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PREZ SEZ

Hello Fellow Members.

Summer has fully fallen upon us with these 95+ degree temperatures! What a quick change that seemed to be. I know each of you are enjoying this summer with visits from family and friends, time in the pool, vacations around the world and maybe some just staying at home. Whatever your choices are for the summer, I hope you enjoy every second of it.

Our annual car show was held in May at Dillard's at Merritt Square Mall. As always, our club members turned out in force to deliver an outstanding show. Thank you to each of you who helped in any way at all. As I always tell you, none of this can be accomplished without your valuable input.

Several of our members attended car shows as representatives for CKCC. And like always, we have WINNERS! Thanks to Peter and Barbara Lenhard, Barbara Hurn, Faye Leschitz, Jerry and Carol Walsh and Steve Hepp for attending the *Vettes at One Daytona* show in May. In June, Peter and Barbara Lenhard, Barbara Hurn and I attended the show held by Vette Masters in Jacksonville (see pages 8 & 9). With summer heat descending, I believe future car show events will mostly be curtailed until the fall.

Our May travels took us to St. Cloud to enjoy dining at The Catfish Place. If you didn't make it, you missed a fun caravan and some great food! We hope you can join us for the next one. The club also enjoyed a cruise-in to the Galaxy Bar & Grill on



President Janice Greene

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Merritt Island. In June we took a longer trip down to Hutchinson Island to view the Elliott Museum. We were split into two groups and each had guided tours through the extensive museum which featured life in the area in the early years and many beautiful automobiles. (pages 10 to 13). Lunch was had afterwards at the tented restaurant on the grounds. If you don't attend any of these events, know that we miss you and would love to have you join us. Our Social Committee spends a lot of time and effort locating and arranging events for our club. We'd hate not to have you take advantage of some of these fun outings.

Our monthly membership meeting is always the second Tuesday of each month (except for extenuating circumstances). We invite all of you to attend whenever possible. So many discussions and decisions are made during these meetings. We need your input to help us guide the club into our future.

A note to all you snowbirds who have flown home for the summer. Know we think of you and miss you, and we look forward to your return in the fall.

Happy Summer to each of you! I hope to see you at one of our many scheduled events.

Janice

Sunday Brunch Venue Change

Our monthly first Sunday Brunch at Fishlips in Port Canaveral is a favorite gathering of CKCC members. The May Brunch was attended by 44 members who enjoyed the free Mimosas with their breakfasts. However, afterwards a server wrongfully accused one of our members of stealing her pink pen and the restaurant manager on duty went berserk

making a scene about it in the parking lot. The situation was so bad it was decided to hold our June Brunch at Gators Portside. The 35 members who attended appeared happy about the new venue and enjoyed the food and service. We also were able to park our Corvettes together in front of the restaurant, which Fishlips wouldn't allow.





Back to a Favorite Cruise-In Destination

By Lois Lacoste

Saturday, May 18. Cruising back to The Catfish Place restaurant in St. Cloud, again did not disappoint. We met at the Sam's Club on S.R. 520 off of I-95 and caravanned on a wonderful relaxing drive on Nova Road to US 192 and into St. Cloud with a few sprinkles along the way. The Catfish Place is one of our club members' favorite cruise-in destinations. Once again, we had our own private dining room, two great servers and oh, so delicious catfish with all the favorite

side dishes (especially the fried green tomatoes, for me)! A total of 35 members enjoyed a great meal, good conversations, lots of laughs and excellent table service.

While we were dining it rained on our Corvettes and then the sun came out again. Quite a few members left the restaurant with extra food filling their takeout boxes. As is normal for Florida, it managed to rain some more on our way home, unfortunately resulting in lots of dirty Corvettes to clean.

In spite of the Florida liquid sunshine, everyone seemed to enjoy the fun cruise-in to The Catfish Place. Don't miss it next time.





New Cruise-In Venue Well Liked, too!

