechanical issue. Following is some basic guidance to make your Corvette better prepared for the track.

## Inspection

The brake master cylinder needs to be full of fresh DOT 4 brake fluid before track use. The brake fluid that came in your Corvette from GM is not, under any circumstance, sufficient for track use. Also, be sure to inspect your brake pads and rotors. The pads need to have sufficient thickness to last the entire track event. A good rule of thumb is more than 50 percent of the pad thickness remaining. Also check rotors for cracks and straightness.

## Consumables

Brake fluid is not a life-of-the-car magic liquid. It degrades and absorbs water with age and the extreme temperature changes it experiences in the calipers. This can result in degraded braking performance or even total failure. Not a good thing when you are headed into a corner at well over 120 mph! The brake fluid needs to be replaced periodically if you plan on tracking your car frequently. A lot of experienced drivers will bleed their brake systems after each weekend of racing. This allows the fluid that was in the

calipers to be replaced with fresh fluid from the master cylinder reservoir.

The stock brake pads that came with your Corvette may not be adequate for a weekend of the typical 20- to 30-minute-long sessions on the track. Running your Corvette on the track for 20-30 minutes will not give your brake system much time to cool. Brake fade may set in within a few laps depending on how hard you are using the brakes. A quality set of high performance (or racing) pads will perform much better than stock pads on the track. I suggest you talk to your Corvette mechanic or a race brake specialist who can recommend the best type of pad for your desired track day and autocross events and whether you will drive your car on the street. Race brake pads are not ideal on the street due to excess brake dust and noise.

Rotors are also a consumable part of your brake system. The rotors that came with your Corvette from GM may be adequate when used with aftermarket racing pads. You need to inspect them frequently to ensure they are not developing cracks or warpage. Your Corvette mechanic or a race brake specialist can recommend rotors for your car that will perform better and last longer than stock and cost about the same as stock replacement rotors from GM.

## Wheels and Tires

The wheels and tires on your Corvette are the only points of contact between your Corvette and the track and need to be in good condition before you head to the track. They

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need to be balanced and run true. Tires should be in good condition with tread above the wear bars and no cords showing. They should also be speed rated for the anticipated speed for your track day. All Corvettes come from the factory with tires sufficient for track day speeds. You need to confirm the speed rating of your current tires to ensure you comply with the requirements of the track day event organization. The tire speed rating is typically shown on the side of the tire.

The wheels need to be torqued to proper foot pounds (listed in the owner's manual) before you go out on the track.

tire pressure as the track and air temperatures change throughout the day.

### **Drive Train**

**ENGINE** – You should ensure that your engine is not leaking any fluids that will drop on the track and create slick and hazardous conditions. Look for oil, coolant, and power steering fluid leaks or residue, and correct them before race day. You may want to change the engine oil prior to your planned track day. Your battery also must be secured so it can't move (no bungees!), and the terminals need to be covered to avoid arcing and potential fires.



Tire pressure is critical for maximum performance so you need an easy to use and read tire pressure gauge. It is recommended you get a pressure gauge with a large dial rather than one of the small pencil type gauges. The exact pressure depends on your tires, car and suspension setup, and track conditions. Starting with the normal pressure is typically good initially but depends on many things. Check your tire pressures after each track session. You may need adjust your

**TRANSMISSION & REAR DIFFERENTIAL** – Look for transmission fluid and differential lube leaks and check the fluid level in each. Correct any leaks before race day. You may want to change the fluid in your transmission and differential before your planned track day. Most modern Corvettes have a hydraulically actuated clutch so the fluid level needs to be checked and the fluid should be replaced if it gets dark.

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**SUSPENSION** – You should inspect the suspension before you head to the track. With the wheels off the ground on a lift or jack stands (not the jack!), grab the front tire at the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock position and try to move the wheel side to side. Any play or clunking sounds indicate a worn steering or suspension component and should be replaced before going to the track. The rear independent suspension is as important as the front so do the suspension check on the rear wheels too. A good alignment shop can also help you with getting an alignment setup that will help get the most out of your Corvette on the track.

Also, most track day events organizers will also require long pants and may require a long sleeve shirt.

Working brake lights are a must as they are an essential communicator to drivers behind you when you're braking.

Having a car in perfect race form is one thing but being able to drive it is another. Are you physically and mentally ready to get behind the wheel and drive? It sounds easier than it really is, and the best way to prepare for a race is to take care of yourself. Don't go out and party the night before. Make sure you're well hydrated and nourished. Don't skip



## Other Stuff

Some of the same stuff you take with you for autocross events are also needed for track days. Obviously, you will need a helmet. Some tracks have a more stringent requirement that your helmet have a Snell SA2010 or newer rating and do not allow Snell M2010 (motorcycle) helmets. The date codes on the inside of the helmet refer to the expiration of the certification. The expiration is 12 years from the date shown on the helmet. For example, a SA2010 helmet is acceptable until 2022. It would be a good idea if you're shopping for a helmet to get an "SA 2020" to get the most usage out of your helmet. The Snell Foundation also offers guidelines for purchasing the right helmet. How valuable to you is your head and brain? Buy a helmet of that value.

meals or eat fast food, as it will only lead to fatigue. Be alert and ready for everything the moment your tires meet the pavement.

A Technical Inspection Sheet will be provided by the track event organizer listing all inspections that must be completed before the event. If you are not qualified to complete any of this work yourself, please take your car to your mechanic and have him perform the necessary inspections or repairs. The safety of the driver (and the wellbeing of the Corvette!) should not be taken lightly. The most important thing while at a track event is to have fun. Being prepared ensures your track day will go smoothly and allow you to enjoy it. In my opinion it is one of the most exhilarating things you can do in your Corvette.

## Members Win Show Awards



On July 31, CKCC members John & Barbara Franklin and Peter & Barbara Lenhard attended the first Saturday *Cars & Coffee* hosted by the Antique Auto Club of Cape Canaveral. The show was held at the beautiful Majors Golf Club of Palm Bay. There were approximately 50 cars and trucks. Top 10 Award plaques were given out from participant's choice ballots. John & Barbara won for their 2021 Corvette Coupe and Peter & Barbara won for their 1969 Corvette Coupe. Former CKCC member Pete Paris's 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Coupe also won an award.

## Members Drive Mecum Auction Cars

CKCC members Connie Kostyra and David Elseroad, *Officer at Large*, had the great pleasure of driving a variety of cars onto the auction block at Mecum Auction Orlando held at the Orange County Convention Center in July. It was Connie's first time and she said, "Thanks to CKCC asking for Mecum Auction drivers I applied not knowing what I was getting into.

It was one of the best experiences ever because not only did I get to see the fabulous cars and trucks, I got to drive them! The auction is such a huge, fine tuned

undertaking with many workers and volunteers, not to mention thousands of beautiful cars and trucks. It is a raucous and exciting environment. At orientation we received the official driver hat/ID and T-shirt.

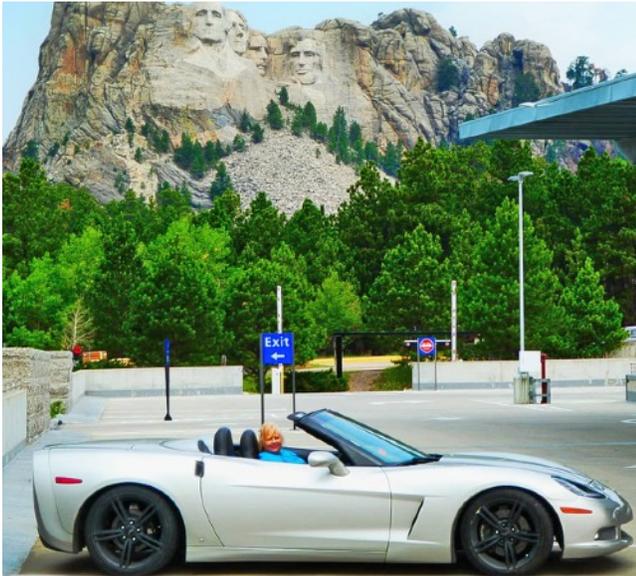
On my first day I got two mandatory check rides, instructions on signals used, where to go and when, along with much appreciated wise advice. Every move you make and car you drive is carefully orchestrated and you must follow directions/signals precisely-sometimes you drive, sometimes you are pushed or pulled (that can be a challenge with some of the antique cars) -all the while making sure you don't run over one of the many totally distracted and often oblivious spectators! At auction block row it is extremely important to follow the hand



signals as the car comes under the television lights. After the car is auctioned, you drive it to a different section of the auditorium and then it's time to be assigned to another to take up to the pre-auction rows.

It is a nonstop whirlwind that fellow CKCC member David Elseroad and I loved being caught up in. The Mecum guys in charge of assigning you to a car were really cool and gave me some wonderful cars/trucks to drive. Among the many cars driven were a '74 454 Corvette convertible with 3,900 miles, '62 Corvette (above), '73 Ford Bronco, '64 Chevy Timberliner, '71 Oldsmobile 442, 2014 Mercedes AMG 577 hp, '69 Mustang Mach 1 and so-o-o many more. Look at my Facebook page to see car photos from this great experience, which I hope to repeat in January at the auction held in Kissimmee."

# Member Drives in 50th Anniversary Black Hills Corvette Classic



Member Barb Hecker Young did ALL the driving in her silver C6 roadster to South Dakota from her home in Merritt Island for 50th Anniversary of the Black Hills Corvette Classic as her husband Dan said he was just along for the ride.

They signed up for two drives. The first one was to Devil's Tower, Wyoming. Twenty of the Corvettes took back roads and went well over 100 mph. The next day they did another run that went through Custer State Park, and Needles Hwy., and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. Barb said, "Needles Hwy. is crazy with one lane tunnels and hairpin and pigtail turns." During both runs Barb was the only wife that drove and is proud to say she did not once lag in the groups. "There were just over 600 Corvettes out there so it was five days of fun and nonstop Corvette waves!"



## Welcome New Members!

### Raul (Bob) DeCardenas

Bob and his wife Becky live in Cocoa and own a 2020 Rapid Blue Coupe. He's interested in auto-crossing and cruise-ins.

### Amy Schwartz

Amy is the daughter of long time CKCC members Don (deceased) and Ellen Schwartz. She lives in Titusville and drives a 1973 white coupe.

### James R. Smith

Jim and his wife Pamela live in Cocoa Beach and drive a 2021 Torch Red convertible.

### Traci Smith

(no relation to the Smith above)

Traci lives in Rockledge and owns a 1973 white coupe that she's in the process of restoring, including painting it the original yellow. Her interests include cruise-ins, shows and just about anything the club does.

## Coming Events

**Aug. 10:** CKCC Social/Meeting  
5:30/7 p.m., Merritt Island Moose Lodge

**Sept. 5:** Brunch at Fishlip's, 10 a.m.,  
Port Canaveral

**Sept. 14:** CKCC Social/Meeting,  
5:30/7p.m., Merritt Island Moose Lodge

**Sept. 25:** Cruise-in to Dezerland, Orlando

**Sept. 26:** 7-event Low Speed AutoX,  
Green Cove Springs, FL

**Oct. 3:** Brunch at Fishlip's, 10 a.m.,  
Port Canaveral

**Oct. 12:** CKCC Social/Meeting,  
5:30/7p.m., Merritt Island Moose Lodge

**Oct. 16:** Space Coast Corvette Club Show,  
Downtown Melbourne (please pre register)

**Oct. 16-17:** CKCC 14-event Low Speed  
AutoX, American Muscle Car Museum, Melb.

**Oct. 24:** NFCA Low Speed AutoX, Green  
Cove Springs, FL



## July Membership Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

Merritt Island Moose Lodge

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Shearer at 7:03 PM.

A quorum was met as determined by the Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Membership.

### Officer Reports

PRESIDENT, BILL SHEARER

New members and visitors were welcomed.

CKCC members with Birthdays and Anniversaries in July were recognized.

TREASURER, VIVIAN IDUATE

The most recent balance sheet was provided for review on each table. There were no questions or comments.

SECRETARY, BILL KASSEBAUM

A copy of the draft minutes from the last CKCC meeting were placed on each table for review. No questions or comments were received. A motion was made by Roni Duys and seconded by Lynn Kassebaum to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN FRANKLIN

John reported that there is a car show planned for the morning of July 24th in Mims, FL from 9 a.m. till around noon when

trophies will be presented. This is the morning of the Cruise-In to The Catfish Place. The car show should be over by 1 p.m. so there will be sufficient time to do both.

NCCC GOVERNOR, ZACH DUYS

Zach stated that the NCCC National Convention for 2022 will be in Atlantic City, NJ and the Eastern Region is the sponsor.

Zach also stated that CKCC had nine members attend the 2021 National Convention and had a great time and everyone needs to try to attend a NCCC convention. The convention had many events for attendees such as the successful high-speed event at Nelson Ledges. He did report that the convention autocross was very disappointing as there were only two runs for all entrants. Long way to go for only one event. Zach reported that the evening events/parties had some great music enjoyed by all.

