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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.

## CLUB INFORMATION



### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Not too much going on this time of the year, It's even too hot to take the vette for a Sunday drive with the top down. We did have a good turnout for our July membership meeting, we had over 40 members enjoy the buffet and our club also welcomed 3 new members (couples) that joined our PICC Family, we are now up to 95 members and growing. Make sure you continue to monitor your emails from Reed and Susie for any upcoming events.

Dave

### MESSAGE FROM DENICE STANFORTH:

Ponce Inlet Corvette Club had 3 new members at our meeting.

1. David and Charly Hartzell from Daytona Beach. David and Charly have a 2018 Long Beach Red Stingray.
2. Rich and Melissa Hough from Daytona Beach. Rich and Melissa have a 2023 Red Stingray.
3. Rick and Peggy Rittell from Daytona Beach. Rick and Peggy have a 2019 Shadow Grey Stingray.

Thank you all for joining the best corvette club in the Daytona area.



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## at the July meeting

### July MINUTES from Victor Toews

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 Don Bush and Seconded by Diane Parent and approved by the membership.

Vice President Mike Wasson was unavailable, so Dave Tyree reported on the Boards recommendations for charitable donations. The board has decided on three charities to receive donations. They are the Volusia County Turtle Patrol, Sophies Choice, and the Cancer Society Breast Walk. We made a motion to donate \$250 to the Turtle Patrol. The motion was moved and seconded and approved by the membership. We made a motion to donate \$500 to Sophies Choice. The motion was moved and seconded and approved by the membership. We made a motion to donate \$500 to the Cancer Society's Breast Walk. The motion was moved and seconded and approved by the membership.

Please let Mike know if anyone finds a charity that they would like the board to look at in the future.

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth noted that we had 3 new member couples. They are David and Coleen Hartzell, Rick and Peggy Ruttel and Richard (Rich) and Melissa Hough. Welcome to the club.

Treasurer Julie Bush was unavailable, so Dave Tyree gave her report on Club Finances.

Secretary Victor Toews takes the minutes of the membership meeting.

Sunshine Committee Victor Toews read the names of 10 June birthdays, 10 June anniversaries, 12 July birthdays and 7 July anniversaries.

Director at Large Reed Miller gave a final report on our car show. Reed has received good reports from several participants on how the show was run and how many of our local members were involved with helping out.. By all accounts our show was a profitable one for us with a couple of expenses still yet to come in. Reed told us of the upcoming car shows starting Sept 30th is the Ultimate Car Show in Longwood which is an open event, Oct.7th annual car show at Tom Gibbs in Flagle which is also an open event. On Sunday Oct 22nd we have the well-attended Melbourne Corvette Car show. On Sat. November 11th the Marion County Car show will be held in Ocala. Should be receiving a flyer from the Cool Cats Car show also held in Ocala sometime in the first part of November. On Saturday Dec 9th is another good show that we support is at the New Smyrna Chevrolet. Reed will be sending out emails about these upcoming shows as that information becomes available.

NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast wanted to let us know that the has been an agreement between the builder and insurance company to rebuild the Holly Tower at the Motorsports Park.

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**Social Director Susie Amaro** talked about the next upcoming drive out to St Augustine on Friday, August 18th. Lunch will be at the Conch House Restaurant followed by a trip out to the Classic Car Museum. Susie needs to have your reservation in by August 10th. Susie was a little disappointed with the turnout (only 4 people) to the Catamaran evening trip. It was a very good evening. Susie said that she would like to have a drive out at least one event a month so she is looking for any suggestions.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Bev Vedral** had a Men's give away basket that would have been given away in June for Father's Day, however we didn't have a meeting in June. The winner of the drawing was **Rick Parent**.

**50/50 drawing** was won by **Jon Stormont**.

## MESSAGE FROM: Chuck Fast

The annual NCM Anniversary is August 29th thru September 2nd it is our 29th !

I will be going up the week of the 21st for board meetings and some developments we are working on, as well as the reconstruction of the Holly Tower that is being worked on, and should be completed by the end of the year at the latest, Kim's Pavilion has a new Restaurant (Kitchen area for lite snacks, Hamburgers, Hot dogs etc..) if anyone is planning on going up or stopping by on your travels you will be welcomed to a lot of activities at the MSP race track and the kart track....if you haven't been to the Museum or haven't visited it in the last year you will be pleasantly surprised that the entire museum has been remodeled and changed around, the exterior is the same but has been refreshed and painted. Please let me know if you're going up and I can give you some info on things to see as well as where to stay and some nice restaurants in the area that are new.

There are some great plans for next years 30th anniversary as every 5 years there are caravans from across the country that come and the activities and support from General Motors "Corvette Executives" is fantastic, it's a great time to also meet new friends....I'll be updating everyone ...so its something you should be thinking about...

Chuck

PICC - NCM Ambassador



**June 29th and June 30th found members of the PICC taking their cars to Seashore Senior Living and Benton House Senior Center for the guest to come out and enjoy. The guests were very happy to be able to see the cars and shared stories of their past car experiences. A good time was had by all!!! Thank you to all members that attended.**





## CLUB INFORMATION



## EVENTS BY SUSIE

Attention all PICC Members:

Mark your calendar for a great time with friends while enjoying lunch followed by the Classic Car Museum in St. Augustine!