By Lois Lacoste

Saturday, June 1. We tried a new restaurant for our June Cruise-in and it was a big hit among CKCC members. We filled the parking lot and most of the restaurant at the Galaxy Bar & Grill on north Merritt Island. There was only one server waiting for our arrival but she did a phenomenal job putting tables together, getting everyone's drink order and providing menus. The restaurant staff was not expecting such a large turn out so they called in another server to help take orders and deliver the delicious food as we filled most of the tables and all the booths. The service was

excellent and the food portions were generous and incredibly good.

The menu consisted of a nice variety of dinners, sandwiches, salads, and everyone enjoyed their lunch. However, beware if you order the chili, it's a little spicy but delicious. Everyone enjoyed the new venue and I am sure the social committee will include this stop for a future cruise-in. The next time you are on North Courtenay Parkway (S.R. 3) you might want to stop and try Galaxy for yourself. The restaurant is approximately 4 miles north of the Beachline Expressway.



NCCC Convention – Better Than We Expected

By Becky Strain

This year's convention was held in Joplin, Missouri from May 13 through 19 and turned out to be better than some had expected. Phil and I too were hesitant to attend at first but decided to go since we hadn't been to that part of the country before.

A total of 10 CKCC members attended, about a third of the usual but we still won the award for the "Most Distance Traveled." Phil and I, and John & MaryJo Helm drove our Corvettes. Bill & Kristen Young, Judy Thompson, Vickie Wilson, and David & Susan Knowles flew to Kansas City, rented a van and did some sightseeing before coming to the Convention.

There was a Pizza Welcome Party the first night where Judy Thompson won a set of wheels of her choice! Awards were given out and there was a Hillbilly Pool Party with food trucks on other nights. Some participants dressed in wild Hillbilly outfits with blacked out teeth! There was also a Funkhana, rally, drag racing and an autocross. Plus there were Hospitality Rooms in two hotels where you could always get something cold to drink and snacks.

The road tours were fun... traveling east and west on Route 66 and seeing all the old,



refurbished gas stations, restaurants, stores with memorabilia, cars and the childhood home of Mickey Mantle. We also found the garage apartment where Bonnie and Clyde hid out in Joplin before being found by the police, resulting in a shootout. There was definitely more to see in and around Joplin than we first thought.



The Convention also had a Corvette show, scavenger hunt and valve cover racing downtown while the town was having their usual Third Thursday event, so a lot was going on and there were a lot of people. John and MaryJo won 1st place in the scavenger hunt, Phil won 1st



place in the Small Block category with his CKCC Valve Cover Car, and then he pulled off the win for the "Top Eliminator."

The other days there were some attendees who went to Branson and cruised on the *Branson Belle* dinner/showboat. A few of us went to Bentonville, Arkansas, which is the home of Walmart and the HGTV show *Fixer to Fabulous*; then we went to Rogers, AK to tour the Daisy Airgun Museum, maker of the famous BB gun that many boys had during their childhood; followed by a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home. We all had a great time.

Next year it will be held August 17th through 22nd in the Wisconsin Dells. Should be fun!





Members Win at Two Corvette Shows

By Barbara Lenhard

ONE DAYTONA SHOW

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club had their yearly car show on May 4. CKCC members in attendance at the "Vettes at One Daytona" event were Janice Greene, Steve Hepp, Barbara Hurn, Barbara & Peter Lenhard, Faye Leschitz, and Carol & Jerry Walsh.

Ponce Inlet volunteers were there in force at 6 a.m. Registered cars entered at 7:00 to a beautiful venue on a gorgeous day. Four out of five CKCC cars parked around the bustling circle where all the activities (trophy presentation, 50/50 raffle, basket display, door prizes, etc.) occurred. It gave us the opportunity to share our vacuumed, scrubbed and polished cars to the non-stop foot traffic. Many of us sat under a large square umbrella that was part of the circle decor. It greatly protected us from the sun and made our day picture perfect. On the outside of the circle, just feet away, was our traditional lunch location. 4 Rivers Smokehouse hit the spot with a large, varied menu that refueled our hungry group.

