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Our Beginning...

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club originated in March of 2005. The Club has grown into a respected, active and acknowledged Corvette Club that meets in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. In January of 2005, local Ponce Inlet residents Gary and Dianne Swanhart purchased a new C6 red coupe from local Chevrolet Dealer Jon Hall. The twist in the story took place shortly after they got the car home. Jon Hall was contacted by representatives of Wrangler Jeans and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to see if the Dealership could provide them with a red Corvette to film a Wrangler Jeans commercial at the Daytona International Speedway. At the time they did not have another red C6 in stock but they remembered just having delivered a red C6 coupe to Gary and Dianne. The Swanhart's were contacted and asked if they would be willing to support the filming with their new Corvette. They agreed and Gary and Dianne took the new C6 to the track and met Dale Jr. During the filming they both got to meet him and had Dale Jr. sign the dash of their new Corvette. Shortly after that event the Club was organized and Jon Hall Chevrolet became the Club's first Sponsor. The initial meeting was held on February 22, 2005. Sixteen prospective members from Ponce Inlet, Daytona Beach Shores, Ormond Beach and Port Orange were in attendance. A general design for a "Club Logo" that depicted the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse with a C5 emblem across the background of the lighthouse was adopted. Since that initial meeting, the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club has become well known for attending local car shows, cruise-ins and is a Charitable and Social Club. Members are owners of Corvettes from 1958 to 2022. Proceeds from our annual VETTES AT ONE DAYTONA show and fund raisers are donated to charity. Our annual car show has become a focal point of Corvette Clubs and Corvette enthusiasts throughout the state of Florida.

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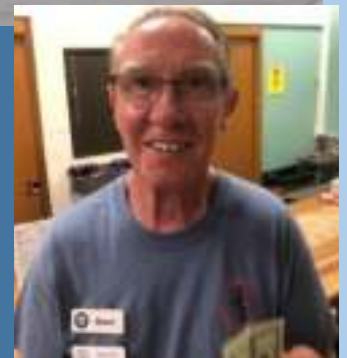


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2023 President Dave Tyree

BECOMING A PICC MEMBER

Membership shall be open to any Corvette owner over 21 years of age and their spouse or significant other. Any membership paid on or before March 22, 2005 shall be considered a Charter Membership. Each membership shall have only one vote. Application will be made on the club membership form (available on our website) and given to the Membership Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson forwards to the treasurer, all membership registration funds. Members that no longer own a Corvette will have six months to obtain ownership in another Corvette or forfeit membership in the Club. There will be no refund of dues to members who forfeit their membership. Any member whose annual dues and fees are current is considered an Active Member. If a club member resigns from the Club, that member will not be entitled to participate in any Club functions, until that member formally requests a new membership application. At that point, all new membership requirements must be once again satisfied. Our annual membership dues are \$50.00. Membership dues are payable at time of application to the Club.

Dave Tyree, President, called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club on, Feb. 16, 2023 at 6:30, The PICC Meeting was held at the Hidden Lakes Clubhouse located at 35 Fair Green Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

President Dave Tyree called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and first responders. Dave made a motion to except the secretary's minutes from the membership meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and approved by the membership. Started off by mentioning that this is the last day to have your dues paid. After today you will be removed from the roster. Dave wanted to mention to any new members that we have men's luncheon on the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 at the Eagles Club in Port Orange.

Vice President Mike Wasson stated that we had decided to donate \$750 to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse foundation and he will be taking that check out to the lighthouse next week. Mike reiterated to the membership that we are always looking for good ideas where we can put our money to good use helping needy groups. Dave also wanted to mention that a couple weeks back he had been invited to a picnic sponsored by the Senior Softball League Organization in Daytona Beach. We had previously donated money to them and they wanted to let us know that they were very appreciative of the donation we gave them. It certainly helps with the rising costs of rental fees of the fields they play on.

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth reported that we had no new members, however she did hand out one application for membership. She wanted to let any new members from last month's meeting that are present she has their new member packets with her tonight, so come and get them after the meeting.

Treasurer Julie Bush wanted to also let the membership know that she had received a letter from the Little Pink House of Hope that we had donated \$500 to last July. Julie thought that it would be a good idea to give a little background on what the money goes for and how it is used. Julie also mentioned that we had donated \$750 dollars to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. She then gave her report on Club Finances.

