



THE BEACON

Ponce Inlet Corvette Club

2026 CLUB OFFICIALS

President: Jim Stembridge
Vice President: Linda Giambalvo
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One Daytona Car Show: Jeff Bernatovich

Director: Kevin Kirsch
Membership: Denice Stanforth
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Social Committee: Susie Amaro
Club Photographer: Tim Hayden
Newsletter Editor: Kim Wright

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

I don't know about you, but I'm ready to put this cold (yes, it's all about perspective) weather behind me and start enjoying some windows-down, wind-in-my-hair kind of days. We're heading into one of Daytona's most anticipated events of the year - Speedweek! Like many of you, we have out-of-town guests arriving and are excited to attend some of the races. I hope you all have a fun and safe week whether you are participating in the festivities or not. Please be sure to view the "Mark Your Calendar" section to not miss out on any of the fun club events! Don't forget to **check out the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club Facebook page to stay connected and see event photos!**

~KIM



**Ponce Inlet Corvette
Club website:**

www.picorvetteclub.com

HAPPENINGS

SHRIMPS 'R US DRIVE OUT ~ WELAKA, FL ~ 1/28/2026

It was a beautiful, sunny day for a club drive out to Shrimps 'R Us. Forty-three members enjoyed food, fun and friendship over all-you-can-eat shrimp, fried chicken, and all the fixins. A big thank you to Susie Amaro for organizing another fantastic group event!



Photos by Susie Amaro



EAST COAST CRUISERS ~ ONE DAYTONA ~ 2/7/2026

Would you believe Rudy and Gloria are standing by their new green C8 and their old orange C8 just happens to pull up behind them? Past meets present for Rudy and Gloria! Small world! Rudy, Gloria & Kevin Kirsch represented PICC at this event.



Photo by Kevin Kirsch

HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED)

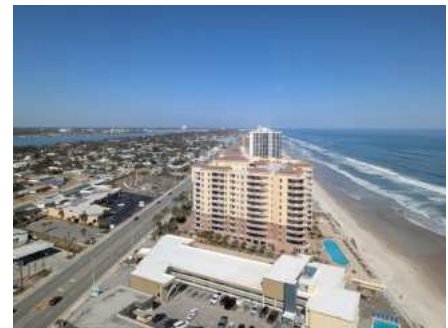
PONCE INLET ~ NORTH TURN LIVING LEGENDS PARADE ~ 2/7/2026



Check out our Director, Kevin Kirsch, in his 1960 Corvette driving Senator Tom Wright in the North Turn Living Legends Parade! It was a picture-perfect day for a parade and isn't that Tasco Turquoise Corvette pretty special!!

Photo by Kevin Kirsch

PICC GALENTINE'S LUNCHEON, PENINSULA CONDOMINIUM PENTHOUSE ~ DAYTONA BEACH ~ 2/9/2026



A spectacular view of the beach and Intracoastal Waterway from the Penthouse was the setting for our "Galentine's" Luncheon. Nineteen ladies celebrated Galentine's (a day honoring female friendships) with a lunchbox/basket/bag decorating contest and games. Congratulations to the first prize winner, Beverly Vedral! Bev used her basket-making talent to create a gorgeous heart-themed lunchbox. A big thank you to Brenda Johnson who hosted this fun and fabulous event!

COMMUNICATIONS

From the President:

Hello everyone! Well, with the Super Bowl done, that means one thing for all us sports cars fans – it's racing season! While they don't race Corvettes in NASCAR, we can still drive our Corvettes to the races! But in other news, our Vettes at ONE DAYTONA car show is literally right around the corner. We have two more member meetings where we'll be asking for volunteers to sign up for the various committees. I hope you'll join our upcoming meetings and make sure to clear your calendar for end of April. Have a great Speedweek this week and we'll see you at the next meeting!

Jim Stemberge



From the Hospitality Committee:

We are doing good with the basket making for the car show so let's keep the donations coming, and thank you to everyone that has already given a donation. Just a reminder, if you have items to donate or a monetary donation, I will be at the February meeting to collect them.

To the ladies that are making and donating a basket, let me know when you have them ready and I can get them from you. Thank you for your help. I appreciate it!

Also, thank you Randy and Tammi Wilson for letting us store the completed baskets at your home. It is very much appreciated and a big help to me!

Bev Vedral



From the Membership Chairperson:

Our first new member for 2026 is James DiMaio who resides in Edgewater. James has a 1996 Silver Gray Collectors Edition. Welcome to the club!

We still have 12 members who have not paid their dues for 2026, Please pay by our February 19th meeting or your membership will be cancelled. You may send your check to: PICC, PO Box 995, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32170.

Denice Stanforth



From the One Daytona Car Show Chairman:

I wanted to inform my fellow club members that we are on track to have another great One Daytona Corvette Show, soon to arrive on April 25th, 2026. We have met with the One Daytona staff to review what both of us need, we have sent out almost 100 letters to prospective sponsors and have already received a few items.

The Trophy & T-shirt providers are currently reviewing our 2026 artwork and we have Emailed the Dash Plaque supplier, so I believe our schedule is in line with our quickly arriving show date.