CKCC did not do well with the baskets and silent auction but we did really well during the awards presentation. 140 cars competed for awards. The past iconic lighthouse trophies for all winners were changed to plaques this year but two grand lighthouse trophies went to the top two well-deserved Vette owners.

All CKCC Vettes looked super. Peter & I won third place in the C3 generation. Carol & Jerry Walsh took second place in the C5 generation. Faye took third place in the C6 generation. Congrats to all CKCC award winners! I'm sure everyone in the club is





proud of the CKCC members who took the time, energy and finances to represent CKCC in such a positive way. We celebrated our fantastic day by dining at Bahama Breeze.

VETTE MASTERS SHOW

Beaver Chevrolet in Jacksonville is pretty far to travel for a car show. The hosts, Vette Masters of Florida, always gives us a warm welcome and it's a fun car show. CKCC had three Corvettes enter the show on June 8.

Janice Greene, Barbara Hurn and Peter and I fought the heat to prepare the cars for judging. Janice uniquely cleaned a spot on her Corvette with her blouse. This may not be the usual way to prep a show car but it worked! That is just one example of the funny and unexpected things that happen at a car show. The Vette Masters' show rules include convertible and windows down, hoods open.

The show hosts always cook a delicious lunch for the 80 entry cars and guests. For a reasonable fee there are three entrees to choose from. This is the only show I attend that does this. It is a beautiful way to showcase southern hospitality. Now, for the most exciting news.

We all won a trophy! Hooray! What a way to end the car show season. Janice even won a door prize. Believe it or not...she won a bucket of car cleaning products including microfiber towels. I guess she won't need to use her blouse to clean her car next season.



Cruise-in to Elliott Museum – A Hidden Gem

By Connie Kostyra

Saturday, June 22. On an overcast morning 43 members gathered (mostly Corvettes and a few metal vehicles) in the Viera Costco parking lot, received directions and were off at their own pace heading south on I-95 toward Stuart. We all then met at an Advance Auto Parts store on Indrio Road where

Manager Lisa was thrilled to have us as a mini car show. From that point we caravanned along U.S. 1 to S.R. A1A with a slight detour (oops she said). The 21-mile drive on Hutchinson Island via A1A was easy, clear sailing, beautiful scenery and enjoyable with the exception of a few light sprinkles causing the Sherlock's to stop and put their top up. Upon arrival at the museum, we were joined by the Hepps and new members, Noel & Michelle Comeaux, who live in Vero Beach.

Military veterans and NCM members had free admission to museum while others had a special group rate.

Our two groups were treated to private tours of the impressive 2-story 48,000 sq. ft. museum. Jim Ferrare, Car Curator, led one group with primary emphasis on the museum's origin/history and the impressive collection of 92 automobiles. Jim shared his



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vast knowledge of the vehicles with us. Among them was a 1953 Cunningham, 1914 Detroit electric car, a verrrry long 1961 Cadillac, a one-of-a-kind Midget race car and so many more. A highlight was the 3-level Boomerang car racking system holding over 52 cars. We selected the 1954 Corvette to be plucked from it's location, which came down a robotic tray and then rotated on a turntable in front of us. Jim took us out to the garage where we were impressed with more beautiful cars and an antique Fire Engine — several are used in parades and can be

rented. Outside the garage was Jim's 2018 McLaren 720s with 710 h.p. and a 7-speed dual clutch transmission. Roni Duys was lusting for a ride in it and I'm sure if she returns, he'll take her for one! By the way Jim has raced all over the country, owned many Corvettes and is an instructor at driving schools. A volunteer docent took the second group on a tour of the many other exhibits including Treasure Coast History, old time General Store, Wyatt's Model Circus and Parade, a Baseball Gallery with lots of Yankee memorabilia, the Transportation Hall, the art

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gallery (Highwaymen paintings) and the specially featured Surfing Exhibit. This exhibit had neat surfboards and pictorially gave the history of surfing particularly in the Space Coast back in the day. It was cool to hear

Philly Cheese Steaks and other yummy items. The ride home was relaxing with some stopping at local watering holes and/or driving all the way home on A1A with very scant traffic.

Many thanks to Beth Cavallaro for helping me plan this event and setting CKCC up at





Advance Auto, and Judy Thompson, my wingman, for answering my phone and helping wherever needed while we were on the route. I couldn't have done it without them. The event was, I believe, a great success thanks to all the CKCC members and guests who attended. I hope the rest of you will visit the museum and find it as impressive and enjoyable as your fellow members did.



Donated hand-made circus parade and circus elements

Welcome, New Members!

Noel & Michelle Comeaux

The Comeaux's live in Vero Beach. They became members of our club in June primarily because Noel wants to participate in our autocross events. The couple drive a 2002 Silver Z06 and a 1973 Elkhart Green Corvette with a modified L-48 engine. Besides racing the couple's interests include car shows, rallies and Funkannas.

Richard (Rick) Sickles

Rick is a Cocoa Beach resident who also became a member of CKCC in June. He owns a 2017 Yellow Coupe. His interests include, participating in autocross racing, car shows and cruise-ins, plus he expressed his willingness to serve on the Club's By-Laws and Membership committees.

Upcoming Events

July 7: CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Gators Portside, Port Canaveral

July 9: CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose

July 12: Fly Me to the Moon movie premiere fundraiser, Oaks 10 Theater, Melbourne, 5:30 p.m.

July 20: Cruise-in, River Deck Tiki Bar & Restaurant, New Smyrna Beach. Meet at Titusville's Sand Point Park (U.S. 1 entrance) at 2:15 p.m., arrive at restaurant for 3:30 p.m. reservation.

July 27: Cruise-in, Tequila Veintiuno 21 Restaurant, 4:30 p.m., 2311 S.R. 524, Suite 106, Cocoa, RSVP Mary Jo Helm (863) 241-7043

Aug. 4: CKCC Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m., Gators Portside, Port Canaveral

Aug. 13: CKCC General Membership Social/Meeting, 5:30/7 p.m., M.I. Moose

Join Our Facebook Group

As a Facebook member and paid member of CKCC you can see other members posts and post your own messages, photos and videos, according to the rules, on our FB private group page.

Simply type Cape Kennedy Corvette Club in the FB search window and ask to join.

TECH: Oil Filter Inspection

By Bill Kassebaum, Competition Director

The last edition of the *Spoiler* included a tech article on oil analysis. In that article, I suggested that in addition to sending your used oil to a specialty lab for analysis you should consider also inspecting your oil filter for sludge and other foreign materials it may have removed from your oil. That is the purpose of the oil filter is to remove the foreign particles from your oil, so they do no damage to the oil pump, numerous close tolerance bearings or the small oil passages within your engine. But the last thing you really want to see in your filter is sludge or bright shiny sparkly particles.

As discussed in the last article, an oil analysis uses tools (spectrometers and microscopes) to test for metal and other foreign materials that are sometimes too small to see and smaller than your engine oil filter will remove from your oil. The oil filter in our Corvettes will typically only filter particles that are bigger than 25-30 microns. A micron is one thousandth of a millimeter. For comparison, human hair is on average around 70 ± 20 microns. So, our oil filters will remove some pretty small particles.

By checking your oil filter at every oil change, you will find out what is normal for your engine and quickly be able to identify any changes that may be an early indication that may be a problem somewhere in the internals of your engine.

Opening up the Oil Filter

The oil filter has a relatively large surface area of special media that is folded into pleats and installed inside your filter. To gain access to the filter pleats, they must be removed from the steel filter housing. Don't be tempted to use a hack saw or death wheel to get to the filter media as those methods will produce a lot of metal particles themselves and will make the examination pretty much useless. There are very affordable

tools for cutting open a filter without creating metal shavings. See Figure 1.



