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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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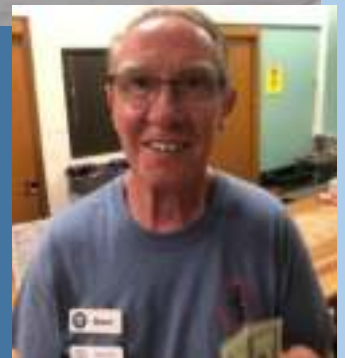


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2022 President Dave Tyree

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 April meeting

APRIL MINUTES from Victor Toews

Dave Tyree, President, called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club on, April 20th, 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 last membership meeting. The motion was moved by Cindy Polum seconded by Bill Nelson and approved by the membership.

Vice President Mike Wasson was unavailable so Dave sat in for Mike and talked about 2 charities that the board thought these would be worthy again for a donation. The board thought that a \$750 donation would be appropriate to both. We will start by asking for a motion to give Little House of Hope \$750. The motion was made by Cindy Polum and seconded by Bill Nelson. The membership approved. The second Charity is the Softball League for \$750. The motion was made by Linda Pelletier and seconded by Kevin Gaff. The membership approved. Dave also mentioned another possibility, Sofi's Circle, that the board will consider at the next board meeting.

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth had two new members. They are Dennis Brown and Ruth Dowell. We now have 92 members.

Treasurer Julie Bush gave her report on Club Finances.

(Director at Large **Reed Miller** said that the only upcoming car show he knows of is down at Port Canaveral this coming Saturday. If anyone has signed up and would like to traversal with the group, they will be meeting at the Racetrac gas station on Rt.44 at 7:30 and leaving by 7:45.

Our last car show meeting was held and well attended. Everything seems to be moving along smoothly. The Hospitality Night that Dave is taking care of is going smoothly, even though the numbers are not good, is right on schedule. Car show numbers are on schedule and doing well. We have 161 cars signed up so far. Reed and Dave have a meeting with Daytona One next week to finalize arrangements.

Reed noted that Beverly has done a wonderful job with the baskets and silent auction items and has it well in hand.

Reed is also going to send out another email to our entrants before the show reminding them about our baskets.

The hospitality dinner will be on the 12th and the show will be on the 13th. Registration will open at 7:00 AM so it would be helpful if everyone could come in a little early to be ready for the opening.

Reed will get information out to everyone on when and where the last committee meeting will be.

Reed had laid out sign-up sheets for committees in case you want to help.

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CLUB INFORMATION



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Dave wanted to remind people about signing up for the hospitality dinner. He has information on the after show to be held at Dalhia's this year. The Club will be picking up the cost of the food for all those working the show. If you sign up to come and don't show you will be charged \$14. The after show will start @4:00.

He wants to make sure that we wear our red shirts the day of the show to make everyone aware of our club members. For our club members who have purchased the car show T-shirts will be able to pick them up the day of the show at 2:00.

Sunshine Committee Victor Toews read the names of 19 individuals with Birthday's and 3 couples with anniversaries this month.

NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast was unavailable but left a message that he will still give lessons on car judging for our show. It will be held May 9th at his house.

Social Director Susie Amaro gave a report on the Gatorland outing that went well. After the boat ride the group went to New York New York for drinks before heading to Shiloh's for dinner. Had around 35 show up at Shiloh's. Next event for the Ladies will be High Tea on May 9th @ Lillian's Place @2:00. This is fancy, so come dressed up. They are shutting down the place to the public and opening it just for the ladies. It can hold 50 people and that's what we hope to have. There will also be a tour of the Haunted House. Cost will be \$25 with tax.

An all-club event will be held on May 27th @ the Tortugas Game. This will be a catered event starting at 5:00.

Susie had her raffle which was won by Jean Kelcher.

Under New Business Gene Williams asked about where the volunteers should park. There should be plenty of parking behind Bass Pro Shop and the hotel. Meeting adjourned

50/50 drawing was won by Bill Nelson

CLUB INFORMATION



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

We had a great turn out for our April Membership meeting and also welcomed another new member to our club, our membership now stands at 92.

