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PONCE INLET CORVETTE CLUB
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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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2022 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.

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at the March meeting

FEBRUARY MINUTES from Victor Toews

Dave Tyree, President, called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club on, March 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 and seconded and approved by the membership. Dave read the names of the 9 member Birthdays and 4 couple anniversaries this month. Dave mentioned that we have trophies available to anyone who would like to sponsor a particular car for \$30 or \$90 for a class. We need to have commitments by the April meeting. Dave has been working with Daytona on drink prices to keep prices as low as possible. Beer prices will be \$6 for domestic and \$7 for import, \$10 for wine and \$10 for deluxe liquor.

Vice President Mike Wasson let us know that he had received a rather long and letter from the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association thanking us for our donation. Mike then made a motion to again donate \$500 to the Little Pink Houses of Hope similar to last years donation. That motion was moved, seconded and approved by the membership. Mike wanted everyone to know that he is open to any suggestions for possible local charitable organizations.

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth announced new members Rodney & Florence Mc Lean, Jim & Randi Wescoat, Bob & Debbie Dutcher and Donald & Barbara Mullaney. Denice told us that we currently have 90 paid members with 4 associate members and 1 honorary member.

Treasurer Julie Bush gave her report on Club Finances. Secretary Victor Toews Motion to approve the Minutes from last regular meeting was moved by Bill Nelson and seconded by Jean Kelchner and were approved by the membership.

Director at Large Reed Miller. Reed started by discussing upcoming cars. The first of which was the Venice Car show this coming weekend. We have several cars going. He noted if you were going with the group on Friday, the group is meeting at the Racetrac gas station on rt. 44 at 10:30. The following weekend the Stewart

Corvette Club is having a car show at the Kaiser University and then there is one on the West Coast at Inverness. Also there is the Corvette and Camaro Show up at Tom Gibbs in Palm Coast. Other upcoming ones are the revival of the Port Canaveral and one up in Jacksonville in June.

Next on the list is reporting on our car show. We have been meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at the Half Wall. Reed feels that progress is going well and that we are right on schedule. The next meeting will actually be on the 2nd Monday in April and not the first. Registration has been cut back to approximately 175 or so cars because of remodeling. Currently we have 125 cars registered. Dave has been working with the hotel to get better rates in case you would be interested in staying at the hotel. The normal rate is \$339/night and our rate will be \$134/night. An email has been sent out with the Hospitality Night dinner menu reservation. Numbers for the dinner from outside participants is down probably because of last years change from a sit down dinner to a buffet at the last minute. This year we have been assured that it will be a sit down dinner. Dave has worked with Daytona to see about getting drink prices reduced. We felt that last year prices were a bit exorbitant and although this year's prices will still be high just not as high as last year.

Next was discussions on tee shirt prices. There will be a small increase in price but not for our members. That will stay a \$10. The color of the shirts will be a Crimson Red. Reed had a list of Committees that need Volunteers to help. Reed talked about the progression of registration day duties. week in April.

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NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast will conduct a class on car judging at his house.

Social Director Susie Amaro. Susie has lined up a drive-out scheduled for next Tuesday at the First Turn on Ridgeway in Port Orange at 2:00. The Management has reserved space for our cars. The food will be off the menu. If you haven't already done so please RSVP soon. There are 28 signed up so far. The next item is on April 11th at the Midway Airboat Tours in Christmas Florida at 2:00. Cost is around \$34. After that we will go down to Shiloh's Steak & Seafood in Titusville. Next is the Ladies Luncheon which will be held on the 2nd Monday of every month to be held at the Ormond Garage. Susie will be sending out notices with RSVP requests so she can let Ormond Garage how many to expect. Next will be High Tea at Lillian Place on May 9th. Susie is always open to suggestions even if they are for places that have been done before. Next will be a Tortuga baseball game on May 27th. There will be a buffet starting at 5 with the game starting at 6:30. Susie had prizes for a man and women who had dressed up for St. Patrick's day. The women's winner was Laura Gilkes and the men's winner was Kevin Gaff. Meeting adjourned