Figure 1 – Filter Cutter

A filter cutter cleanly cuts the strong exterior steel housing without producing metal shavings that might find their way onto the filter pleats you are about to examine. Plus, who doesn't like a good new tool in their toolbox? A filter cutter works like a giant special conduit or pipe cutter with two bearings and special hardened rotary cutter. You can find filter cutters on many on-line retailers and some automotive parts stores.

Prop 65 Warning: If you don't like oil on your hands, be sure to wear gloves during this process, since the oil will have lead and other bad stuff in it. Also, don't eat/drink the filter or contents.

- a) Place the filter cutter on the filter and gently tighten the cutting wheel. See Figure 2. Always take a conservative approach in cutting the housing, progressively tightening the cutting wheel over a few rotations, rather than trying to cut through in one pass. Too much pressure and you will collapse the housing.
- b) Once the lid has been cut, the cartridge with pleats can then be removed from the housing. See Figure 3 and Figure 4. It is also a good idea to inspect the inside of the filter housing for metallic particles and other debris that may not be trapped in the filter pleats.

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Figure 2 – Filter and Cutter

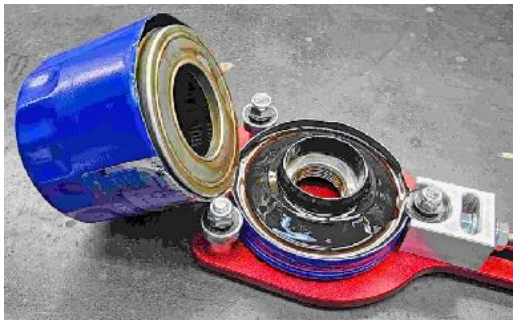


Figure 3 – Filter Canister Opened



Figure 4 – Filter Cartridge with Media Pleats

Removing the Media Pleats from the Cartridge

The filter media pleats are usually glued or otherwise securely secured to the filter cartridge to ensure all the oil goes through the filter media. I have only found one good way to remove the filter media pleats from the cartridge and that involves a sharp knife or blade. I use a drywall utility knife. See Figure 5.

NOTE: Using this technique to remove the filter media presents a potential to amputate a finger or other appendage during this process. You may want to consider wearing a knife resistant glove on the hand you are

holding the filter with. Don't say I did not warn you.



Figure 5 – Cutting the Media Pleats From the Cartridge

- Place the filter cartridge horizontally on the bench and hold with your gloved hand. Locate the filter seam (if it has one) that adjoins the two ends, usually with a metal band or glue.
- Starting at the seam and using only downward force, cut along the edge of the pleats opposite the side you are holding.
- Flip the cartridge around and repeat steps 1-2 on the other side. You may have to make a few passes on each side to fully cut the pleats. Using a new blade may help.
- The pleats can now be removed for examination. If properly cut, the pleats will come out in one long piece with a clean edge on both ends.
- The pleats will still contain a fair amount of oil at this point. If time allows, you can place the pleats on paper towels to drain overnight. You can also squeeze the pleats like an accordion and mop up the oil that squeezes out with paper towels. See Figure 6.

Inspecting the Media Pleats for Foreign Material

Stretch the pleats out under a bright light. Larger metal slivers will be obvious, but you may have to look quite closely to identify smaller particles. I used some weights on the ends to stretch the filter pleats out in one long



Figure 6

section. A strong magnet (covered with a plastic baggie or cling wrap) will remove ferrous particles from the pleats. Non-ferrous metals such as aluminum or brass are non-magnetic and will remain in the pleats.

I found some unexpected glitter in the first filter I opened. When I stretched out the filter media pleats, I immediately spotted a couple sparkly particles of what looked like metallic particles. They were all silver so most likely aluminum or steel. There were no brass or copper-colored particles (valve guides). I also saw a blue thread-like material in the media pleats. I let the filter media drain overnight on paper towels with hopes that more glitter would be visible.



Figure 9 – Blue Foreign Material – Non-Metallic



Figure 7 – Foreign Particles – Magnetic



Figure 10 – Foreign Particle - Magnetic



Figure 8 – Foreign Particle - Magnetic

Follow up and Conclusions

The next morning, I re-examined the filter material and found several additional smaller silver metallic particles in the media pleats. I used a plastic covered magnet and found that all the particles were magnetic. So, these particles were steel or steel alloy and not aluminum. Neither is good but does narrow down the potential source of the material. I plan to recommend to my neighbor that we do an oil analysis of the next oil change to get more information on exactly what kind of material is in his engine oil.

Our Meet & Greet with German Author of Corvette Book

By Bill Kassebaum

The Meet & Greet with the Mario Brunner and three other Germans who love American classic cars was held at Shiloh's restaurant in Titusville on May 24. We had a good turnout of CKCC members who all got to take a peek at the German edition of his book, *Chevrolet Corvette: 70 years – 70 Stories*. Of the three other Germans traveling with Mario, two of them also own Corvettes and are also featured in Mario's book.

The U.S. edition of the book is planned for release in late 2024 or early 2025.



Mario plans a trip back to Florida when the book is released in English.

I hope everyone had some time to talk to Mario, Frank, Björn or Francisco.

I will let the club know when the American Edition of Mario Brunner's book is published.

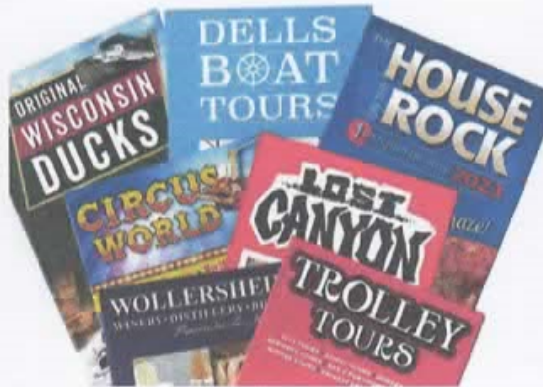


2025 NCCC Convention



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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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!



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CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2024
MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

PRESIDENT JANICE GREENE called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and members were welcomed along with recognition of May birthdays and anniversaries.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Frank Storc: Frank announced the new membership and meet and greet cards are on the front table. The membership cards will not be handed out yet as Janice needs to sign them all. Members are encouraged to take a few so when they meet people the cards can be handed out. The cards have our meeting dates, meeting location, and Fishlips information.

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan: Out of town

Janice provided the Treasures Report: Checking and Savings total \$31,000

Secretary Barbara Young: Approval of board minutes.

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum: Regarding the autocross incident where John's C8 hit a solar panel, John was in attendance and doing better. Bill and other racers met recently and talked about how to improve safety. Parts from John's car flew 50 feet and more, hot coolant and freon leaked close to a workstation. In the future, there will be more diligence. Workers will no longer be allowed to sit. Spectators will not be able to sit anywhere close to the track, including the pavilion. They will be at least 75 feet away. They are still looking for a new location for racing.

We pay \$1,500 day/\$3,000 weekend to race. Next year the price will be increased to \$2,000 day/\$4,000 weekend to race. That is too much. Member conversations followed with our past locations and new suggestions. Nothing new was noted as a possibility.

Mario Brunner, author of the book, *Chevrolet Corvette: 70 Years, 70 Stories* is coming to a meet and greet with club members at 4:00 p.m. on May 24th at Shiloh's in Titusville. A show of hands was called for to get a rough idea on attendance.

NCCC Governor Zach Duys: Absent

Car Show Peter and Janice Update: Peter thanks everyone for letting him be the car show chairman this year. He also thanks everyone who helped make it possible. We had 126 registered although not all those registered were there. Dillard's definitely wants us back and would like to advertise the show. Our charities were the Veteran's Museum and Mooseheart. The Veterans Museum set up a tent and spoke to the crowd. Peter suggests we consider these charities again for next year.

Janice thanked Peter and added a special thank you to his wife, Barbara, who did just as much work as Peter did. Barbara's name was not on anything, and she deserves the credit, too.

