

THE GLASS RAG



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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We are beginning our 40th year as a club. We will in the coming months be working on an event to celebrate our 40 years. It will most likely be an outdoor event this summer. Your officers are open to ideas from our members.

CGCC Meetings for 2018:

Winter Haven meetings are held at Schacks BBQ on Cypress Gardens Road on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 P.M. Schacks has a wide selection of food at very reasonable prices.

The next Winter Haven meeting will be **Thursday, March 8. We will be planning some club cruises at the meeting. We want your input.**

The Lakeland meetings are held at Kelley Used Cars at corner of US 98 and Lake Parker Dr. in Lakeland the fourth Thursday of the month.

The next Lakeland meeting will be **Thursday March 22.**

Try to make a meeting each month. The more member input, the better the club.

Our club sponsor is Kelley Buick GMC. If you are looking for a new Buick or GMC vehicle, they will sell to a Corvette Club member a new car or truck for \$500 under invoice plus all incentives. Used cars and trucks will be sold to members at \$500 over cost. They take trade-ins. You **MUST** contact Russell Hernandez at 863 797-7188 as he is the only one that can give you these deals. Give Russell a first chance on any new or used car purchase. He can beat most any deal. He also normally keeps several Corvettes on the lot or can find the one you want. Leave a message if he doesn't answer. Let him know why you are calling.

If you are looking for a car, give Russell Hernandez a call. He has some very nice late model corvettes at Kelley Buick GMC in Bartow. You can go on their website for more information.

Russell Hernandez and Big Bend Chevrolet in Chiefland are offering an outstanding deal to club members OR people referred by a club member on the purchase of a new corvette and delivery can be done locally.

Any new corvette ordered by a club member or a referral by a club member will get to buy their car at invoice.

He will also do the same on any new Chevrolet that they offer, but will need to go through Russell Hernandez.

Corvettes and Coffee – February's Corvettes and Coffee had a nice turnout. Photos are on website. We look forward to it each month and we feel that it is only right that those that participate in it help defer some of the cost for coffee and donuts. There will be a "kick in for coffee" jar at the event. At our Lakeland meeting, this was discussed and it was unanimous that we kick in to assist with expense. No set amount. Donate what you like.

Corvettes and Coffee is held the 3rd Saturday of each month and hosted by Robin and Peggy Rogerson. The next one will be held on March 17, 2018 from 9 AM to 11 AM. The address is 7550 Thompson Nursery Rd. Winter Haven, FL. Come out and visit with other Corvette nuts.

Fun Rally: Following the March 17 Corvettes and Coffee, we are going to have a Fun Rally. You will be following the backroads of east Polk County to a final destination for food and beverages. The starting point is the Corvettes and Coffee location and the ending point is a closely guarded secret.

New NCCC Members:

Renewals for NCCC members have been completed and you should have received information by email or snail mail regarding your renewal. If you have not, please contact the Club Governor and he will find out why you have not gotten the information.

Anyone wishing to join National Council of Corvette Clubs can do so at any time. There are benefits to membership and membership is not expensive. If you wish to become a member, contact the Club Governor.

Note to NCCC Members: If you do not wish to receive the monthly email message from the National President, please do not mark it as spam, unsubscribe instead. Marking it as spam has a negative affect on NCCC email usage.

I would advise all of the members of Cypress Gardens Corvette Club to go to the website at WWW.NCCC.Org. Go to Insurance Section and read what is and is not covered. Also, go to FAQ's. There are a number of pages there that explain why it is important to be a member of National Council of Corvette Club. From a financial perspective, a years' membership for primary and spouse members cost less than one tank of fuel for your Corvette.

Future Corvette Owners Association: This is a program for children of a NCCC primary member (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews) under age 16. There is a onetime \$10 membership fee. The Program is sponsored by MidAmerican Motor Works. If you would like to get your child or grandchildren a membership, contact Tom Bunn thru CGCC email address for a membership form.

Membership Cards: The Regional membership director notified me that all National Council members will be receiving a hard membership card.

NCCC Raffle Cancelled:

The NCCC Raffle for a Corvette has been cancelled for 2018. At this time, they have only collected \$15,000 and it is not likely they can collect another \$40,000 by convention time. If you have purchased tickets, you will be notified regarding your refund.

Name Badges: Name badges have been ordered.

Shirt Order: We are working on shirt order. We need several more shirts ordered with silkscreen back to complete order. We can get sweat shirts too.

Honeymoon Island Road Trip: A group from the Club rode over to Honeymoon Island and enjoyed the view of the ocean and the comradery. Pictures to follow on website.

From the Club Governor

We have some 50 National Council Members and at least 25 that are not NCCC members. Although, I recommend NCCC membership, it is not a requirement to be a member of our club.

It is not the number of members, it is the participation of the members that is important. I have talked to clubs with 300 members but only 30 to 40 that participate. It is not size that matters, it is participation. It was nice to see more than 30 members at our Winter Haven Meeting in October.

CLUB WEBSITE: Go to www.cypressgardenscorvetteclub.com to view the site.

Also, check us out on Facebook. Search Cypress Gardens Corvette Club.

Daniel Heier has offered to take photos of your car. If you have a special place, locally, you would like your corvette photographed, Daniel will be happy to photograph it at no charge.

CLUB BROCHURE

We have a club brochure to hand out to prospective members. We do not require that new members join NCCC, although, we do recommend it for the NCCC available discounts from various vendors or if they wish to compete in NCCC sanctioned competitive events.

March Calendar:

March 8 – CGCC meeting

March 17 –Corvettes and Coffee – Fun Rally

March 22 – CGCC meeting

I have been informed that members of the Orlando Corvette Club will be traveling to Winter Haven to view the Cypress Gardens Ski team put on their show on March 17th in Winter Haven. They have invited us to join them. Perhaps after Corvettes and Coffee and the Fun Rally, we can join them. Let me know if you are interested.

NO CRUISE IN WINTER HAVEN IN MARCH- RESUMES IN APRIL. Every month, there is a car show in downtown Winter Haven. They have been having some nice turnouts. Try to get down there and see the cars. According to Lakeland Ledger Event calendar the times are 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For more information on various events: Go to: www.musclecarflorida.ning.com

Parts For Sale:

C-7: Mild to Wild setup. \$79.99, Black Weather Tec floor liners \$109.99 Items new. Never used. Contact Jon at 978-979-0388 or bajajon482@aol.com.

C-5 Accessories: 1 red grab bar leather wrap. Asking \$15

2 red leather door handle wraps. Asking \$15

1 black and red leather center console cover. Asking \$25

1 black cloth w/Corvette logo center console cover. Asking \$15

Contact Top Olszewski at 863-224-0465 or tomski@tampabay.rr.com.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY