



Next CCKC is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th as a ZOOM meeting. Meeting details to be announced later.

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 60 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.

February Birthdays

8	Pei-in Speer
9	Steve Garrett
10	Marie Burns
16	Jim Burns
17	Eileen Benskin
17	Mary Newell
17	David Popper
18	Linda Kirkpatrick
19	Harold Cronin
21	Bud Harris
21	Mike Towell
22	Deb Wedel



23	Andy Campbell
23	Frances Hoehn
26	Sharon Papish
27	Sandy Hines
28	Teresa Henn

February Anniversaries

5	Steve Garrett & Rhonda Bell
27	Brad & Leslie Hrabik

A Tribute to Tom Kearns

Our Loss is Heavens Gain

On December 27, 2020, we lost one of our avid Corvette members, Mr. Tom Kearns. Tom's departure came 2 days after his 76th birthdays. His departure will be felt by many. Most of us will remember Tom for his knowledge of the Corvette and many stories some to be told in public and some, well among close friends. Tom will be missed. Tom became a member of the Corvette Club of Kansas City January 1, 1997. As a member, Tom was highly active in our club holding several officer positions and leading and directing many events. Tom's love for the Corvette drove him to hold membership in various other Corvette organizations like The National Corvette Restorers Society and a Touch of Glass Car Club.

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Tom was a military veteran by way of the U.S. Army as military police during Vietnam from 1966-1968. Following his military service, Tom married the light of his life Barbara Ann Browne on May 3, 1969. To this union, 2 children were born, Kevin and Kelly. Tom was grandpa to 4 grandchildren.

Tom was educated at Truman State University earning a BS degree in Administration of Criminal Justice graduating Cum Laude.

Following his military career, he joined the St. Louis County Police Department from 1968 -1979. Following his stay with the police department, Tom worked for Digital Telecommunication Systems for Tyco Corporation from 1979 - 2003 obtaining the position of District Sales Manager.

Tom had made a final request from the Corvette Club of Kansas City and that was a Corvette Caravan to his final resting place at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Our Club honored that request on January 7, 2021.

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On Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 7:10 pm, the monthly meeting of the CCKC was called to order by **President, Steve Garrett** via Zoom teleconference. We had about 32 member and 2 guests in attendance.

Gwyn Hill, Secretary: Gwyn obtained approval for the December minutes

Chuck Abbott, Treasurer: The Treasurer's report 2020 was read by Chuck since Marty Tydings was not on the meeting. The club donated \$1,000 to St. Michaels in goods and services to fill their pantry. Chuck obtained approval for the year-end report.

Adam Hoehn, National Corvette Museum Ambassador:

Adam reported that the museum has opened the Michelin NCM Bash for 2021 and is accepting registration. Also, the Hall of Fame induction that was cancelled for 2020 will take place during the bash. The world's fastest Corvette, a highly modified 1984 model, was donated to the museum. Adam also mentioned that it was time to replace the CCKC parking lot flag and it will go on before the April Bash and will fly there for a year. Adam received the approval for purchasing a flag and the cost is \$500.

Vicki Sinkler, Membership: Vicki announced that we have 187 members as of today. Vicki welcomed three new members

- Rhonda Bell
- Bill Chorce
- Diana May

Bob Henn, Activity Chairperson: Chuck Leveson has organized a Smash House event at the Hy-Vee arena on January 30th. We will meet at the Merriam Town Center about 10 and leave at 10:30. Bob has the following events planned:

- Tentatively planned for a tour of Vintage Vettes on Tuesday, February 2nd

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- Arnie and Cynthia Sdano are planning a Tail of The Dragon run in mid-March weather permitting.
- A tentative tour of the Kansas City Automotive Museum is planned for a weeknight in March. The plan is for 50 CCKC members to do a private tour of the museum on a weeknight from 6-8 PM after the museum is closed. The EC will discuss further at the first committee meeting.

Bob is working on events for April.

Steve mentioned that another March event could be a Mavericks hockey game.

Steve introduced the four new Executive Officers for 2021

- Vice President: Dianne Keith
- Secretary: Pascal Eason
- Activities Chairperson: Bob Henn
- Insurance, Mike Towell

Barb Kearns thanked everyone for their support for Tom's passing. Steve mentioned that the club has donated \$500 towards a tree with a plaque in memory of Tom that will be planted at the Corvette Museum in the early part of Spring.