Janice also added we did not have as much time this year to work on the show and didn't get the flyer done as early as we wanted. We took in a little over \$10,500. We paid out about \$4,500 making the profit \$5,931. Thank you to everyone who made baskets, who scrounged up door prizes, and who got us goodie bag stuff. We had a lot of good compliments on everything we did for the show; people enjoyed being there. For next year, we want to nail down the location and get the flyer done as soon as possible so we can hand out the flyer at the Toy Run.

We will need a new car show chairman for next year. Peter will help whoever steps up next year.

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Last week Janice, Maryalice, and Barbara presented two checks to the Veteran's Memorial Museum. One check was for \$750 that came directly from New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet through us. The second check was for \$561 from our 50/50. Janice presented a check to John for \$810 during the meeting to Mooseheart (these two checks have not come out of our checking account).

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra: Connie read a note from Ronnie Duys. "You can share that Zach's surgery (Monday) went exceedingly well, and he is bouncing back at a surprising speed. He will be moved to a regular room today. He may be home in another day or two. He requests no calls and no visitors for now. He'll likely be bored crazy once he's home and welcome company then. We will keep you posted once is his ready for visits and will want to schedule them to not get overwhelmed. Thanks, Ronnie."

Brenda Teixeira welcomed new transfers, Noel and Michelle Comeaux from Jacksonville. Noel has been driving the 95 corridor every other week for four years. He works in Port St. Lucie and has a silver 2002 Z06 with 99,500 miles. They also have a '73 Elkhart Green Corvette with a slightly modified L-48 engine.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Connie Kostyra announced that on June 22nd we are going to get a guided tour of Elliott Museum in Stuart. It is at the south end of Hutchinson Island, about an hour and 30 minutes from Melbourne. Veterans with an ID and first responders get complimentary admission; National Corvette Museum members get in free and others are going to be at the group rate of \$14 per person. We will see a beautiful two-story 48,000 square foot building containing 92 antique and classic cars and trucks, including a '53 Cunningham and a Willoughby 1900's airplane. We will have a special tour of the garage, which regular attendees do not get. The Museum features the boomerang car

racking system. There are also all kinds of special exhibits., including a limited time surfing display and a baseball gallery that will be there for the start of the Derek Jeter exhibit. Further, there are bicycle, bank robber, and local artist displays. We will go to the restaurant, Philly Down South where the menu includes a Philly Pretzel, huge variety of Philly steak sandwiches, wings, seafood, and lobster. After eating, you can leave your car there and go to the beach or to the Florida Oceanographic Institute. Details of the route will follow.

Barbara Marshall announced the next cruise in will be May 18th to The Catfish Place in St. Cloud. We will meet at Sam's in Cocoa at 2:15 p.m. Patsy Shearer also said on June 1st at 4:30, we will have a cruise in to the Galaxy Bar and Grill (formally Shuttles).

Spoiler Newsletter Editor Roger Wolf said the next *Spoiler* is not completed yet. He was waiting on approved minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still in need of information on schools that have automotive programs. Janice is requesting that be completed soon.

NEW BUSINESS

We need a repair on a side panel on the trailer. It is new to us but barely used. The repair was approved for less than \$500. If it is more, it will need to be brought up for a vote.

Bill Kasselbaum posted a poll on our group Facebook page to see about placing ads on our page. There was also an option to allow our sponsors to advertise. This was brought up for discussion. Roger does not want ads due to liability for the club. Bill would like to start with club members allowed to advertise first. We would need strict guidelines for sponsors. The advertisements would need to be Corvette related only. A suggestion was to sell at our meetings. Our Facebook group has around 120 members, our club has around 200, and only a portion attend the meetings. Motions were passed to sell corvette items only on our Facebook page. Hands were

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raised for approval. Only about seven opposed.

Roger let everyone know he is the only administrator. Board members Bill and Frank were added as Administrators.

Janice brought up the Fishlips situation. Some suggested we go elsewhere. The June brunch will not be at Fishlips due to another event. For June only, it was decided to go to Gators if they will accommodate us. The social committee will check with Gators.

