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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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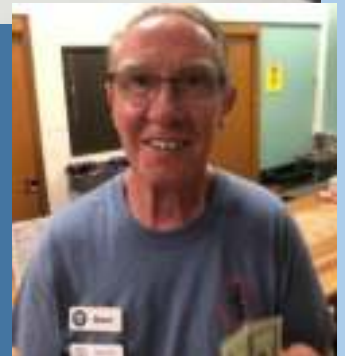




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BECOMING A PICC MEMBER

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 May meeting

MAY MINUTES from Victor Toews

Dave Tyree, President, called to order the General Membership Meeting of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club on, May 18, 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 by Bill Nelson and seconded by Gene Williams and approved by the membership.

Dave wanted to mention that he had received a letter from a company that we had previously purchased our shirts from. The letter stated that throughout the years we are doing less and less business so we will now only take orders for a minimum of 6 shirts. We now prefer to send our members to Beach Embroidery in New Smyrna for better quality and price.

Dave mentioned that at the last board meeting we discussed the annual Christmas Parade held in the Shores. They are not sure that that will happen this year. The individual that handled it last year has moved on for whatever reason and she is now handling the Ponce Inlet parade. In the past they had a limit of 12 cars, but with Charisse taking over she said we could have as many as we want, with one stipulation, the cars would have to be decorated. With that, we decided to table this until a later date as we are not sure if our members would like to decorate their cars.

Dave received an email from Sugarmill Country Club letting us know that the date we had booked approximately 6 months ago got thrown out. So we have now been moved to Friday December 8th. Because of the mix-up they will not charge us for the room this year. The club picks up the cost gratuity, taxes and dance floor, which can cost upwards of a couple thousand dollars, we cannot afford the additional cost. Because of this we may be looking at going elsewhere in the future.

Because of board member vacations in June we have decided to eliminate the membership meeting this month, so everyone can take a break.

Vice President Mike Wasson had a couple of possible charities that he wanted to bring before the membership so we could gain more information about them. At the request of the Board, Mike had asked Heather Seneker of the American Cancer Society to come to our meeting to speak about the American Cancer Societies Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Fund Raiser to be held on Oct 28th. They are hoping to raise ¼ of a million dollars this year to be used specifically for Research and programs in Volusia and Flagler Counties. One of the many programs they have is a program called Reach to Recovery which has volunteers to drive breast cancer patients to appointments whether locally or possibly give gas cards to patients to get them to the Mayo clinic in Jacksonville. They also have a 24hr. hot line available to anyone in crisis or who has questions. They are always looking for donations or volunteers to help.

The second speaker is Susie Amaro who will speak about the Volusia Turtle Patrol. Florida accounts for over 50% of all Logger Head turtle nesting sites of the southern states. Volusia county including Cape Canaveral, Seashore, New Smyrna had over 1500 nests and in her area that she patrols, an area of 12 miles, they had over 250 nests. Each nest could produce 100 babies at a time. Only 1% may survive to adulthood. They were on their way to extinction. But because of the patrols in recent years the population seems to be increasing. Looking for donations, as they are not sponsored by the county, to purchase 2 – UTV vehicles at a cost of around \$15,000 each.

Mike wanted to let us know that he has delivered our donations checks to The Greater Daytona Beach Softball Association and also to the Little Pink Houses of Hope. We also discussed donating to Sophie's circle who is involved in rescuing dogs and cats. They are the only organization in Volusia County that operates a food pantry for dogs and cats. They have a foster dog program. We have donated to them in the past. At the last board meeting we decided to donate \$500. Mike made a motion to donate \$500 to Sophie's Circle. It was moved and seconded and approved by the membership.

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CLUB INFORMATION



(Minutes from Page 3)

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth introduced 2 new members to the club. They are Ed & Eileen Rawlings of Daytona Beach and David Day & Rita Harrell of Port Orange.

Treasurer Julie Bush gave her report on Club Finances.

Secretary Victor Toews.