Secretary Victor Toews Minutes from the last regular meeting were moved by Don Bush and seconded by Bill Cumberland and were approved by the membership.

Director at Large Reed Miller First off Reed wanted to report that we had 21 of our members attended the Day of the Duels Car Show for a good turnout. A lot of really good-looking vehicles turned out. Reed handed out between 50 and 65 of our car show flyers to other clubs letting them know time and date. Secondly he wanted to report on Susie Amaro's Drive Out to Shrimps R Us. He noted that there would be two separate groups leaving from different locations. One would leave from the Walmart Parking Lot located on Granada Ave. at 11:30 and the second group will leave from Venetian Bay. They will meet at the Portofina Reserve entrance and leave at 11:30 as well. As of today, we have 85 cars registered for our car show. That leaves space for only 100 more registrants as we are allowed a total of 185 cars this year.

Reed wanted to discuss a bit about Hospitality night. It is meant to welcome participants from out of town to our show. Reed with Dave, have worked with the hotel on a menu that they feel is very reasonable at \$40 per head. It is a full sit-down dinner consisting of three different items meat, fish and chicken. We would like to encourage our members to participate in the dinner. This is held the Friday night before the show. It is held at the hotel with a cocktail hour starting at 5:00 and continuing from there. Matt from the hotel mentioned that it would be a good idea to set a couple of cars out front to let people know where to go for dinner. Bill Cumberland suggested that we have a C1 or C2 and a C8. Reed asked if anyone would like to have their car shown out front. Reed will be sending out an email listing the jobs that are required for the show where you can reply back with a job you would be interested in or there will be signup sheets at the next meeting. Another email was sent out for help and suggestions for Beverly's baskets. There will be baskets for women and men. The baskets are a real money maker for the club. Bruce Woodard with the help of Bill Nelson have sent out letters to major corporations asking for donations to be used for silent auctions or goody bag items. It would be helpful if we could contact businesses around town to help donate items. It could be anything, key chains, pens, advertisements. Anything to fill up our goody bags. We also have other things such as ideas for door prizes, Gene Kelsner will be handling that. We have money that we will be spending money up at the Corvette Museum buying maybe some higher class items for our giveaways. Gene always does a good job with that. The Committee Chairman meet the first Monday of every month at the Half Wall in New Smyrna to discuss plans for the show. Everyone is welcome to come and sit in, have dinner or drinks and possibly give suggestions. Going to be putting together the design and color for our tee shirts very soon. There have been suggestions that in the past our shirts have been dark in color and maybe this year we go with a lighter color. An email will be going out shortly to our members to sign up to purchase tee shirts. Dave mentioned the hotel already has 41 reservations for Friday night, 27 for Saturday night and 1 for Sunday night. The room rate is \$134 per night plus tax, etc. There is also a \$20 Daytona Destination Fee that is added to bill but will be taken off when you pay.

Sunshine Committee Marlene Montana – Dave read the names of 18 members who have Birthdays this month. NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast had no report for us. Social Director Susie Amaro. Linda Giambalvo, sitting in for Susie, wanted to remind everyone of the Monday drive out to Shrimp R Us. Next is the Midway Gator Airboat Tour on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 followed by a dinner at Shilos Steak and Sea Food at 4:00. The Ladies have decided to have a standing Luncheon, like the men, on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Ormond Garage in Ormond at 11:30. Next meeting will be Monday March 13th. Next up will be Ladies High Tea on Tuesday May 9th at 2:00 at Lillian's Place. Then on May 27th meeting at 5:00 with a Tortuga Game starting at 6:30. Linda also wanted to mention that on the 4th Wednesday of the month the ladies meet for Bunko. They meet at a club house off of Dunlawton, in Port Orange. If you are interested in being a sub, please get in contact with Linda.

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CLUB INFORMATION



President: Dave Tyree

We had about 40 members show up to Shrimp R Us for their wonderful Buffet that they put on for our Club, Thanks to Susie for setting up another Great time for our members,

Our Vettes at One Daytona Corvette Show will be here before we know it, some of us have already been working for several months to put this show together and we will need all hands on deck to make this show the Success that it has been the last couple of years, Reed will be putting out sign up sheets for the various tasks we have so please be sure to sign up to help, Also look for Reed and Susie's emails for upcoming events.

For the newer club members I wanted to let the men know that on the second Thursday of each month we do a Mens Luncheon, it is held at the Eagles, 5130 S. Ridge-wood Ave. in Port Orange at 1 p.m.