Our "Vettes at One Daytona" is just around the corner and we'll need all hands on deck to make this show as successful as our previous shows have been, I know many members have already signed up for the various activities that will be going on, I look forward to seeing everybody at the Hospitality Dinner on Friday evening and at the Show on Saturday.

Dave

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EVENTS BY SUSIE

ATTENTION ALL PICC MEMBERS:

How about HIGH TEA?

Join the ladies of the PICC for a private High Tea event! Here are the details:

<https://www.lilianplacehc.org/>

Tuesday, May 9th 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Lilian Place 1000 S. Peninsula Dr, Daytona Beach

Enjoy a little social time with friends, delicious sandwiches, scones, pastries, and “Premier” Teas all in the beautiful Historic Hotchkiss House overlooking the riverfront.

Includes a visit to 1884 Lilian Place Victorian Museum!

Reserve your seat today for a delightful Afternoon Tea!

\$25.00+ tax per person (\$26.63) (You'll pay the day of the event)

Please RSVP no later than May 2nd to Susie Amaro 760-390-3078

(text preferred) or reply to this email

The facility is holding this PRIVATE event for ONLY the LADIES of PICC and can hold 50 people so let's make it a fun afternoon!

We hope you can make it!

BASEBALL AT THE JACK

Saturday May 27th: Buffet before the Game Sign-up via e-mail

CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Monday May 1st:	PICC Car Show Meeting	Half Wall NSB	5:00pm
Tuesday May 2nd:	PICC Board Meeting	Venetian Bay Golf Club	5:00 pm
Tuesday May 9h:	PICC Ladies High Tea	Lilian Place	2:00 pm
Tuesday May 9th:	Car Show Judge's Meeting	C. Fast Home	6:00 pm
Thursday May 11th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Saturday May 13th:	Vettes at the One Daytona	One Daytona	10:00-3:00
Saturday May 26th::	Baseball Game	(See above)	



NEWS FROM THE BASH

On Thursday the 2nd Day at the BASH the Corvette Team headed by Tadge Juechter announced today that Corvette will be offering a ZZ3 engine appearance package for the C8 Convertible models and that it will be available thru Chevrolet accessories !

No pricing was discussed on the cover but the ZZ3 package will come with a See-thru panel that covers the convertible's engine bay and gives you the choice of the silver or edge red engine covers....

Chuck Fast

PICC - NCM Ambassador



Pictures of the E-RAY Cut-away car with batteries...





VIDEO LINK:

Corvette Assembly Plant Director Kai Spande Announces His Retirement” (From CorvetteBlogger)

There is always some unexpected news that breaks during the NCM Bash, and today was certainly one of those days. Kai Spande, who has been the Corvette Assembly Plant’s director for the last eight years, announced his retirement during his annual address to Corvette enthusiasts during the Bash. Spande is taking the buyout offer that was put on the table recently, as did his wife, who is also a GM employee. Kai’s retirement will be effective on July 31st. When he retires, he will stay in Bowling Green as he serves out his term as chairman of the Corvette Museum’s Board of Directors which ends later this year. GM is expected to announce his replacement on Friday morning.

Kai has seen it all, from a major expansion of the plant and paint shop, to the complete retooling and reconfiguration of the assembly plant for the C8 Corvette, and finally, for getting us through the tornado strike that hit the plant in December 2021.









Corvette Racing Claws Into Second Place At Long Beach 2023

BY ALEXANDRA PURCELL— APR 15, 2023

The No. 3 Corvette Racing C8.R of Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor crossed the line for a hard-fought second-place finish at the Long Beach Grand Prix on April 15th, 2023.

The 100-minute race around the famous California street course saw quite a bit of action between its flags, but the Corvette Racing duo of Garcia and Taylor hung out near the front of the field for most of the event. After a round of pit stops about a third of the way through the event, the No. 3 C8.R made the pass for third place, and set his sights on the No. 14 Lexus RC F of Jack Hawksworth and Ben Barnicoat, along with the No. 9 Porsche of Klaus Bachler and Patrick Pilet.

Taylor, who was in control of the No. 3 C8.R at the time, eventually threw his race car past Bachler's No. 9 Porsche with a dramatic, clean pass in Turn 5 with 40 minutes left on the clock. The Corvette Racing team never looked back, and only tailed the No. 14 Lexus RC F across the line.