Here's the scoop:

Friday, August 18th

12:00 Lunch at Conch House 57 Comares Ave, St. Augustine

(We will stage at 10:45 Walmart SuperCenter 1521 W. Granada Ormond Beach)

Then drive to the Classic Car Museum: 4730 Dixie Hwy, St. Augustine

Please RSVP to Susie Amaro 760-390-3078 text preferred by 8/10/23.

We hope you can make it!

## CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday August 1st:	PICC Board Meeting	Half Wall NSB	5:00 Pm
Tuesday August 8th:	PICC Ladies Lunch	Ormond Garage	12:00 noon
Thursday August 10th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Thursday August 17th	PICC Monthly Meeting	Hidden Lakes Golf Club	5:00 PM
Friday August 18th	Lunch and Museum	St. Augustine	10:30 Am





## National Corvette Museum Applies for First Federal Grant

(By Corvette Museum)

For the last several months, NCM has collaborated with a team from Grants Plus, the nation's leading grant firm, to assess the landscape of grant funding opportunities and develop a strategic grant-seeking strategy. These partners work with staff from all departments as specific expertise or insight is needed.

The Museum has identified Federal Grants as a key untapped source that could support activities related to pursuing the American Alliance of Museums accreditation process. In May, Grants Plus created NCM's first-ever federal application. This funding opportunity, from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is a challenge grant for infrastructure and capacity building that could provide up to \$300,000 for an exhibit renovation project. If chosen, NEH will match gifts made to the NCM on a 1:1 ratio up to \$150,000 – theoretically making up the entire \$300,000. This opportunity is unique, as challenge grants are designed to double the impact of each gift and involve those who already have an established relationship with the Museum. With support from community members like Warren County Judge Executive, Doug Gorman, Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitor Bureau Executive Director, Sherry Murphy, and State Senator, Max Wise, who wrote letters of support for this first proposal. We expect to hear back about the status of our application towards the end of the year.

In the fall, the NCM will apply for an opportunity from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences that offers another six-figure gift with the potential to help us make great strides in our expansion efforts. While cautiously optimistic, we are actively looking for other major gift opportunities to support the expansion of the NCM. Corporate and private foundation opportunities have been identified, and NCM staff are working towards building relationships with those key contacts to secure invitations to submit a proposal.

In terms of upcoming work, Grants Plus will be working hand in hand with Interim Director of Collections, Leah Craig, and the rest of our collections team as we try to not only add valuable pieces to our collection, but also expand and improve the space in which these items are stored and the processes that direct how they are handled.

While our NCM members leave us no room to doubt their commitment to the Museum and its mission, we want to show how we are actively working to increase revenue streams and diversify our income. As we apply for grants moving forward, we not only hope to secure funding to support the NCM's growth but also build visibility and credibility with individuals and organizations nationwide.





**An American Love Affair: 70 Years Of Corvette**

For 70 Years, Corvette has been the dream car of each generation. Join us as we travel through time and experience *An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette*.

For seven decades, Corvette has been finding new roads as an experience built only for two. It has been the Heartbeat of America on the street and the ground-pounding sound of American thunder on the track. It is the official car of your dreams. Fall in love all over again with Corvette.

An epic history requires an epic treatment, and this is exactly what the new Skywall does, the 8.5 ft tall, nearly 300 ft long LED transforms the interior of the iconic Skydome into a jaw-dropping continuous video moment that captures the energy, sight, sound, and experience of Corvette.

*An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette* is NOW OPEN. (Museum Pictures)





**Hang A 1953 Corvette On The Tree This Coming Christmas**  
**BY TREY HAWKINS— JUL 24, 2023**

As the first-ever model year of America's sports car, the 1953 Corvette is arguably one of the most sought-after Corvette models in its 70-year history. Now, for fans of the Chevy Corvette's inaugural model year who can't quite afford the real thing, Hallmark has released a 1953 Corvette Christmas tree ornament.

Measuring in at 3.77 inches long, 1.1 inches tall and 1.65 inches wide, this scaled-down model of the Bow Tie brand's iconic performance machine is perfect for the classic Corvette enthusiast, and costs only \$21.99. Adding to the authenticity of this ornament is a Polo White exterior paint job and a Sportsman Red interior colorway, as well as functional wheels. Unfortunately, it appears as though the model is out-of-stock online, however, it may still be available in select Hallmark stores.

One interesting aspect of this 1953 Corvette model is that it features a 1953 license plate up front, and a 2023 license plate out back.



In other Corvette-related developments, GM Authority recently reported that production of the upcoming 2024 Corvette will kick off one week later than originally expected, with the official date currently set at September 12th, 2023.

Notably, the end of production for the 2023 Corvette has also been pushed back to September 12th, 2023.

The 2024 Corvette is highlighted by the arrival of the electrified C8 E-Ray, which will stand as the first-ever hybrid and AWD Corvette model to roll off the assembly line. The 2024 Corvette E-Ray combines the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine with an electric motor on the front axle to bring total output up to 655 horsepower.

