

THE GLASS RAG



MAY NEWSLETTER



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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, May 10**. We would like 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, May 24**.

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.

New Members: Welcome to Bob and Maria Wells. Bob and Maria are former members returning to the Club after being out of country for several years. They have a 1971 Coupe.

Florida Region Picnic

Members of the Club traveled to Fort Desoto Park for a picnic hosted by Bay Area Corvette Club and the Florida Region of NCCC to honor region members who won their classes in Concours and Autocross series for 2017.

Corvette Car Show

On **May 5th**, our Club will be hosting an all Corvette car show at Lakeside Village in Lakeland. This will be a display show open to all Corvettes and there is no entry fee involved. There will be door prizes, 50/50 drawing, Club participation award and discounts on food from participating restaurants.

The event is from 10 AM to 2 PM. Cypress Gardens Corvette Club members and any other Newsletter recipients, who wish to display their car, will be meeting at Cobb Theater parking area to enter the circle at 9:00 AM. The Lakeland Club will be parked at 8:30. After you are parked, go to the circle to sign in and pick up your dash plaque and card for food discounts. Join us in the display show.

AUTOCROSS:

May 19th, we are holding an autocross at the Sun & Fun facility. We will be setting up the course on Friday afternoon and the event will be on Saturday. We would welcome any help you can provide. We especially need help on Saturday to make event run smoothly. Contact Tom Bunn or Jim Morris if you can help.

If you would like to try your hand at autocrossing, let us know. We have helmets you can use and we would be happy to give advice if wanted.

Corvettes and Coffee

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 **May 19, 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.

Memorial Day Cruise – **May 28th**- Again this year, led by Ken Thomason, we are going to travel to Bushnell for the Ceremonies at the Veterans Cemetery. We will be meeting at 8:00 AM in Polk City at corner of Highways 33 and 559 and leaving for Bushnell at 8:15. If you have never been to this event, you will be impressed. Bring a chair and something to drink and enjoy the ceremony. Following the event, we will adjourn to a location for lunch.

June 30 - 40th Anniversary Party: Will be held at Bartow Golf Course. It will be a picnic at their screened pavilion. In addition to lunch, there will be some games to entertain you. More information to come at meetings and June Newsletter.

Name Badges

If you have not picked up your name badge, you can do so at a meeting.

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.

NCCC Membership Cards:

You should have received your NCCC card by now. If you have not, contact Tom Bunn at ttbunn@aol.com.

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.

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.

Winter Haven Car Show: Saturday May 5. 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.