While the Corvette Racing machine cut into the leader's time as the timer ticked down, lapped traffic began to muddy the way ahead for the No. 14 Lexus, but unfortunately, there just wasn't enough time for Taylor at the No. 3 C8.R to seal the deal. The Bow Tie racing team was scored 2.785 seconds back from the leader when the race was completed.

On its Twitter, Pratt Miller Racing wrote, "That's a wrap for the Long Beach Grand Prix! Congratulations to Jordan Taylor, Antonio Garcia, and the entire Pratt Miller team on an incredible performance at the Long Beach Grand Prix! Finishing in second place is a true testament to your hard work, dedication, and expertise."





Stellar start to WEC season for No. 33 C8.R team with back-to-back GTE Am wins

DETROIT (April 25, 2023) – Two wins, one pole position and a 31-point lead in the GTE Am Drivers and Team championships. Any way you put it, it’s been a dream start to the FIA World Endurance Championship for Corvette Racing.

Less than two weeks after a stunning triumph in the Six Hours of Portimão, the No. 33 Corvette C8.R is back in action Thursday through Saturday at famed Spa-Francorchamps for the Six Hours of Spa – the team’s final WEC race before the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The championship-leading trio of Ben Keating, Nicky Catsburg and Nico Varrone will share the wheel of the Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R, which will race at Spa for the third time.

While each of the drivers have been fantastic in the two wins so far this year – Catsburg’s final hour in Portimão is an early leader for drive of the season – the results are equally due to the work by the Corvette Racing pit crew and engineering team.

The strategy calls through two rounds has been spot-on with precise decisions on race and pit stop strategy. Once in the pitlane, the Corvette Racing crew has been a difference-maker. That was never more evident than on the final stop in Portugal when the Corvette crew completed their final stop five seconds faster than the runner-up Ferrari with a margin of 0.260 seconds at the finish.

That result means that regardless of what happens at Spa, Corvette Racing will enter Le Mans – a double-points event – with the championship lead.

It also means the No. 33 C8.R will carry 45 kilograms of “rewards weight”, per the GTE Am sporting regulations. Cars that finish the previous two races first, second or third must on-board additional weight on a sliding scale of 15-10-5 kilograms. In addition, the same amounts of ballast apply to the top-three entries in the GTE Am championship standings.

The Corvette ran with 30 additional kilograms at Portimão, but it didn’t deter Keating from taking pole position – his first in the C8.R. While the task will be that much tougher to repeat at Spa, Corvette Racing can take lessons it learned from the previous two years in the Six Hours of Spa with the mid-engine C8.R. Aside from the additional ballast, the C8.R will race in much the same shape as 2021 and 2022 – similar engine power, same mechanical configuration and Corvette-specific Michelin tires.



CAR SHOW NEWS



“Vettes at One Daytona” ...

We had a great turn-out at our April meeting. The report on our May 13th Car Show “Vettes at One Daytona” indicates that the event is on schedule as planned. As of today, (April 29th) our show is a complete sell-out. One hundred seventy six registrations have been made. Committee Chairman and club officers will have one final meeting Monday May 1st at the Half Wall in New Smyrna. If you have not yet signed up for a committee please email millerrj18@hotmail.com. We always can use the help.



We are still 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 have been submitted. If you ordered a shirt, you can pick it up at the end of the show at the T-Shirt table. Those not picked up will be available at the May meeting. If you have not ordered shirts, they will be for sale at the show. The price of the shirts goes to \$15.00 and \$17.00 the day of the event.



DAHLIA'S AFTER THE SHOW:

The club has made reservations for the group at Dahlia's in the One Daytona complex. If you would like to join the group, we need to have your name on the list that was circulated at the last meeting. The club will pick up the tab for the buffet. You are responsible for your drinks and reservation if you sign up and don't show. Email dtyree19@gmail.com or millerrj18@hotmail.com for reservations.