We have been going to Fishlips for two decades. One owner does not like us, but Mike, the other owner, does not want to lose us. Fishlips sponsored us when we had the

show at the port. This year they did give us a basket and coupons. We will revisit this at the next meeting.

Patsy Shearer brought up Bob Steele Chevrolet because it was difficult to reach them for the car show. Patsy found out Bob's wife, Nancy, was dying and so was their son, David. Patsy went to the funeral. At the funeral, Robert asked her to come to the shop the next day. He gave us a check for a couple hundred dollars, without Patsy talking or asking for anything.

No one has heard anything about the Memorial Day parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2024

MERRITT ISLAND MOOSE LODGE

PRESIDENT JANICE GREENE called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A call to acknowledge new members or visitors was issued with no responses. June Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice-President Frank Storc absent, no report.

Secretary Barbara Young absent, no report

Treasurer Maryalice Istvan was absent. Financial report delivered by Janice Greene.

Total amount in checking and savings accounts is \$27,427.26

Competition Director Bill Kassebaum was absent, No report

Governor Zach Duys spoke on the costs of operating the NCCC organization. Membership cards cost \$17,000 to print and mail. Suggestion is to use local club cards and add NCCC number to back. Cost of each NCCC card is approximately \$1.00 per

card. NCCC hasn't raised dues in 40 years. Suggestion is to raise dues by \$10 per person or face possible future cuts to benefits. Blue Bars costs approximately \$100,000 per year to print and mail. Suggestion made to replace hard copies with digital only, cutting costs of meetings by reducing national meetings to 3 instead of 4 per year, and combine regions to reduce number of people attending meetings. Consensus in CKCC is to increase the dues by \$10. Objection to only increasing fee to primary member. CKCC still prefers hard copy of Blue Bars except for those who choose to receive soft copy only.

Florida region meeting to be held July 28th in Orlando. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CKCC up 11 new members in 2024 so far.

Officer at Large Connie Kostyra reports that the local Astronaut Memorial Foundation is hosting a fundraising event to advertise the new movie "Fly Me to the Moon." Two cars from CKCC will be showcased at the event,

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one belonging to Beth Cavallaro and the other belonging to Joe Crosby, owner of the Neil Armstrong Corvette. Event is being held at the Oaks Theater in Melbourne on July 12th. CKCC members are invited to attend the reception and movie, and bring their Corvettes. Cost is \$50 per person.

Social Committee

Member Connie Kostyra spoke about the upcoming trip to Elliott Museum on June 22nd. Veterans and active duty military as well as members of the National Corvette Museum are free to enter. \$14 per person for others.

Upcoming trip to the River Deck Tiki Bar and Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach on July 20. Meet at Sand Point Park in Titusville at 2:15 p.m. to caravan to location. RSVP Janet Hoy.

Spoiler Newsletter Editor Roger Wolf had no updates regarding the Spoiler.

OLD BUSINESS

Club still looking for 2025 Car Show chairman. Charitable donations for 2024 discussion. Looking for appropriate schools. Rolling over to July meeting.

Rallye donation discussion rolling to July meeting.

Passing the hat again in July to add to our fund for flowers.

Trailer repair discussion rolling to July. Only one verbal quote of approximately \$500-\$600 to review.

Janice Greene spoke about the hijacking of our car show graphic and using it to sell T-shirts through another club. Contacting owner of company selling them and attempting to resolve the situation.

Club discussion on moving monthly brunch to Gators Portside and leaving FishLips. Motion from David Glenn to move to Gators, seconded by Bob Lacoste. An Amendment to the motion from Roni Duys to make it a temporary move. David Glenn accepted the amendment. Vote by club to vote again in July. Club voted to go to Gators for July.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie Acton suggested a second cruise-in to Beef O'Brady's on the second Saturday each month. The Social Committee stated they have events scheduled for each month but unsure of dates at this time. This issue to be revisited in July.

Reminders to clean the tables, tip the waitress. 50/50 of \$90 went to Roni Duys.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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