I send out an email several days before this event, if you would like to attend just reply to my email that you will be attending, I give them a head count so they can supply us a waitress.

Dave

Vice President: Mike Wasson

Message from the Vice President

Thank You. On Wednesday February 22nd I delivered our donation to the lighthouse. I presented the check to Ed Gunn, the Executive Director.

Mike



Meeting Minutes Continued:

Old Business/New Business Under new Business it was suggested that we make the Best of Show trophy in Jack Dibblings name.

Heidi Stembridge made a suggestion about making a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Meeting adjourned

Basket was won by Cindy Polom 50/50 drawing was won by Cindy Polom w/ Cindy donating her winnings back to the club.

CLUB INFORMATION



EVENTS BY SUSIE

Please mark your calendar for a few upcoming events:

1. Drive-out: Tuesday, March 21st 12:00 p.m.
First Turn Restaurant: 5218 S. Ridgewood Ave, Port Orange RSVP no later than 3/15/23
2. LADIES ONLY!!! Standing date for ladies lunch: 2nd Monday of every month at Ormond Garage, Ormond Beach 11:30 a.m. Next lunch: Monday, March 13. RSVP no later than 3/10/23
3. Midway Gator Airboat Tour & Lunch in Christmas, Florida! Tuesday, April 11th departing from Daytona (location TBD) at 1:00 p.m. Followed by an early dinner at Shilohs in Titusville. RSVP no later than 4/5/23
4. LADIES ONLY!!! High Tea at Lilian Place, 1000 S Peninsula, Daytona Beach: Tuesday, May 9th 2:00 p.m. RSVP no later than 5/2/23
5. May 27th Tortugas game in Daytona Beach buffet to start at 5:00-game at 6:30 p.m. There will be a link sent out to purchase your tickets which will include the buffet and the game!

Thank you!

CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Monday March 6th: Car Show Chairman Meeting: Half Way NSB 5:00 pm

Tuesday March 7th: PICC Board Meeting Venetian Bay Golf Club 5:00 pm

Thursday March 9th: Men's Luncheon Eagles Club, South Daytona 1:00 pm

Saturday March 11th: East Coast Cruiser Car Show at New Smyrna Chevrolet

Thursday March 16th: PICC Monthly Meeting Hidden Valley Golf Club 5:00 pm

Sunday March 19th: Venice Corvette Club Car Show

Saturday March 25th: Tom Gibbs Chevrolet Corvette and Camaro Show 9:00 am

Saturday April 22nd: Vettes at the Port Car Show Port Canaveral Florida

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See Everything That Happens With Corvette Museum Delivery Option

By: Jacob Oliva

The Corvette Museum Delivery Experience is a unique option offered by Chevrolet to buyers of the American sports car. The experience allows customers to take delivery of their prized purchase at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This experience, however, isn't limited to just taking the keys and driving off with a 'Vette.

In a Corvette Expert Sessions video, Chevrolet lets us in on a tour of what comes with that whole experience. The process starts with the buyer signing up for the R8C delivery option as soon as they order their Chevy Corvette from the dealership. This delivery option includes a personalized plaque that goes inside the car, which is the first interaction the buyer has with the museum staff.

On the day of the delivery, the buyer is then given a tour of the museum and the plant where their Corvette was built. They also get a chance to participate in a hands-on experience where they can learn about the features of their car in a friendly and supportive environment. Additionally, buyers receive a one-year individual membership to the National Corvette Museum and a membership to the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Buyers can also take advantage of additional options, such as discounted racing laps on the racetrack or discounts on purchases made at the Corvette store. One of the most popular options is the NCM photo album, which documents the assembly of the car from start to finish, allowing buyers to feel like they are part of the process.

The NCM photo album, which consists of 40+ pages of text and photos, costs an extra \$700. It will also come with a letter of authenticity, a letter from the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant manager and the National Corvette Museum's executive director, and a back page autograph area for memorable moments/events.

The experience culminates in a ceremonial passing of the keys, where the buyer finally gets to take their Corvette home. According to Chevy, this moment is often emotional, with some buyers even tearing up at the sight of their new car.



VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/JwNR0TdnbW8>

(copy and paste for video)





Update on the NCM board meeting in Charlotte NC...