Director at Large Reed Miller wanted to start off by thanking the entire club for its support of our car show. He was impressed by when he came down Saturday morning and saw how many volunteers were already on site and ready to work. Reed told us that he and Dave have received letters from car show participants letting us know how impressed they were with the show and how they were treated. Reed felt that even though the participation at the hospitality evening was down from last year, it was still a good event. Reed has received very few complaints ones he did receive were not worth worrying about. Just this morning he received an email from One Daytona's Roxanne, noted how impressed she was with how the show went. Reed gave us a general breakdown on our finances, the final total will not be ready until the next general meeting, noting that we had registered 176 cars with 10 cars not showing. After the show we had a dinner for the volunteers at Dalhia's with 77 people showing up. Very happy with turnout. Our show tee shirts are available to pick up in the back of the room along with Dash Plaques. There were a over 200 pictures taken between Barb Cumberland, the show photographer and himself. You can see the photos at picorvetteclub.com and click

on the red box in the upper right corner. That will take you to the show page. Reed felt we again hit a homerun this year.

Sunshine Committee Victor Toews read the names of 14 members with May Birthdays and 8 couples with May Anniversaries.

NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast had a couple of items starting with the Bash that was held between April 27th -29th. GM brought down a few cars for viewing along with GM engineers being able to answer questions. The plant manager was able to give an update on production. NCM held the Grand Opening for the McMichael family education center. This is something great for your children where they can come in and design their own car. Mobil One and Michelin were there giving seminars and giveaways. They had a car show and NCM held there annual auction. The motorsports park is just about back to normal with work still being done on the Holly Tower. Hope to have work completed by the end of the year.

Social Director Susie Amaro. Wanted to let everybody know that there is still time to get tickets to the Tortugas May 27th ballgame. Cost is \$27 which includes an all you can eat buffet. On June 17th, a tentative date, Susie is working on having a luau. Information will be forthcoming.

Bev Vedral had a couple of unclaimed baskets so tonight she is giving out tickets for a drawing these baskets. She started off by thanking everybody for the help and donations.

Meeting adjourned

50/50 drawing was won by Teresa Brotherton

CLUB INFORMATION



Vettes at One Daytona Summary

Vettes at One Daytona 2023 went off Saturday May 13th. The show was the fifteenth car show presented by the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club. It was the third show held at One Daytona. Previously held shows were at the Lighthouse in Ponce Inlet. Over the years the show outgrew the Lighthouse venue and with the hard work of club president, Dave Tyree, it was moved to One Daytona in 2021. (The 2020 event was planned for One Daytona but was delayed a year by Covid.)

The weekend began with the Hospitality Dinner held at the Retreat in The Daytona Hotel on the lower level. A great meal was provided for members and our guests. While numbers were down from past years, everyone had a great time socializing the night before the show.

Show day came early with members of the set-up crew led by Bill Cumberland assembled at 6:00 am and assisted the One Daytona staff setting up tables and tents for the show. It was great to see the large number of club members getting up early to help with setting up the show.

Participant registration began at 7:00 am. Mike Wasson and his staff quickly registered the entered cars and parking began. By 10:00 all cars were parked, and opening activities began. The major task of judging, led by Chuck Fast and Charlie Vedral began and ran smoothly. Eleven different divisions were judged. Each of the divisions also had People's Choice winners selected by participant voting. Over forty trophies built and assembled by Paul Thompson would be distributed at the awards ceremony.

The ultimate goal of Vettes at One Daytona for the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club is fund raising to support various charities throughout the year. Beverly Vedral and her group assembled baskets for the Chinese Basket Raffle. As always, the baskets were extremely popular. Activity at the raffle tables was brisk all day. The Silent Auction also was popular with a great variety of things up to bid. Again, this year, the Chinese Raffle and Silent Auction were big money-makers for our club. The other popular fund raiser was the fifty-fifty under the supervision of Margaret Dibling. Her crew of salespeople did a great job raising money for the club.

The day ended at Dahlia's in One Daytona. Workers were finally able to sit down and relax after a long hard day. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all that participate in the show. Feedback has been excellent, and many have commented on how well the club was able to make this show great.

NEW MEMBERS

We had 3 new members at our May meeting. Welcome to our new PICC members David Day and Rita Harrell, Dennis Brown and Ruth Dowell, and Edward and Eileen Rawlings.

