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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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## **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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big "Thank You" goes out to all our members that attended our January monthly meeting at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club. Over seventy members were in attendance. The 50/50 total was the largest one in recent memory. Thanks to Bob Zuber for doing a great job selling the tickets. Bev Vedral again put together a beautiful basket for our monthly Basket Give-away. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Susie Amaro continues planning great adventures for our club members. She indicated there will be announcements coming for upcoming events. If you are not receiving Susie's emails about her planned activities, please let her know to get you on her email list.

I asked for members to volunteer to serve on a committee to work with Hidden Lakes on our monthly menu. Thanks to Cathy Meirose, Lyn Bernatovick, Cindy Polom, Denise Stanford, and Linda Giamvalvo for consenting to serve. We will be meeting with Hidden Lakes before our next meeting.

The Vettes at One Daytona Show is well underway. The next scheduled car show meeting is Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Half Wall in New Smyrna Beach. We will be signing up committee members starting at our March meeting. An email will be sent outlining the committees and where help is needed on the day of the car show. Registrations for the show are coming in nicely. We have over ninety entrants registered. We are still looking for sponsors. If you know of a local business that might be interested in sponsorship, let me know and I will contact them with details.

The February meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club at 5:00 pm. The third Thursday in February was traditionally set aside for the Day of the Du-als Car Show at the Drive-In Church in Daytona Beach Shores. The Church has decided to no longer be in the car show business and has permanently cancelled the event.

Thanks for your support... Reed

## Membership: Denise Stanforth

Welcome 2024!

Our first 2024 new member is William (Bill) Neway. Bill comes from Port Orange, FL and drives 2023 Torch Red Z51. Bill's email: newaywilliam@gmail.com.

Denice Stanforth:  
Membership Chair

## Treasurer: Mike Wasson

### Club Financial Report for January

- We collected \$2,800.00 in Dues and \$750.00 in Car Show Income, for Total Income in January of \$3,550.00
- We spent \$356.00 for our yearly Insurance premium and \$50.00 for a deposit on Christmas Party DJ fee, for Total Expenses in January of \$406.00
- Our Net Income for January is \$3,144.00
- The Ending Balance for January in our General Fund is \$16,028.76.
- The Ending Balance for January in our 50/50 Fund is \$2,834.00.
- This gives the Club an Ending Balance in our Checking Account of \$18,862.76

BEGINNING BALANCE - GEN	12,884.76
BEGINNING BALANCE - 50/50	2,669.00
TOTAL CHECKING BALANCE	15,553.76
INCOME	
DUES	2,800.00
CAR SHOW	750.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,550.00
EXPENSES	
INSURANCE	356.00
CHRISTMAS PARTY DJ	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	406.00
NET INCOME	3,144.00
ENDING BALANCE - GENERAL	16,028.76
ENDING BALANCE - 50/50	2,834.00
ENDING CHECKING BALANCE	18,862.76

As all are aware, dues for 2024 are now payable. Mike Wasson has indicated that collection is coming along nicely. Thanks to those that have renewed their memberships. Mike indicates that there are still a few members that have not paid. Please remember that if dues are not paid, you will be taken off the membership roster in March. Dues can be mailed to:

PICC

Box 995

New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170



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# January Meeting Minutes

BY Vic Toews PICC Secretary

**President Reed Miller** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and first responders. Reed made a motion to except the secretary's minutes from the last membership meeting. The motion was moved by Joey Pedalino, seconded Cindy Gross and approved by the membership. Wanted to let everyone know that the meetings for our upcoming car show are getting started and will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. The first will be on February 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 at the Half Wall. It will be for Committee Chairpersons and anybody that would like to help.

Reed wanted to make know that One Daytona's is excited to have us there for our show. We are noted on their Facebook page and as their page reaches out to specific areas like Atlanta, Tampa, Miami, New Orleans, we have in the past received some of our registrations from their Facebook page.

**Vice President Linda Giambalvo** had nothing to report at this time.

**Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth** reported that we had one new member, William (Bill) Neway, he lives in Port Orange and has a 2023 Torch Red C8. Our current membership stands at 97 paid members, 5 associate members and 1 Honorary member. A question from a member was posed to Denice about new member name tags. Denice noted that we have a new vendor and that name tags would be forthcoming at the next membership meeting.

**Treasurer Mike Wasson** gave his report on where the club stands financially at the beginning of this fiscal year. It was moved to except the financial

report by Joey Pedalino, seconded by Cindy Gross and approved by the membership.