50/50 drawing was won by Gene Williams

Bev's Basket was won by Julie Bush

Bottle of Bailey's in a Large Beer Mug engraved with the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club logo was won by Linda Giambalvo

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EVENTS BY SUSIE

ATTENTION ALL PICC MEMBERS:

Let's go alligator wrestling! OK not really but it's an opportunity to see plenty of big gators from the safety on an airboat! Here's the link to read all about it: <https://www.airboatridesatmidway.com/>
(NOTE: DO NOT book your reservation-you will pay upon arrival) Cost: appx \$50/person; 28501 E Colonial Drive, Christmas, FL
After the airboat tour, we will head to Shiloh's restaurant on the water in Titusville for late lunch/early dinner. We'll order off the menu-cost depending on what you order. <https://www.shilohstitusville.com/>

Here's the scoop:

Date: Tuesday, April 18th

Time: Alligator tour start time is 1:30 but they want us all there by 1:00. We will meet at Super WalMart at 12:00 p.m. 3155 State Rd 44, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Then drive to Shiloh's for yummy food! It's going to be a super fun day so be sure to join us!

Please RSVP to Susie Amaro no later than 4/11/23 (text preferred) 760-390-3078.

CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Monday April 3rd:	PICC Board Meeting	Venetian Bay Golf Club	5:00 pm
Tuesday April 10th:	PICC Ladies Lunch	Ormond Garage	12:00 noon
Tuesday April 10th:	PICC Car Show Meeting	Half Wall NSB	5:00pm
Tuesday April 18th:	Alligators and Shiloh's	(See above)	
Thursday April 13th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Saturday April 22nd:	Vettes at the Port Car Show Port Canaveral Florida		



MESSAGE FROM CHUCK FAST

The NCM has restored the garages that were hit by really high winds that blow off the Roofs of several garages at the Motorsports Park last month. The Kimberlee A.Fast Pavilion has been restored and updated and is ready for the BASH at the end of April. We now have 2 Z06's and 5 Z51's + 2 Camaros ready for those that would like to either do some lead follow, or some high speed at the 3.2 mile road course....

The Holley Tower is only partially completed (so it can still be used) but the addition is still being negotiated on as we are still working things out with the builder because of the construction cost increase.

The "Museum In Motion" MiM, is proud to have members from across the country and even internationally take the tours around the U.S., as well as Canada, England, and France...upcoming MiM events :

- The Annual Michelin NCM BASH April 27th - April 29th
 - The MiM Dragon Run by Michelin at the Biltmore Estate April 30th - May 3rd
 - The MiM LeMans Tour (England/France) June 3rd - June 13th
 - The MIM Charlotte Experience June 4th - June 8th
 - The MiM explore Detroit July 9th - July 13th
 - The MiM Alaska Cruise July 11th - July 23rd
 - The 29th Anniversary Celebration at the NCM August 24th - September 30th
 - The MiM National Parks Tour September 24th - September 30th
- They will be adding more tours and events, that I will add on as the months continue,

The major one coming up is the BASH at the end of the month at the NCM returning activities include seminars by Michelin, Mobil 1, General Motors, tours of the BG Assembly Plant, and class sessions by GM certified Corvette Technicians, enjoy guided road tours, a newly expanded car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Class.

tours, a newly expanded car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Class. If you have any questions about the BASH or where to stay etc., please feel free to call me, I hope to see you there !

Save the Wave,
 Chuck Fast
 Club Ambassador





VIDEO LINK: https://youtu.be/oY2WYg_l1TY

Chevy Corvette Museum Delivery Experience

BY TREY HAWKINS— MAR 13, 2023

As America's sports car, the Chevy Corvette has quite the expectation to live up to. Usually, this presupposition is expressed by comparing horsepower figures, 0 to 60 mph times, and handling attributes against foreign rivals. However, an often-overlooked aspect of the ownership experience is the presentation of the vehicle. With this in mind, GM recently released a video detailing the Corvette Museum Delivery experience.