CLUB INFORMATION



EVENTS BY SUSIE

ATTENTION ALL PICC MEMBERS:

Ladies monthly lunch Ormond Garage 2nd Monday of every month-next lunch will be 6/12

Mark your calendar for a night of FIRE, FOOD and FUN!!

Join us for the Polynesian Live Music Buffet Dinner Show:

Saturday, June 17th 6:00 p.m.

180 N Beach Street, Daytona Beach

www.polynesianfire.com

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***Put in notes that you are with the Corvette Club and they will do their best to put us in the same area I hope you can join us!

Next month: Fun Cat Sailing July 8th-details will be sent out by email.

CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Saturday June 3rd:	Jacksonville Car Show	Group Leaving Panera Lot	6:45 AM
Thursday June 8th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Monday June 12th:	PICC Ladies Lunch	Ormond Garage	11:30 AM

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

Monday July 3rd:	Board Meeting	Venetian Bay Golf Club	5:00 PM
Monday July 10th:	PICC Ladies Lunch	Ormond Garage	11:30 AM
Thursday July 13th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Thursday July 20th:	July Meeting	Hidden Lakes G.C.	5:00 PM



MESSAGE FROM

The National Corvette Museum

Upcoming events :

JUN 3 Sat

Kentucky Summer Open @ National Corvette Museum

Jun 3 @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

JUN 8 Thu

Summer Reading Kick-Off: Farm Fest @ National Corvette Museum

Jun 8 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

JUN 24 Sat

BG Cars and Coffee @ National Corvette Museum

Jun 24 @ 8:00 am – 11:00 am

64th NCCC Convention @ National Corvette Museum

Jun 24 @ 1:00 pm – Jun 30 @ 10:00 pm

JUL 1 Sat

BG Thunderfest @ National Corvette Museum

Jul 1 @ 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

JUL 20 Thu

Supercar Reunion @ National Corvette Museum

Jul 20 – Jul 22 all-day

JUL 29 Sat

BG Cars and Coffee @ National Corvette Museum

Jul 29 @ 8:00 am – 11:00 am



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Lilian's Place





Story by Reed Miller Photos by Barbara Cumberland

Under perfect weather conditions, the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club presented “Vettes at One Daytona” Saturday May 13th at the huge entertainment facility across the street from Daytona International Speedway. The facility was filled to capacity with Corvettes of all generations. Over one hundred seventy-five cars signed in for a full day of activities.

The event included a Silent Auction, Chinese Basket Raffles, and a huge 50/50 drawing. All proceeds from was provided by local favorite DJ Frank.

Cars were divided into two classes. One was for cars wanting to be part of the People’s Choice voting where the others were in the judged class where cars competed against cars in the own generation. Eleven different categories were involved in both People’s Choice and Judged divisions.

In the People’s Choice winners of the voting by show participants were C1 Maurice Boetto, Winter Park, C2 Peter Hill, Malabar, C3 Shawn Buckless, Palm Bay C4 Ken Ellery, Cocoa, C5 Kirk Conde, Palm City, C6 Convertible Earl Brawdy, Oviedo, C6 Coupe David Hutchinson, New Smyrna Beach, C7 Convertible Moh Khan, West Melbourne, C7 Coupe Luis Perez, Palm Coast, C8 Convertible Winnie Tolentino, Harmony, and C8 Coupe Steve Davidson, Palm Coast.

When all the judging was completed by the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club judging committee the following cars came home with first place hardware: C1 Scott Passman, Ormond Beach , C2 Steve Schoderer, Merritt Island, C3 Ernie Bartschi, St Augustine, C4 Ed Nieves, Beverly Hills, C5 Ken Sia, Palm Coast, C6 Convertible Jay Smit, Deltona, C6 Coupe William Trainer, Rockledge, C7 Convertible Bill Lynch, Deland C7 Coupe Santiago Arroyo, Orlando, C8 Convertible Bill Neway, Port Orange, and C8 Coupe Jerry Tims, Ocala.