We did discuss the rebuild of the Motorsports Park and the meetings are continuing with the contractors because of the increase in cost.

We have taken delivery of 2 more C8 corvettes (total of 6) and 1 more Z06 (making it 3 total) all for the track...

The custom CARisma of Carl Casper exhibit will open March 7th

The BASH is April 27 thru April 29th

The McMichael Family Education Gallery opens April 27th

The 70th years of Corvette (a Birthday Celebration) is April 29th

And add on to your calendar August 31 thru September 2nd the NCM annual Celebration !!

Remember to SAVE THE WAVE

Chuck Fast

Club Ambassador



CAR SHOW NEWS



“Vettes at One Daytona”new member guide

For over ten years the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club has sponsored the one-of-a-kind car show in the Daytona area. Each year the club has seen the show grow to where it had to be moved from its original location at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse to the present location at One Daytona. This event serves as the club's only fund raiser to support local charities in Volusia

County. With the great success of the show over the years, the club has been able to donate thousands of dollars to local organizations. The money is raised by the hard work of our club members at the show. A portion of the registration fee charged by the club along with Basket Raffles, a Silent Auction, Tee Shirt sales, and a huge 50/50 are where the club makes money to support donations made by the club.



The show itself is very exciting. We have been able to get two hundred Corvettes from across the south to participate. Four or five states have been represented about every year and we expect the same this year. Registration for the show is now open and will remain open until we reach our quota of one hundred eighty five Corvettes.

The weekend of the show is packed with activities. We begin the weekend by hosting the annual Hospitality Dinner. This is where our club members get to meet members of other clubs at a nice dinner at One Daytona. This dinner is always a great time for members and guests at One Daytona. Saturday is the day of the show. It starts early as gates open at 7:00 am for registered cars. The show ends with awards around 2:00. After the show, club members will make their way to a local restaurant to wind down.



We ask club members to put the weekend of the show on their calendars and volunteer to help out at the show. As we move closer to the show, various committees will be forming and members will be asked to participate. Our next few meetings will be important to get information out about what is needed for the show.



The 3 Most Reliable C5 Corvette Model Years You'll Want in Your Garage

by Produced by Digital Editors

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The Chevrolet Corvette is a satisfying sports car that offers excellent options in the five-digit price range. However, the Corvette's reliability varies by generation. Consumer Reports predicts the latest-generation C8 Corvette will be one of the least dependable, though there's nothing bad about its performance. On the other hand, the C6 Corvette has a better reputation for reliability. And the previous incarnation — the C5 Corvette — is a mixed bag: Some model years are great, others not so much. Here are the most reliable C5 Corvette model years.

A quick overview of the C5 Corvette

The C5 Corvette model years are from 1997 to 2004. According to HotCars, the first few C5-generation years were prone to expensive repair problems. Its debut model year faced seven recalls for various issues, including seatbelts, power steering, and suspension. And the 1998 Corvette has racked up hundreds of complaints on the NHTSA website. This car is infamous among owners for dangerous parking brake malfunctions and power steering failure. It has four recalls, with the most severe problems concerning a faulty steering column lock. Over 126,000 vehicles potentially couldn't hold the key inside the ignition, which often results in the engine shutting off without warning.

Why drivers love the 2002 Chevy Corvette

HotCars reports that Chevrolet re-tuned the 2001 model significantly, but the 2002 Corvette is one of the most reliable. Most used models pack a 350-hp engine and a four-speed automatic transmission. According to Edmunds, this C5 Corvette with the optional six-speed manual gearbox can reach 60 mph in under five seconds.

Every C5 Corvette came standard with an Active Handling System. AHS works with the automatic braking system to give the car better handling and traction control. This year was also the second that you could buy the Z06 performance variant with a 405-hp V8 and racing-specced brakes.

The 2002 Corvette also offered leather seat trim and a targa top, in addition to coupe and convertible body styles. And though most sports cars today barely have 15 cubic feet of cargo capacity, this model boasts 25 cubic feet.

The 2003 model is another reliable C5 Corvette

The C5 Corvette's powertrain remained unchanged for the 2003 model year, though it received new sport seats and dual-zone climate control. Plus, the seats got additional lumbar support settings.

The optional Magnetic Ride Control system was also debuted this model year. This special shock-absorbing system has a set of sensors that automatically adjust the suspension depending on the terrain.