Zach also announced that the Florida Region of NCCC has three Officer openings for 2022-2023. These positions are Regional Executive, Region Secretary and Region Sergeant at Arms. See Zach if you are interested in running for any of these positions.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR, JIM PATTERSON

Not present. No report.

MEMBER AT LARGE, DAVE ELSEROAD

Not present. No report

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PAST PRESIDENT, RANDY ANDERSON

Not present. No report.

## **Committee Reports**

MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS – JANICE GREENE AND BRENDA TEIXEIRA

Visitors to the meeting were identified and welcomed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE, LOIS LACOSTE AND PATSY SHEARER

Lois stated that the club had a very fun Cruise-In to Mulligans in Sebastian on June 28th.

The next CKCC Cruise-In will be July 24th to The Catfish Place in St. Cloud. All interested are to meet at Sam's Club in Rockledge at 2:45 PM. The caravan will leave shortly after that for a planned 4 PM arrival at The Catfish Place.

Some planned events for August and beyond include a Cruise-In to Dezerland Park in Orlando. More details will be provided at the next General Membership meeting.

Lois stated that the annual Melbourne Car Show put on by the Space Coast Corvette Club will be October 16th. Register early for a Tee-Shirt.

Lois stated that members should not forget the next Fishlips Bruch, August 1st. An announcement will be made prior to the event on FB and via email.

SPOILER EDITOR/FACEBOOK ADMIN./ CKCC PHOTOGRAPHER, ROGER WOLF

Roger stated that the next Spoiler will be released around the time of our next general membership meeting.

Roger said to new members that he is also the club photographer and will take a picture of your Corvette at any meeting or event CKCC has. So, if you want your car picture in the Spoiler, FB page and on the club website, get with Roger.

CKCC PORT SHOW

The 2021 CKCC Port Show has been cancelled. The 2022 CKCC car show will not

likely be held at the Port. The 2022 CKCC car show is tentatively being planned for April 30th, 2022 and will likely be held at the American Muscle Car Museum. More details to come as the plan is developed for next year.

## **Old Business**

CKCC has received permission to use the NCCC national and FL Region on our EAA Corp donated tent/canopy graphic design. We are working on the design currently with some difficulty getting artwork for the Region and National logos. More next month.

There has been some planning for a CKCC Drag Racing event at the Orlando Speed World Dragway in Bithlo, FL. Tentative dates are being looked at for some time in September on either a Wednesday or Friday night. More next month.

## **New Business**

CKCC submitted an application recently to the Collector Car Insurance contest to win one of three new web site designs. If we are lucky to win, we can upgrade our web site.

Bill S. and Bill K. will meet with the club web master to discuss and make plans for updates. More details next month.

An example of the new CKCC club name badge was obtained by Bill K. from local business Space Coast Engraving. Orders for new badges will be taken in the next week or two and hopefully the new badges will be available at next month's meeting.

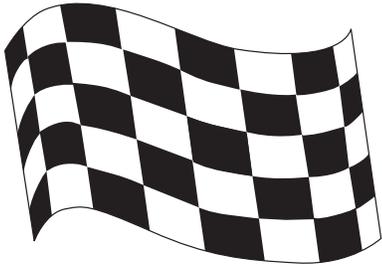
## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM by President Bill Shearer.

CKCC Meeting Minutes recorded and submitted by Bill Kassebaum, CKCC Secretary.

### **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP**

As a paid up member of CKCC you can join our closed group. Simply type Cape Kennedy Corvette Club in the search window and ask to join.



# ***Racing Competition***

*By James Patterson*



July was a great month for competition. Several on our racing team ran a SCCA Time Trial at Sebring, FL. I'm told (since I'm in Ohio) it was a good time and quite the experience. The hardest part after gaining all that speed down the straight is braking to a good point. Over driving the corners can be a problem.

CKCC is currently #7 in the NCCC national competition. Keep up the good work!



In July I raced in Ohio and Michigan scoring some more points for CKCC and myself, of course. Both of the tracks are figure eight ovals. Before I ran there I just knew I would hate the plain simplicity of those courses. However, I chose to get in the car and make the best of it. It was great. The wide sweeping turns allowed me to set up the car, and work on the interaction between the gas, brake and steering. Great practice.

## **Future Events**

On September 26 the North Florida Corvette Club will be putting on an Autocross. And we will be we putting on our Autocross at the American Muscle Car Museum October 16th and 17th. This will be a very important event for our club and we will need as much support as possible from our workers and racers to make it successful.

See you at the track.

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