Intended as an effort to elevate the Corvette experience, GM offers new customers the opportunity to take delivery of their brand-new Vette right from the factory. Owners are given a variety of items to commemorate the event, such as a custom-inscribed plaque and a picture-book demonstrating the build process of their particular vehicle.

Tagged with RPO code R8C, this experience is priced at \$995, and is available with the purchase of any Corvette model.

It's worth noting that the National Corvette Museum recently resumed public plant tours after they were suspended in 2017 amid plant renovations.

Currently, this delivery experience is offered for the C8 Corvette. Prospective buyers have the choice between two C8 flavors, the C8 Stingray and the C8 Z06. The 2023 Stingray is powered by the 6.2L V8 LT2, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque, while the 2023 Corvette Z06 is powered



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St. Patrick's



2023 VENICE FLORIDA CAR SHOW pictures by Barbara Cumberland







FIRST TURN





Our legend endures:

When you compete at the highest levels of endurance racing for over 20 years, you experience a thing or two — like back-to-back championships. In 2021, Corvette Racing finished the final GTLM season by bringing home the IMSA GTLM Manufacturer, Team and Driver championships for the second year in a row. That victory will motivate us as we continue our legacy and transition to compete in the new GTD PRO class and the LMGTE AM class in 2023.

Blurring the lines between road car and race car:

The father of the Corvette, Zora Arkus-Duntov, believed that before a car made its way to the road, it had to first prove itself on the track. This heritage lives on in the eighth-generation Corvette. The C8.R was developed in tandem with the production Stingray, creating a deeper level of technology transfer than ever before. And leading to a car that blurs the lines between its performance on the road and its performance on the track.

From whiteboard to checkered flag:

The mid-engine platform served as a clean slate, a first for Corvette Racing since the C5.R. Engineers were able to drastically improve aerodynamics over the previous generation, and the race car is significantly stiffer and lighter than the C7.R. With no need for front storage, the C8.R features a single centrally mounted radiator for improved optimal performance and visibility. Every inch of this vehicle has been optimized for racing.

Double the endurance:

When you've dominated endurance racing as long as Corvette Racing has, the only direction you can move is forward. In 2023 Corvette Racing will continue to race in IMSA with a team of three and will transition to LMGTE Am with a team of three, 2 of those drivers being added this year to the team, securing our participation in the 24 Hours of Le Mans and our future as a leader in endurance racing.





Corvette Racing at Sebring: Fifth in Late-Race Carnage

By Corvette Racing -Mar 19, 2023 15159 Photo Credit: Richard Prince for Corvette Racing

SEBRING, Fla. (March 18, 2023) – Corvette Racing showed itself strong early but was left wondering what might have been at the end of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday.

The No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R – with Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Tommy Milner sharing the wheel – placed fifth in the GT Daytona (GTD) PRO class after the second race of this year’s IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

After fighting back first from an untimely full-course yellow early and then a mechanical problem with four hours remaining, Corvette Racing appeared to be in a great spot for a second straight Sebring class victory until late-race chaos that started with the GTP-class fight with 20 minutes to go undid all the team’s good work at the end.

The Corvette had the race going its way in the opening eight hours. Garcia began from pole position and steadily increased his advantage through the first hour. The first bit of misfortune struck at the race’s second full-course yellow just past the hour mark as the Corvette couldn’t make its first stop before the pits closed. As a result, it had to enter the pitlane for five seconds of emergency fuel and pit again for full service when the GT pits opened.

