



There is no December CCKC meeting, so see you at the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th instead!

Next CCKC meeting, Wednesday, January 15th 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 24th, 1960 by a group of people that had one common interest – The Chevrolet Corvette, America's only true sports car! After +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.

December Birthdays

- 2 John Hauck
- 3 Barb Kearns
- 3 Jerry Keith
- 4 Teara Foster
- 4 Ray Newell
- 4 Laird Simons
- 7 Jack Wallace
- 8 Gary McElderry
- 9 Kimberly Krauss



- 12 Kyle Drake
- 14 Gregory Dietz
- 14 Augie Echeandia
- 15 Sharon Bybee
- 15 Marisa Schmacher
- 20 Clarence Hill
- 22 Kathy Denning
- 22 Alan Gifford
- 24 Shelly Minton
- 25 Jim Colson
- 25 Tom Kearns
- 26 Karen Carlin
- 27 Paul Davis
- 29 Holly Lamb
- 30 Bob Henn
- 30 Jim Warren

December Anniversaries

- 7 Adriana & Ken Bronis
- 6 Marjorie & Roger Liliedahl
- 7 Marlys & Jack Wallace
- 10 Sandy & John Hines
- 21 Sarah & Rory Moran
- 26 Debbie & Bill Santa Maria
- 27 Jamie & Kevin Chaney
- 30 Kimberly & Mark Dunmire



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Events:

RUPES Polishing Class – By Bob Henn

On Saturday October 5th, John "Swirl Remover" Hecker and Bob "Edge Burner" Henn attended the RUPES Introductory Polishing Class at Rob and Laura Howard's KC Auto Care & Accessories. We were introduced into the RUPES line of dual action polishers, pads and polishes. The morning began with the all-important coffee and donuts followed by some introductory classroom training by the local RUPES rep. Rob had four used hoods on horses for us to practice after each training session. Several local detailers coached us and answered questions as we worked on the hoods. The RUPES products are colored coded so you know what pad goes with what polish. We were allowed to work using the 5" backing plate, 3" backing plate and 1" backing plate polishers. With each size of polisher, the trainers would correct our technique, offer advice, and most important, answer our questions.



The class was paced just right so that we spent much more time hands on the hoods vs receiving classroom type training. I've always been afraid of burning an edge so the trainer

allowed me burn through the clear coat right down to the primer. I thought it was near impossible to burn paint with a DA polisher, but it's pretty easy to do if you stay on an edge for an extended period of time.

Here are some key takeaways we would like to share with the membership.

1. Prime the pad with 3-5 pea sized drops of product. Hold the pad in one spot on low speed for 10-30 seconds depending on pad size. The larger the pad, the longer the priming time. This is totally different from what I have seen in videos where you put the product on the pad and dab the pad around the area to be worked on.

2. Always test the product in a small 2' x 2' flat area to see if the product and pad combination work. Mask off the area and do your paint correcting. The right-side door was suggested as the site to do your testing.
3. Work in an area 3 pads wide by 2 pads high.
4. Keep the pad as level as possible except when going into contours. Here you will need to slightly tilt the pad as you move across the curve. Polish up to the edges but not on the edge. This is good to know as Vette hoods definitely have curves and edges.
5. We practiced with 15mm throw and smaller polishers. I know most of us have 8mm throw polishers and there is no need to replace them unless you want a new polisher. It just takes longer to get the job done.

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6. We were told that all RUPES polishers are precisely balanced and you cannot put a 3" backing plate on a polisher designed for a 5" backing plate as it will throw everything out of balance. Personally, I'm not going to purchase 3 different sized polishers. I'll deal with some vibrations as purchasing all three RUPES polishers that we used would cost over \$1400.



7. The trainers seemed to prefer using either a foam pad or a wool pad. We did not spend much time using a microfiber pad and our trainer indicated we are better off not using one. The wool pad will remove deeper swirls and scratches but usually will need to be followed up with a foam pad to remove hazing from the paint's surface. This is because the "cut" of the wool pad tends to leave a hazy look to the surface of the paint. The "finer cut" of the foam pad will remove this haze.
8. John and Bob's trainer recommended using Sonax Profiline Perfect Finish on Corvette finishes. This product combines both compounding and polishing in one step and can remove the need to go back a second time to remove haze.

At the end of the day, we used our \$50 product credit to purchase any of the RUPES products that Ron and Laura stock.