Corvette: WEC entry will also benefit Cadillac LMDh effort

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By: Jamie Klein

The General Motors brand entered the full WEC for the first time in 2022 with a single Corvette C8.R entered in the GTE Pro class for Nick Tandy and Tommy Milner, having previously only raced in the Le Mans 24 Hours and sporadic other races.

Recently, Corvette announced that it will continue its program next year in the GTE Am class, which will be the last season for the C8.R before its replacement by a new version of the C8 street car built from the ground up to GT3 rules in 2024.

It will be joined in the WEC by sister brand Cadillac, which will take on the likes of Toyota, Peugeot, Porsche and Ferrari in the top Hypercar class next season with a single Chip Ganassi-run V-LMDh to be shared by Alex Lynn, Earl Bamber and Richard Westbrook.

Klauser is convinced that the Cadillac program, of which she is also in charge, will benefit from the work that Corvette has done in establishing ties with series organisers and allowing the GM organization to better familiarize itself with racing in the WEC.

She told Motorsport.com: "It's very clear what being a party here in the full season had done for us. It's given us great relationships with everyone in the paddock.

"We had learned the little nuances that come with every different series that you race in, and we felt comfortable and the team was performing well, not just the drivers.

"If you looked at the mechanics and the engineers, they felt comfortable because it was familiar and they knew it, and I think that was huge, honestly.

"And as you look to the future, with all of what we're doing with Corvette and Cadillac, building these relationships have been mission critical as well."

She added: "It's always good to know who you can maybe call on if you need a little help or just want to run an idea by.

"And one of the things for me personally that's been so great about being here is learning all of the different teams that are in the WEC paddock, getting to know them, getting to know the OEMs better that are over here more prevalent than they are in the U.S. and that's been great.

"So I think any sportscar racing program that comes out of GM going forward will benefit from that."

Corvette goes into next weekend's Bahrain season finale searching for a second win to add to the first victory in a regular WEC race scored by the American brand at Monza in July in what will be the series' final ever GTE Pro race.

Nicky Catsburg and Ben Keating have been named as the first two drivers for the brand's 2023 GTE Am entry, which will again be run in parallel with a single-car effort in the GT Daytona Pro class of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.







We have established a number of committees for the car show in May. They are listed below with a brief description of what each does the day of the show. We will be mailing out an email in the next couple of weeks for people to sign up for the committees. We will also be signing people up at the next two membership meetings.

Day of Show Registration: Chairman Mike Wasson. We need people to assist at the entrance gate to greet the registered cars and get them their show packet. Then the participants will be directed to their designated parking area at the show.

Set-Up: Chairman Bill Cumberland, Reed Miller, Dave Tyree. We will need people to help setting up for the show. Tents must be assembled, and tables must be put in place. This is all done early on show morning.

Day of show parking: Chairman Bill Cumberland, Don Bush. We need members to assist in parking all registered Corvettes. This will be done in a timely fashion, assisting members of the One Daytona staff that will supervise parking. We need members to assist the participants in parking their Corvettes.

Hospitality Night: Chairman Margaret Dibling. We will need people greeting the guests and assisting with sign-in. We will also provide guests with their dinner tickets and lucky number tickets.

Basket Raffle/Silent Auction: Chairman Beverly Vedral: We will need people assisting in selling the Basket Raffle Tickets throughout the day at the Basket Raffle table.

50/50 Ticket Sales: Chairman Margaret Dibling: We will have a 50/50 booth at the show. We will also need members to sell tickets throughout the venue on the day of the show. This is one of our big money-makers.

Judging: Chairman Chuck Fast, Charlie Vedral. We need members to assist in the judging. We will have a judging seminar before the show to train judges. We have eleven classes to judge. We pick first, second, and third in class. Each class needs two judges.

People's Choice Tabulation: Chairman Mike Wasson. We will need a group of people to assist in counting the People's Choice votes.

Lucky Number Give-away: Bill Nelson, Jean Kelchner. Numbers will be drawn during the event and brought to the Lucky Number table.

Day of Show T-Shirt Sales: Chairman John and Maureen Sartor. We will have shirts for sale to the public during the event.

Club Members T-Shirts: Chairman Don Bush. Members can order event shirts. Order forms will be available at the membership's monthly meeting.

Show Photographer: We are looking for someone interested in taking pictures at the show. Pictures will be used on our website. If interested, please contact Reed Miller at millerj18@hotmail.com.

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