We, of course, invite anyone to speak with any business owners they know to see if there is anything they can donate for either our Auction or door prizes.(CONTINUED)

COMMUNICATIONS

From the One Daytona Car Show Chairman (Continued):

Bill Cumberland has volunteered his garage once again to have a swag bag stuffing party & T-shirt folding session....the exact date yet to be determined. I believe Club Sponsored Pizza will be provided.

I met with fellow club member Kevin Kirsch who is interested in taking over some of the responsibilities inherent with managing this event. We reviewed the scheduling of how to scale the dates and who to lock down as the calendar moves along.

At the time of this writing our show registrant numbers are less than last year but we hope to have a rush of additional registrations as we get closer.

I wanted to recognize how much I appreciate the Club's participation and certainly our committee chairs. I have listed them below in case you had a friend volunteer you without your knowledge. Let me know if you have any conflicts so I have some time to try and fill your spot. The Chairs are as follows:

Show Chair: Jeff Bernatovich (on deck: Kevin Kirsch)
Daytona One & Hotel Coordinator: Jeff B (on deck Kevin)
Water & Ice manager: Vic (Vic will have a golf cart with driver)
Judging: Charlie Vedral
50/50: Teresa Brotherton
Parking: Bill Cumberland
Baskets: Beverly Vedral (looking for successor)
Setup & Teardown: Julius Frittelli & Bill Ware
T-Shirt sales: Denice Stanforth
Registration: Mike Wasson (we may need help here as Mike is working hard to get healthy)
Judging Tabulation: Julie Bush & Holly Miller
Swag Bags: Dave Tyree & Cathy Kasper
Peoples Choice Tabulators: Bob & Lisa Zuber
Judging & Participation plaques: Jeff B (on deck Kevin)
Thank you letters from President to Sponsors: Jim Stembridge
Best Of Show: Charlie Vedral & Jeff Bernatovich
Door Prizes: Lyn Bernatovich
Photos: Tim Hayden
DJ Coordinator: Jeff B
Show Folders & registration packets: Kim Wright
After show Pizza party: Linda Giambalvo

Let me add that ALL.....let me say it again, ALL of the above Chairs will need assistance during the show. One person cannot handle their respective responsibilities for the entire day. In the past this has never been an issue as the entire Club steps up to assist in whatever area they may be interested in. We will have sign-up sheets at our next meeting so you can let the Chairs know where you would like to help. (CONTINUED)

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

From the One Daytona Car Show Chairman (Continued):

Let me close with a word about judging. This is a "wash & shine show" you do not have to know the correct stamping on the hardware the factory used to bolt down the intake manifold of a 1970 LT-1 Corvette. All you need to measure is the state of cleanliness with regard to a fellow competitor within the class you are Judging. If you have NEVER Judged, we can pair you with an experienced Judge to help you gain experience. Speak with Charlie Vedral with any questions. We need at least eighteen (18) Judges so hopefully you can help out with this valued & important part of our show.

This year my schedule has been burdened with personal issues so I am not able to personally attend many meetings. However, I will be at the February meeting so please see me to ask any questions that pertain to the show or even what your interests are so we can discuss where you can best fit within our show responsibilities.

Once again, thank you for your support. I try to show my appreciation whenever I can, however if I miss you, please understand that this show cannot be a success without all of us chipping in.

Take care,
Jeff Bernatovich



From the Director:

For anyone interested, the Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter (Winter edition) includes information about our club as well as registration information for the One Daytona Car Show. If you would like to read the newsletter in its entirety or check out the PICC photos and article, please refer to the link below.

<https://www.c4pi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Winter-C4Pi-Newsletter.pdf>

Kevin Kirsch



From the Social Director:

We have a club drive-out to JB Boondocks 704 S Lakeshore Blvd, Howey In The Hills planned for Wednesday, February 25th. Meet at 10:30 a.m. @ Racetrac Gas Station 3030 W International Speedway, Daytona Beach. We will be ordering off of a fixed menu (orders will be placed once arriving at the restaurant). Please see my email for more details and RSVP information (no later than 2/18).

Susie Amaro

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, February 12 – PICC Men's Luncheon – Eagles Club 5130 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange at 12:00 pm

Thursday, February 19 – PICC General Membership Meeting at Hidden Lakes Golf Club at 5:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

Wednesday, February 25 – Drive out to JB Boondocks, 704 S Lakeshore Blvd, Howey In The Hills, FL. Meet at 10:30 am @ Racetrac 3030 W. International Speedway. Please RSVP to Susie no later than 2/18.

Tuesday, March 3 – PICC Board Meeting -Louie's Pizza, 1341 Beville Rd, DB at 5:30

Thursday, March 19 – PICC General Membership Meeting at Hidden Lakes Golf Club at 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 28 – Vettes at Keiser, 27th Annual Stuart Corvette Club, 8 – 2 pm, Rain or Shine, 9400 SW Discovery Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987, <https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/corvette-club/>

Sunday, April 12 – CV&CCC All Corvette & Camaro Car Show, 9 – 4 pm, Rain or Shine, Love Chevrolet, 2209 Highway 44 West, Inverness, FL 34453, Pre-registration ends 3/30 – \$30 registration fee by 3/30 deadline, \$35 after deadline

Saturday, April 25 – Vettes at One Daytona Car Show

THE WINNERS CIRCLE



Congratulations
to Debbie Hayden
who won the
January raffle
basket!



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LIKE TO SELL OR ARE IN
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