Other variants of the 2024 Corvette will include the C8 Stingray and C8 Z06. More specifically, the 2024 Stingray will be powered solely by the aforementioned LT2 engine, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque in standard form. Meanwhile, the 2024 Z06 will feature the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 gasoline engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque.

As for structure, all C8 variants ride on the GM Y2 platform, while production takes place exclusively at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky.





Corvette Racing claimed its first IMSA SportsCar Championship victory in 16 months at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

BY ALEXANDRA PURCELL— APR 15, 2023

Just hours after Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varone claimed the final WEC GTE Am title at Monza, Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia won IMSA's GTD Pro class at the track formerly known as Mosport.

The victory in Canada was the first for the Pratt Miller-run team in IMSA competition since March 2022, a drought that stretched for 13 races. Before its slump, Corvette had won five of the previous seven championships in IMSA's GT classes and this was its 114th win in the series.

The victory came after class leaders Patrick Pilet (Pfaff Motorsports Porsche 911) and Ben Barnicoat (Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F) clashed at Turn 1 following a restart, opening the door for Garcia to sweep ahead.

"We made some good strategy calls early in the race and jumped two of the guys," said Taylor, who recorded his 32nd career IMSA victory. "Antonio just stayed out of trouble on that last restart and just drove it to the finish.

"It's great to be back in victory lane. It's a classic Corvette victory. Hopefully this will kind of kick-start the second half of the year for us."

Garcia added: "We deserved this win for a long time. We came so close many times. We were really struggling for pace at most of the races.

"Happy for Jordan too, finally, we got what we deserved. We just drove a perfect race."





BY ALEXANDRA PURCELL— JUL 24, 2023

The No. 3 Corvette Racing C8.R struggled at Lime Rock Park on July 22nd, 2023, but managed to cross the line in fourth place in the GTD Pro class – enough to propel The Bow Tie-backed team into second in the division point standings.

Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor split driving duties during the two-hour and 40-minute race, which only featured GT-class entries. Garcia took control of the No. 3 C8.R from the start, hanging onto his third-place position and even leading before his first pit stop. The No. 3 Corvette Racing team was on a three-stop strategy, but unfortunately, a caution period just a few minutes after the C8.R peeled out of the pits meant that strategy wouldn't hold water long term.

Forced to now consider fuel conservation, the No. 3 C8.R muscled onward until the last pit stop, which occurred with 72 minutes left in the race. Garcia handed control of the race car to Taylor, but unfortunately, as he was trying to leave the pit box, the No. 3 C8.R would not go into gear, losing nearly 10 seconds. Taylor got it sorted out and rejoined the other racers at speed, but was only able to get back to fourth place, all said and done.

"It was a pretty frustrating day," Taylor said after the race. "We didn't have the fastest car, but with the way the strategy was looking, it looked like we were going to be able to jump a bunch of guys on that last stop and then something went wrong on the stop itself. I couldn't get it back in gear, and we were sitting there for an extra 10 seconds. Once you lose all that track position, it's impossible to pass around here."

Garcia echoed his sentiments about the difficulty of passing. "A very frustrating race," he said. "It felt like it was impossible to pass anybody on track, and it was all about track position. It's a shame we didn't have a better starting position in qualifying, but that was kind of a key thing this year. We never had the ultimate pace to be upfront in qualifying."





by Brad Anderson July 12, 2023 at 09:00

The order guide for the 2024 Chevrolet Corvette has just been published online and as we've come to expect for each new model year of the C8, a handful of upgrades and changes are on the cards.

As with previous model years, Chevrolet has added some new colors to the Corvette's palette, including Riptide Metallic Blue, Cacti, and Sea Wolf. The first of those colors will replace Elkhart Lake Blue and was first showcased on the 2024 Chevrolet Equinox. Meanwhile, Cacti is a dark shade of green borrowed from the 2024 Chevy Trax, and Sea Wolf is a gray already available for the Corvette E-Ray.

Beyond the new colors, the order guide reveals that all Corvette Stingray, Z06, and E-Ray Coupe and Convertible models will come with a bunch of extra safety features as standard. These include a Following Distance Indicator, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning, IntelliBeam auto high beams, Automatic Emergency Braking, and Front Pedestrian and Bicyclist Braking.

#### 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray

Corvette Blogger notes that a new Tech Bronze Accent Package with Tech Bronze wheels is set to become available for Stingray and Z06 models. This package also includes Dark Stealth Crossflags, a Jake Hood Graphic with Tech Bronze Accent, and Carbon Flash Metallic / Tech Bronze Hash Stripes. Elsewhere, visible carbon fiber sill plates will be available as will a new interior color known as Artemis.

Those looking to pick up the keys to a 2024 Corvette Stingray will also be able to option a 'two-stanchion' spoiler with a visible carbon fiber finish and a set of new 15-spoke wheels with a polished finish. A set of 5-split-spoke wheels finished in Satin Graphite or Machined Face Sterling Silver will also be on offer.



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