Sign-ups as of April Meeting (email millerrj18@hotmail.com if not on list)

Committee: Judging

Chairman: Chuck Fast, Charlie Vedral

Cumberland Bill, Frittelli Julius, Hager Gerald, Diven Jeff, Emmi James , Vedral Charles, Anderson Bob, Bernatovich Jeff, Bush Don, Castillo Rudy, Clark Patrick, Fobare Mike, McLean Rodney, Montana Marlene, Pelletier Linda, Polom Michael, Stembridge Jim, Wear Bill, Ziegler Mike, Rivera Michael, Trout Keith

Committee: Parking

Chairman: Bill Cumberland

Frittelli Julius, Hager Gerald, Pedalino Joey, Stanforth Tom, Dutcher Bob, Ligi Arnie, Linton Jonathan, Stormont Jon, Estes Steve

Committee: Set-Up

Chairman: Dave Tyree, Reed Miller, Bill Cumberland

Frittelli Julius, Pedalino Joey, Stanforth Tom, Diven Jeff, Diven Debbie, Toews Victor, Giambalvo Paul, Wear William, Wright Charles

Committee: Baskets/Silent Auction

Chairman: Bev Vedral

Polom Cindy Lou, Giambalvo Linda, Wilson Tamara , Zuber Lisa, Clark Barbara

Committee: 50/50

Chairman: Margaret Dibling

Polom Cindy Lou, Gilkes Laura, Stanforth Denice, Amaro Susie, Anderson Arlene, Brotherton Teresa, Johnson Brenda, Geiger Sandie, Pedalino Donna

Committee: Registration

Chairman: Mike Wasson

Stanforth Denice, Estes Shannon, Hager Sharon, Mingheiti Jerry, Toews Victor, Wasson Valeria, Williams Gene, Wright Kimberly, Ziegler Ann, Zuber Bob

Committee: Clean-Up

Chairman: Bill Cumberland

Mingheiti Jerry, Diven Jeff, Diven Debbie, Emmi James , Vedral Charles

Committee: Tabulation

Judging: Julie Bush, Holly Miller

People's Choice: Mike Wasson

Wasson Valeria, Ziegler, Ann, Zuber, Bob, Lisa Zuber

Committee: Participant's T-Shirt Distribution

Cathy Kasper, Holly Miller, Barb Cumberland, Laura Gilkes, Cindy Lou Polom

Committee: Lucky Numbers/People's Choice Collection

Bill Nelson, Jean Kelchner, Bruce Woodard, Jean Woodard

Committee: Member T-Shirt Distribution

Emmi Debra, Zei Bill, Zei Faith

An email will go out the week of the show giving times and meeting places for the various committees. You may e-mail names to be added to committees to millerrj18@hotmail.com.

2022 Corvette Stingray Hits Almost 192 MPH



2022 Corvette Stingray Hits Almost 192 MPH On Kennedy Space Center Runway:

BY TREY HAWKINS— APR 18, 2023

Officially introduced back in July 2019, the 2020 Corvette Stingray turned the sports car segment on its head by offering exceptional levels of performance for a relatively affordable price. Now that the high-performance 2023 Corvette Z06 is on the loose, it can be easy to forget that the C8 Stingray is no slouch in its own right, as exemplified by a 2022 Corvette Stingray almost breaking the 200 mph barrier.

More precisely, this 2022 C8 Corvette Stingray recently ran 191 mph on the 3.2 mile-long runway at the Kennedy Space Center's Launch and Landing Facility.

Equipped with the Z51 performance handling package, this C8 is powered by the 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine, which is rated at 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque with dual-mode performance exhaust system (RPO code NPP). Without the performance exhaust (which is standard on Z51-equipped units), output is rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque. The GM eight-speed dual clutch automatic transmission handles the gear shifts.

This isn't the first time GM Authority has covered a C8 Stingray going 190+ mph. Four years ago, General Motors themselves conducted a top-speed test of the then-new C8 Vette, and managed to hit 194 mph on a straight-away. It's worth noting that this figure was determined by taking the average of multiple top speed runs in an effort to reduce any possible variables like wind and track elevation changes.

For those who may be a little uncomfortable traveling at those velocities, the C8 is impressive in reverse too, topping at 31 mph driving backwards in another video clip.

As a reminder, all C8 Corvette variants, including the upcoming hybrid C8 E-Ray, ride on the GM Y2 platform. Production takes place exclusively at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky.



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ONE DAYTONA
across from Daytona International Speedway

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TOP 11 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

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