



**Next CCKC meeting is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at:  
Granite City Food & Brewery  
15085 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66062**

Meeting starts at 7:00, so let's meet at 6:00 to eat and visit before the meeting.

The Corvette Club of Kansas City was founded on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1960 by a group of people that had one common interest – The Chevrolet Corvette, America's only true sports car! Now, after over 50 years, our club is one of the largest Corvette Clubs in the Kansas City area. We are sponsored by Hendrick Chevrolet, Shawnee Mission, one of the largest Corvette dealers in the country.

#### April Birthdays

- 1 David Bledsoe
- 9 Jim Cahill
- 9 Bill Flora
- 9 Ellen McElderry
- 16 Adriana Bronis
- 17 Bryan Bates
- 18 John Hines
- 23 Tim Calin
- 23 Dudley Larson
- 24 Don Speer



- 27 Raymond Gierstikas
- 29 Bev Morey
- 29 Bob Stevens

#### April Anniversaries

- 7 Sharon & Fred Bybee
- 26 Jan & Mike Towell
- 29 Nalina & Loy Hickman

#### March Events:

#### **Saint Patrick's Day Party**

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> **Cynthia & Arnie Sdano** hosted their annual Saint Patrick's Day party. A traditional corned beef dinner was served. Our "bar tenders" noted that the rate of consumption of alcohol was down, while diet soda was up – must be a sign of getting wiser with age!

#### **Coffee, Chrome & BBQ**

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> **Chuck Levenson** and several other diehard CCKC members ventured through a mixture of light snow and rain to enjoy the hospitality of **Gateway Classic Cars** in Olathe.



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Gateway Classic Cars is our newly opened representation of the “World's Largest Classic and Exotic Car Sales Company” with this new Olathe location. They currently have four Corvettes for sale, including a sink hole survivor. Chuck and Arnie drove on to Paola to enjoy some BBQ at the airport.



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## CCKC March 2019 Meeting Minutes

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On **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** at 7:18 pm, the monthly meeting of the CCKC was called to order by **President, Steve Garrett at Hendrick Chevrolet.**

Comments from Steve throughout the meeting:

- There are 2 ZO6's and a ZR1 in the bay for viewing. Steve thanked the members that showed up early to help set up the room.
- Don't forget the raffle tickets for the paint protection certificate that is worth up to \$800 value depending what you have done to your car. Tickets are \$5 for one ticket or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be at the Hendrick car show and you do not have to be present to win. See Vicki Sinkler for tickets.
- Fall Car Show: The question came up if we want to have a Fall Car Show sometime in September. The interest level was not very high. Steve stated we are trying to determine if we have enough people interested before we move full steam ahead. We do have a venue for the show- Gateway Cars.

**Robert Wieggers, Hendrick Chevrolet:** introduced the Hendrick's members of the Corvette team to the club.

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There were several questions from the members to Robert about the new Corvettes and the discounts members receive when they bring their cars in for service. CCKC members get 10% off all parts and service. Hendrick will be printing special cards for our members to carry with them to be presented when they come to the dealership for services. Also, any member that refers someone to Hendrick and they buy a car, the member and the club will receive \$100 each.

**Gene Sinkler, Vice President:** We raised \$200 for drawing. At the request of Vicki Sinkler, there were 2 grand winners of the drawing. Each winner received \$50 each and the club will retain \$100. Hendrick also donated 2 hats and 2 tee shirts, along with a license plate holder. Suzanne Stanton donated her \$50 winnings back to the club.

**Adam Hoehn, National Corvette Museum Ambassador:** The museum is still gearing up for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event happening over the Labor Day weekend. They have a display of the cars the Astronauts drove 25 years ago.

**Gwyn Hill, Secretary:** Gwyn obtained approval for the February minutes.

**Chuck Abbott, Treasurer:** Gene Sinkler provided the treasurer's report for Chuck. The Treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership.

**Vicki Sinkler, Membership:** Vicki stated we have almost 200 members as of this evening, and approximately 100 members in attendance at the meeting.

**Guests:** Jason & Mindy Mathes from Tonganoxie, KS. have a 2008 Black Z06 and joined at the meeting. Kim Brian is a guest who is looking to purchase a Corvette. Bryan Jacobs renewed his membership. Jim Colson [did not hear what type of Corvette he has]. Albert Manny has a blue Corvette with the heritage package on order.