We can recommend this class to anyone who wants to either overcome their fear of using a machine polisher or who wants to improve their skill level.



Ottawa Veterans Day Parade

On November 9th a group of CCKC members joined in the Ottawa Veterans Day All Corvette Parade. A total of 72 Corvettes turned out for this "Vettes for Vets" parade.

Cruise to the Flower Farm

On Saturday, November 16th, Kathy Denning led a group of Corvettes off to the Flower Farm in Gardner. We were able to select just the right Poinsettia from their extensive offerings.



As Kathy always says, most of our cruises seem to end up at either a BBQ or Mexican restaurant, so we concluded the cruise with a Bueno meal at a local Mexican establishment – keeping the tradition alive!



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November 2019 Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm, the monthly meeting of the CCKC was called to order by **President, Steve Garrett** at Granite City Brewery. Steve mentioned we had about 78 members in attendance

Gene Sinkler, Vice President announced the following raffle items: **Don Speers** donated a new battery charger and C7 weather tech floor mats, **Eileen Benskin** donated a small men's Hendrick Shirt, Mystery Gift donated by **Chuck Abbotts**, from **Hendrick** we had 3 hats, 2 C7 & C8 tee shirts and a Corvette Parking sign.

Adam Hoehn, National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Adam shared that the rights to purchase the last C7 off the assembly line was auctioned off for \$2.7 million at the museum. Adam gave us a detail and interesting update about the history of the museum and how it was formed. The Corvette museum is the only museum dedicated to a single car in the nation.

Gwyn Hill, Secretary: Gwyn obtained approval for the October 2019 minutes. She also read the minutes from the October 15, 2019 EC meeting.

Chuck Abbott, Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership.

Vicki Sinkler, Membership: Members to join at the meeting were: **Randy & Amy Schiska-Lombard**, they have a 1990 yellow ZR1; **Bernie & Carol Calderon**, they have a 2014 Stingray; and **Brad & Leslie Hrabik**, they have a 1995 convertible. Vicki also reported that

our membership count is almost at 250. Vicki reported that over 72 cars participated in the Ottawa Parade, not all were CCKC members, but we had a great turnout.

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

- Dec. 7th CCKC Holiday Party
- Dec. 15th Flash Cruise to the Johnson County Museum at the Electronic House to see a display of aluminum Christmas Trees from the 1970s. \$4.00 Seniors or \$5.00 all others.
- Jan. 25th Saturday: CCKC Night at the Mavericks Hockey Game \$20 per person 7:00 pm.

New Business

Charities for 2020-2024: During the January meeting we will be accepting Charity Nomination Forms from members for charities they would like the club to consider sponsoring. Additionally, the charity representative can come to the January meeting and give a 3-5-minute presentation about their charity. Steve stated we can also continue with St. Michael's as our charity if the club votes to continue.

Clarence Hill is the volunteer driver for the van the club was responsible for donating to St. Michael's. Clarence gave an overview of the program and shared how he volunteers 2 days a week taking the veterans to the stores, doctor's appointments, and sometimes to special events. He stressed that transportation was one of the major problems the veterans have. Through the

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efforts of Steve Garrett, Radio station 101 The Fox, and Cars for Heroes St. Michaels was given a van last year.

Election of Executive Committee: Cynthia Sdano withdrew her nomination for Vice President. As a result, all current Executive Committee members were voted by acclamation to be retained. The 2020 Executive Committee is: Steve Garrett President, Gene Sinkler Vice President, Gwyn Hill Secretary, Chuck Abbott Treasurer, Vicki Sinkler Membership, Chuck Levenson Activity, Barb Kearns Insurance, Arnie Sdano Hi Beams Editor, Jim Juliff Webmaster, Adam Hoehn National Corvette Museum Ambassador.

Raffle & Closing

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Gwyn Hill, Secretary

Checkout this article:

https://www.lsxmag.com/news/we-have-a-winner-c8-corvette-is-motor-trends-car-of-the-year/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=we-have-a-winner-c8-corvette-is-motor-trends-car-of-the-year



C8 Z51 Performance, per December Motor Trend:

0-60 mph	2.8 seconds
0-100 mph	7.1 seconds
45-65 mph	1.4 seconds
0-100-0 mph	10.8 seconds
Quarter Mile	11.1 seconds @ 123.2 mph
Braking 60-0	97 feet
Lateral Acceleration	1.04 g's
City/Hyw/Combined	16/27/20 mpg estimated

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