Garcia fell to eighth in class but carved his way back toward the front with a dynamic drive through traffic in the span of 25 minutes. He moved up to second by the time the race

The Corvette continued to lead out front despite the air and track temperatures climbing during the hottest part of the day. Still while leading, Milner radioed to the Corvette Racing pitbox for the crew to check something at the rear of the car. On his final pitstop with about four hours left, the crew found and replaced the C8.R’s left-rear damper. The fix cost Corvette Racing a lap but Taylor got in for his second run in the car still with good pace but needing a yellow.

Nearly 2.5 hours later, the yellow flags flew again to solidify the Corvette getting back on the lead lap. Taylor stayed in until the 10-hour mark when Garcia re-entered the race for the final stints to the end. A series of additional full-course yellows and some sharp strategy calls moved the Corvette as high as third and first among the GTD PRO cars that made their final scheduled stops under yellow with about 50 minutes to go.

On the subsequent restart, however, Garcia was hit from behind and knocked off track. The contact sent the C8.R down to sixth place. The final blow came with 17 minutes to go when Garcia and the No. 62 Ferrari were involved in a crash instigated by the overall leaders. Despite the second spin, the Corvette did gain a spot to its final fifth-place finishing position.



CAR SHOW NEWS



“Vettes at One Daytona” ...

We had a great turn-out at our March meeting. The report on our May 13th Car Show “Vettes at One Daytona” indicates that the event is on schedule as planned. Committee Chairman and club officers have now met twice at the Half Wall in

New Smyrna Beach to plan out the annual event. Each chairman has reported on progress and what needs are left to make the show great. Committee sign-up sheets were available at the March meeting and they are filling in nicely. We did realize that two of the sign-up sheets were not made available. Those to include Basket and Silent Auction table volunteers and also a group of “Runners” will be needed to retrieve the judging sheet and deliver them to scoring and tabulation. Those two sign-up sheets will be available at our April meeting. If you can not attend the April meeting and would like to volunteer for any of the committees, please send an email to millerj18@hotmail.com and you will be placed on a committee for the show.



We are also involved in taking reservations for our Hospitality Dinner on Friday May 12th at the Retreat at One Daytona. This is always a great event and we look forward to seeing as many club members as possible attend the Hospitality Night.



T-Shirt orders for our members are also being taken. You can fill out an order sheet and mail it in with your check or order your shirt at the April meeting. Member costs for the shirts are \$10.00 with XXL and XXXL shirts going for \$12.00. The price of the shirts goes to \$15.00 and \$17.00 the day of the event.



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.



The First 2024 Corvette E-Ray Will Be Auctioned For Charity

BY JONATHAN LOPEZ — MAR 21, 2023

General Motors unveiled the all-new 2024 Chevy Corvette E-Ray in January, pulling the sheets on the first-ever hybrid-powered, all-wheel drive production model to wear the storied Chevy Corvette nameplate. Now, it's been announced that the first-ever retail production 2024 Corvette E-Ray will be up for grabs in an upcoming auction.

Barrett-Jackson will host the auction during its upcoming event in Palm Beach, Florida, with 100 percent of the proceeds set for donation to charity.

For those readers who may have missed it, the 2024 Chevy Corvette E-Ray cradles the same naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine as the C8 Corvette Stingray, rated at 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque. However, the E-Ray combines the mid-mounted ICE with a front-mounted electric motor that generates an additional 160 horsepower and 125 pound-feet of torque, bringing total combined output to 655 horsepower. While the V8 drives the rear wheels, the electric motor powers the front wheels, blessing the 2024 Corvette E-Ray with all-wheel drive grip. The sprint to 60 mph is estimated at just 2.5 seconds, while the quarter mile is dispatched in 10.5 seconds at 130 mph.

Now, the first-ever retail production 2024 Corvette E-Ray will cross the block at the Barrett-Jackson auction event in Palm Beach, set to kick off April 13th at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Sporting VIN 001, the model on offer will be the range-topping 3LZ trim level. One hundred percent of the auction proceeds will be donated to Donors Choose, a non-profit organization that benefits public school classroom projects in the U.S.,



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AWARDS

SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023

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across from Daytona International Speedway

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