**Chuck Levenson, Activity Chairperson:** Chuck reported on the following upcoming events.

- Flash Cruise on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to Gateway Cars where they will be serving Coffee & Donuts finishing up at **We B Smokn BBQ** in Paola.
- April: 6<sup>th</sup> Columbia Car Show
- April 18-20 Hot Springs Corvette Weekend in Hot Springs, AR.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> The Detail Demo sponsored by Joe Campbell and Chuck Levenson



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Refer to Hi Beams for other upcoming events

***Hendrick Car Show update:*** Pre-registration is \$35 prior to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. We also need members to register your car to support our charity. Free lunch will be served. We will no longer have the silent auction. The big push will be the 50-50 raffle. Not only will you get a chance to win 50% of the drawing proceeds, but there will be other prizes you can win with the tickets. We need people to sign up to work the show and to help with the set up and tear down.

The club is encouraging sponsorship for the purchase of our trophies by being a donor in one of the following classes:

- **Platinum \$500** - Name on two awards/trophies for two show classes
- **Gold \$250** - Name on one award/trophy for one show class
- **Silver \$100** - Name recognition as a sponsor on one corvette award
- **Friends of the Corvette Club \$50** - Recognition on event promotions

For specific details please see the Sponsorship Letter on the website or as an attachment to Hi Beams.

This year's judges will not be club members.

## **Raffle & Closing**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
**Gwyn Hill, Secretary**

## **Tech advice, by Chuck Levenson:**

Now that some of our “newer” Corvettes, C5-6-7's, have rolled to higher mileage, it is time to think about new spark plugs and wires. It is probably best for you to change plugs and wires in the +50,000-mile range, rather than waiting for the 97,500 miles that the C7 manual says.

New Corvettes come with Iridium spark plugs. Iridium is one of the longest lasting type of spark plugs available. Both Platinum and Iridium plugs have a higher electrical resistance than Copper, which would mean that a Copper spark plug should have a hotter spark; but the longevity of Copper spark plugs is greatly reduced. Considering the difficulty in accessing and changing the plugs in some Corvettes, Iridium is probably the best choice.

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Do not trust the old wires with which the car came! A close inspection will probably reveal some heat cracking, and since they can be difficult to extract, there may be internal damage. Considering how hard it can be to remove the old plugs and install new ones, it is best to replace the wires as well.

Step by step directions in how to change your plugs and wires can be found at:

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/how-tos/a/corvette-how-to-change-spark-plugs-and-wires-368433>

## Member News:

**Tom Kerns** came across an interesting article in "The Corvette Restorer" magazine about Chevrolet's past **Corvette Club Trophy Program**.

CCKC now refers to the trophy as the "Presidents Trophy". Our President, **Steve Garrett**, is seen proudly holding this piece of Corvette history.



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## WHAT TIME IS IT???

Time to register for the 7th Annual Hendrick Car Show! That's correct! Sunday, May 5, 2019 we will be welcoming our guests, beginning at 8am, to our annual fundraiser car show at Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS 66202.

Judging begins by 11am, with awards scheduled for 1:30 pm. Only \$35 NOW; after April 21, \$40. A portion of our proceeds will help CCKC donate to our charity, St. Michael's Veterans' Home for homeless Veterans.

Bring your registration to the April meeting.

Let's support Corvette Club of Kansas City by donating to our 7th Annual Car Show.

Please consider sponsoring a trophy for the show by having your business/personal name on a trophy, receiving recognition via social media, your name on printed materials and receiving recognition during the show at the awards ceremony.

Trophy donations included are Platinum, Gold, Silver Sponsor or be a Friend of the Corvette Club of Kansas City. Please take time to read our sponsorship letter, then write your check and commit to bringing recognition to your business or family and helping CCKC.

Please write your check, attach it to Donation letter and mail to Chuck Abbott (information at bottom of donation letter) OR bring it to our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at Granite City!

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### Corvette Website of interest:

CCKC Website: [www.corvetteclubkc.com](http://www.corvetteclubkc.com)

National Corvette Museum: <http://Corvettemuseum.org>

Hendrick Chevrolet: <https://www.chevyusa.com>