**Secretary Victor Toews** had no communications to report. Recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**Sunshine Committee Victor Toews** read the names of 38 members who had Birthdays in December and January and 6 members who had Anniversaries in December and January.

**Director at Large Jim Stembridge** read off a list of upcoming club events and 2 upcoming car shows.

**NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast** gave us an update that the work on the outside of the Motor Sports Park had been completed and now they are moving to the inside. It has been 2 years since the tornado damaged the facility. It has been a long hard trial. Chuck also wanted to remind people that if they are planning to attend the Anniversary Bash in Bowling Green you need to get your hotel reservations in quickly as spots are filling up as they are expecting some 4000 -5000 people coming to the event.

**Social Director Susie Amaro** Reported on her upcoming events starting with the Brightline Cruise @ Merritt Island. She noted that there were still spots available if you are interested. The Ladies Luncheon will be at Norwood's on February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 and the next event will be the Idle Awhile on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Finally, Susie is lining up for an axe throwing event in March. Date to be determined later.

**Hospitality Chairperson Bev Vedral** noted that since the November meeting she has already received monetary donations as well as other items for the baskets that she puts together.

## CLUB INFORMATION



## MINUTES CONTINUED

Some baskets for our car show are complete and others require additional work. She mentioned that a couple of ladies have stepped forward to build their own baskets. Bev wanted to let you know that even though you may think this is early to start, it is not. Our car show will be here before you know. Any donations are appreciated.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – As this is a new administration Reed has some ideas that he would like to put forward. In the past we have raised a lot of money at the car show and his priority is charities. We want to find Charities that we can help. That is not as easy as you might think. Reed would like to establish a committee to look for and investigate charities that we could support. This committee would then bring in a representative from that charity to speak to the membership. Vice President Giambalvo will head that committee. Reed will speak with Heidi Stenbridge, as she was volunteered by her husband Jim, to be a part of this committee. Reed would welcome anyone to come forward to help.

Reed would also like to add another committee to come down to Hidden Lakes to discuss the menu for our meetings. He would like them to meet with Angie to come up with ideas for the buffet at our meetings.

Reed would also like to set up, with the help of Jim, a Fund Raising and Sponsorship Committee to go out and find more people to help support our club.

Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was moved by Julie Bush and seconded by Don Bush and approved by the membership.

Meeting adjourned.

Basket won by Denice Stanforth

50/50 drawing was won by Mike Zeigler





## EVENTS BY SUSIE



### Attention ALL MEMBERS:

Join us for a drive to lunch: 2/22/24

1:00 p.m. (meeting location/time to be announced)

Idle Awhile River Resort

120 Georgetown Landing Road

Georgetown, FL

After lunch there are hiking options if you are interested:

8 minute drive to Mud Springs



Please RSVP to Susie Amaro by 2/15/24 (text preferred 760-390-3078)

## CLUB EVENTS

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday February 6th:	Board Meeting	Half Wall NSB	5:30 pm
Thursday February 8th:	Men's Luncheon	Eagles in Port Orange	12:45 pm
Monday February 12th:	Ladies Lunch	Outriggers	11:30 am
Thursday February 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Monthly Meeting	Hidden Lakes	5:00 pm
Thursday February 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Idle Awhile Event	(Details to follow)	
Fri/Sat/Sun Mar.8,9,10:	Inverness Car Show	Inverness Florida	
Saturday May 4th:	Vettes at One Daytona	One Daytona	9:00 am



## National Corvette Museum

BY: Museum Staff

The National Corvette Museum is a showcase to America's sports car. Start your tour with a short film about the history of the Corvette and the Corvette Museum. As you walk through the museum you'll see exhibits featuring over 70 Corvettes in periodic settings including a mid-century barbershop, service station and dealership. You'll see Corvette prototypes, one-of-kind cars, and racing champs. Enjoy hands-on activities in KidZone, trivia kiosks, and the "Corvette Cave In" exhibit. This exhibit takes visitors back to the early morning hours of February 12, 2014 when the earth opened up inside the Museum's Skydome, swallowing the classic Corvettes. The Museum's Skydome offers a glimpse of the size and depth of the sinkhole as well as the retrieved Corvettes. Guests are also invited to try a Corvette on for size in the lobby. The Corvette Store offers apparel, collectibles, home and gift items. An on-site 50's-inspired Corvette Cafe serves breakfast, lunch and snacks.