Specialty Awards are always a big part of the show. Roaxanne Ribakoff, President of One Daytona presented the President’s Trophy to Griff Williams of West Palm Beach for his beautiful 2022 White Coupe. The “Vettes at One Daytona” Best of Show went to Ken Sia of Palm Coast for his 2004 Blue Coupe. The Club Participation check for \$200 went the Flagler Beach Corvette Club.

The he annual “Vettes at One Daytona” is presented by Ponce Inlet Corvette Club. The show is sponsors in part by Jon Hall Chevrolet of Daytona Beach, Promos4U of Sanford, Reilly Auto Repair of Holly Hills, and Christopher Bean Coffee of New Smyrna. .





BY ALEXANDRA PURCELL— MAY 19, 2023

The Corvette Racing duo of Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia certainly didn't get the finish they'd hoped for on May 14th, 2023, as a late-race penalty proved to be the end of their hopes of bringing the No. 3 C8.R to victory.

The No. 3 Corvette Racing team ran near the front of the the GTD Pro class during the early stages of the two-hour 40-minute race. Taylor was called into the pits after 30 minutes, and assumed the lead when the No. 9 Porsche of Patrick Pilet and Klaus Bachler was penalized for exiting Pit Road while it was closed.

Taylor maintained the lead in the No. 3 C8.R until he pitted once again an hour into the race, when he swapped control of the race car to Garcia. Garcia and the No. 3 C8.R rolled out in second place in the GTD Pro division, behind the No. 23 Aston Martin of Ross Gunn and Alex Riberas.

The Corvette Racing machine continued to chase the taillights of the No. 23 Aston Martin until a full-course yellow slowed the field with less than an hour left on the clock. Garcia mistakenly followed the No. 23 Aston Martin around the safety car, incurring a penalty that would ultimately relegate Corvette Racing to a fourth-place finish in the GTD Pro class.

After the race, Garcia said, "It's a situation where when it's green, you're fighting all the GTDs. But when it comes to the safety car, we aren't the same category. So we need to figure that out. The safety car split the GTD field. The GTD leader was the real GT leader, so that's why everyone behind us moved to the right to get a pass-around, and the 23 moved to the right, as well. But because we were the GTD PRO leaders, we should have stayed where we were. But that's the way the rules are. I just made a mistake and went to follow the 23 when they were wrong."

Taylor was also disappointed in the way the cards fell for the No. 3 Corvette Racing team. "We definitely didn't have the fastest car," he said. "But we had track position, and around here that's so important. The guys did a good job. All our stops were smooth and clean. It's one of those things where one little thing where can really impact a race. It's one of those things that happen, and I can guarantee you it won't happen again. This will be a big learning lesson."



CAR SHOW PICTURES





By [Richard S. James](#) | May 13, 2023

Chevrolet has chosen perhaps the ideal and most obvious choice to provide customer support for its nascent Corvette Z06 GT3.R program: Pratt Miller Engineering, Corvette Racing's partner for the entirety of its 25-year modern history.

The company that has helped develop each iteration of Corvette race car for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and its predecessors, as well as Le Mans and now World Endurance Championship, is helping develop the Z06 GT3.R as Corvette Racing prepares not only for the 2024 seasons of WeatherTech Championship but also WEC and eventually customer use in a variety of series worldwide. PME will provide customer technical and engineering support in both North America and worldwide to teams racing the cars. The close working relationship already established between PME and GM's Competition Motorsports Engineering has allowed for quicker development as they seek to build the best customer racing car possible.

"Pratt Miller is doing the primary support on the technical side for the car," says Christie Bagne, Corvette Z06 GT3.R Program Manager. "And a big benefit of that is how efficiently that works in terms of the designers sitting 50 feet away from the race team, who's prepping the race cars, building the race cars; and they're 50 feet away from the team who's machining parts that will go on the race car or 50 feet away from the designers who are releasing the parts for machining. So, effectively, we have very quick feedback in terms of when an engineer releases a part, the person who's machining that part can walk right over and give them feedback on it. And when we're doing things like choosing air jack locations, or air jack height, or wheels, they can walk over and ask the mechanics who are actually doing the pit stops at the races to go try out different configurations to optimize for that. So we've had very efficient feedback in that we don't have to wait for a track test to have crews doing the pit stops to get that feedback to the engineering team. That's all just very quick."



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