## **WORK CONTINUES AT THE MOTORSPORTS PARK**

The weather may have shut down the track but not the progress! Here's a little behind the scenes look at our start/finish line refresh thanks to our new sponsor, US Bank!

### **Message from Chuck Fast:**

I will be leaving on January 31 for a NCM board meeting in Los Angeles, California and will be back on February 5th  
I will have an update for you on the meeting in the next Newsletter.

The National Corvette Museum Had announce the appointment of Robert Marhimer as the new Director of Collections and exhibitions he does have an extensive background with the Walt Disney company with there U.S. collections and with their international exhibits so we're looking forward to having him aboard ....I'll bring you up-to-date on everything else when I get back from our Board Meetings.

And remember to Save The Wave !

Chuck

PICC Ambassador



### **BREAKING NEWS:**

Reservations are now open for track time during the 2024 Caravan. Follow the link to book your session!! Book Here: <http://tinyurl.com/5n8hkt55>







PICTURES BY: HEIDI STEMBRIDGE, KIM WRIGHT, AND SUSIE AMARO



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# ROAR 2024 PICTURES



PICTURES BY: RICK PARENT, CORVETTE RACING, GARY ROSIER, and DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL





By Corvette Racing

- Corvette Z06 GT3.R made its worldwide competition debut to open the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at Daytona.
- Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports No. 3 and No. 4 Z06 GT3.Rs combined to lead 118 of 773 laps in incredible GTD PRO fight
- Antonio Garcia, Alexander Sims, Daniel Juncadella led the Corvette Z06 GT3.R runners with a fifth-place finish in No. 3 Oshkosh/Mobil 1 Corvette.
- New Corvette showed impressive performance in deep GT field with 36 entries from 11 manufacturers
- Despite retirements, first Corvette Z06 GT3.R customer team AWA logged a considerable number of laps and miles in first race with the Corvette brand
- Focus for Corvette Racing program is to learn from Daytona experiences ahead of FIA WEC race in Qatar and Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in IMSA competition

Although Sunday's checkered flag flew without a Corvette win, there are plenty of positives and lessons to carry forward to the Z06 GT3.R's upcoming events in IMSA, the FIA World Endurance Championship and GT World Challenge America.

Both Corvettes from Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports completed the full 24 hours with the No. 3 of Antonio Garcia, Alexander Sims and Daniel Juncadella led the way with a fifth-place finish. The trio led 118 laps during Saturday and Sunday with the sister No. 4 Z06 GT3.R of Tommy Milner, Nicky Catsburg and Earl Bamber leading 38 additional laps.

Both of the Pratt Miller Corvettes experienced separate mechanical issues – the No. 3 had a cracked oil tank and the No. 4 had to replace a power steering pump inside the final six hours.

In GTD, AWA decided to withdraw the No. 13 Corvette (power steering) and the No. 17 Corvette (electrical), also in the last quarter of the event. The team and Chevrolet Competition Engineering will work together to determine the root causes and address ahead of the next race at Sebring. Chevrolet thanks the AWA team for its hard work and collaboration leading up to and during the Rolex 24.

Despite missing out on a fifth class victory for the Corvette Racing brand since 2001, the competition groups learned a considerable amount while running all four cars in the season-opening race. Throughout its history, Corvette Racing has prided itself in taking lessons away from the racetrack and making its racecars – and production vehicles – better. That will continue being the case as the Corvette Z06 GT3.R moves forward.

The next race for the Corvette Z06 GT3.R is the Qatar 1812 Kilometers to open the FIA World Endurance Championship on Saturday, March 2. TF Sport will field two of the Corvette GT3 racecars for the full season. Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports and AWA will next compete at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 16.





BY SEBASTIAN CENIZO

General Motors is hard at work developing a new active aerodynamics package that appears to be inspired by that used on the Pagani Huayra. CarBuzz has discovered a new patent filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the technology discussed therein looks like a perfect fit for a high-performance Corvette.

As we already know, at least two more C8 Corvette variants are on the way, both offering far more performance than today's range-topping Z06. The most recent reports suggest that the ZR1 (arriving in 2025) will produce up to 850 horsepower from its turbocharged Z06 engine, while the Zora is expected to break cover the following year with as many as a thousand ponies.

Clearly, tomorrow's 'Vette needs more than just fancy rubber and trick suspension to put its significant power down, so GM is borrowing from the hypercar world.

In the Huayra, four individually controlled flaps move independently to adjust the aerodynamic load on each corner of the car. The flaps are controlled by their own ECU that monitors the hypercar's speed, yaw rate, lateral acceleration, steering angle, and throttle position. This focused approach to downforce enables much finer control of the vehicle, particularly in high-speed corners. GM's approach is nearly identical, although it does not specifically mention individual flaps, only a front spoiler and a rear spoiler, which would align with spy shots of hardcore Corvette variants that have been spied thus far. Nevertheless, the principles discussed are clearly applicable for use in cars with multiple aero appendages so long as the software tuning is configured to match.

As far as we can tell, GM's take on the tech is effectively the same as Pagani's, with the major differences likely to be in how the software operates. The patent specifically mentions how the differential and spoilers would communicate with and respond to each other, while Pagani only appears to be concerned with throttle position, not power to each wheel.





By Keith Cornett

One of our favorite collections offered at Mecum Kissimmee and one that probably had generated the most buzz from Corvette enthusiasts was the 1963 Corvette Split Window Colorama Collection. The collection was assembled and offered by ProTeam Corvette and the seven Split Windows were offered with each being one represented in one of the seven exterior colors that were available for the first year Sting Rays.

Each of the Sting Rays were different configurations when it came to the powertrains as some were fuelies and others were standard 327s. One of the cars was an export Z06 in Daytona Blue that was sent to Australia back in the day for its Right Hand Drive conversion. That car would be the only one not to change hands during the sale, and as Mecum says, “the bid goes on...” for that special one-of-a-kind Sting Ray.

Another cool aspect of this collection is that all seven Corvettes were driven onto Mecum’s auction block and then each of the cars was offered. The sight of seven Split Windows was pretty cool and we are glad to have found this video below showcasing the group sale. We previewed the sale of the Split Window Colorama Collection prior to auction, so below are each of the cars and their description, as well as the selling price which includes the buyers commission.



Sign-ups as of February/March Meeting or email [millerrj18@hotmail.com](mailto:millerrj18@hotmail.com)

**Committee: Judging**

Chairman: Chuck Fast, Charlie Vedral

**Committee: Parking**

Chairman: Bill Cumberland

**Committee: Set-Up**

Chairman: Dave Tyree, Reed Miller, Bill Cumberland

**Committee: Baskets/Silent Auction**

Chairman: Bev Vedral

**Committee: 50/50**

Chairman: Margaret Dibling

**Committee: Registration**

Chairman: Mike Wasson

**Committee: Clean-Up**

Chairman: Bill Cumberland

**Committee: Tabulation**

Judging: Julie Bush, Holly Miller

People's Choice: Mike Wasson

**Committee: Participant's T-Shirt Distribution**

Cathy Kasper, Holly Miller, Barb Cumberland,

**Committee: Lucky Numbers/People's Choice Collection**

Bill Nelson, Jean Kelchner, Bruce Woodard, Jean Woodard

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](mailto:millerrj18@hotmail.com).

Car show meetings are held at the Half Wall in New Smyrna. The chair people for each committee will meet along with other interested club members. The dates of the monthly meetings are as follows: January 29, February 26, March 25, and April 22.

## CAR SHOW NEWS

From Beverly Vedral:

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A DONATION AT THE UPCOMING MEETING, OR ANY OTHER MEETING, I HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION. WE CAN ALWAYS USE LIQUOR, CAR ITEMS, ANY THEMED BASKET DONATIONS, SUCH AS, BARBECUE , DOG, CAT, COFFEE, TEA, MOVIE, BEACH, CHILDREN, SPA ITEMS, OR ANY OTHER ITEM SMALL OR LARGE IS HELPFUL AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. GIFT CARDS FOR BASKETS ARE ALWAYS GREAT TO COMPLETE THE BASKETS, AS WELL.

THANKS TO ALL!



## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**

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### **Important Development within the National Corvette Museum Key Leadership Team**

It is with bittersweet emotions that I am announcing Sharon Brawner has decided to move on from her role as President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. We thank Sharon for her many contributions over the past two and half years, which include reimagining our exhibit galleries, growing our collection, and increasing investments in Museum facilities. In the short term, the National Corvette Museum Board will assume the duties of President and CEO during this time of transition, with Bryce Burklow serving as interim Chief Operating Officer.

Thank you for your support of the National Corvette Museum.

Kaye Wagner

National Corvette Museum Board Chair



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