Butch Papon, Tim McCarthy, and Roscoe Yoder, guest speakers from the Kansas City Automotive Museum:

Butch gave a brief history on the museum. The museum, located on the corner of 116th and Strang Line Rd in Olathe, has been open since 2015. The museum can handle up to 35 cars with 21 cars on permanent display. **March has been designated Corvette Month.** There is also a drive-in area where the 5 club members' Corvettes will be displayed during the month of March. Any member interested in displaying their car needs to contact Steve by the end of January. The dates for

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moving the Corvettes in is February 27th and move out date is March 27th.

Tim McCarthy is a board member of the Kansas City Automotive Museum, and presented information about their new, a subterranean facility that provides a safe place to store your vehicle, located on the north side of 31st street, between Broadway Boulevard and Southwest Trafficway. This facility is part of the Kansas City Automotive Museum portfolio. There is also a roof top area that can hold over 220 vehicles for club events, ride and drive events, or outdoor events. It overlooks the downtown Kansas City area to the north.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pascal Eason



What's Happening In C8 Mid-Engine Developments? (John Elegant)

The rumors about future models keep heating up. Including the blockbuster one that there *could* be Corvette C8 Crossover. Of course lots of negative feelings about that possibility by Corvette diehards, but we saw that same ballistic negativism when Porsche started with their SUV's yet this last week we saw that now that Porsche SUV's are outselling all their Boxsters, Caymans and 911's alike. Can we live with a Corvette SUV if there is one?

How about C8 Z06 rumors? When will it become a model, e.g., 2022 or 2023? I am guessing and going with sentimentality, thus thinking the Z06 will be revealed on 7.18.21 and production would start the first week of October. But as of yet of course, GM has yet to even acknowledge there will ever be such a model, let alone any hints as to timing.

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Also heating up for some is the question as to whether there would get an AWD, hybrid powered E-Ray Corvette, partially powered by our 6.2L LT2, OR, will they choose a Z06 with its likely 5.5L flat plane crank super high-Erving DOHC? The Z06 vs E-Ray will surely have two complete personalities. Want to read the most probable component attributes and differences? <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224392-z06-vs-e-ray-components>

It is amazing to me that there are already two dealers whose C8 Z06 customer lists are not just over 100 each, but according to customers who say they know because their dealer has told them, one of those dealer's list is over 200 customers already. From my having talked to some dealers, they say there is no way that they can get a customer who called them today a 2022 Z06. How does this Z06 rendering strike you?

And speaking of "striking" lots of polarized opinions here about the probable Z06 rear wing — at least on its Z07 version. There is a collection of high wing photos here: <https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/230417-collection-of-z06-spoiler-pic>



the elements of C8 design:

Two GM, C8 videos were released in the last month. The word spellbinding describes them both would be an understatement. Here is part one on

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<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/220764-from-gm-media-just-released-c8-“revolution”-1st-part>

However even more fascinating to me was the second one which focused on its engineering, with almost all of it being shot at the Nurburgring:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/me-discussion-photos-videos/224687-revolution-the-c8-“corvette-engineering-documentary”?fbclid=IwAR1czf4nx0yzqle5Y6CwNwqDelbzD8yHDLIwBdk9-gWeBnzL1ICqrGSrQrY>

How about the last line in the second video, if that doesn't get your revved up, especially as our entry C8 Stingray does under 3.0 second to sixty, faster than both the Shelby GT Mustang 500 (by more than a half second), and a touch faster than a \$1M McLaren, so that last line in the second video is that the entry C8 Stingray is *“just the tip of the iceberg!”*

Thanks again for reading. If I can personally be of assistance, please private message me at www.MidEngineCorvetteForum — to “John.” Most importantly whatever Corvette you are driving, here's to miles of Corvette driving smiles in 2021 for you while you are safe and healthy!



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Upcoming Events

MAVERICKS HOCKEY GAME

Friday, February 26, 2021

7pm at Cable Dahmer Arena (formerly Independence Events Center/Silverstein Eye Center Arena)

\$20.00 per ticket

The Mavericks play the Tulsa Oilers. The arena allows approximately 33%-35% attendance for all games, so tickets are sold in “pods” or per family. This event is open to all CCKC members and their family and friends! Because of Covid, we will not have a group dinner prior to the game. Order tickets by calling Chris Kreiser at the Mavericks at 816-777-0565. Chris will take your credit card over the phone and then either leave tickets for you at Will Call, text your ticket or if you have the Mavericks app, your tickets can be loaded to the app for admission. Please call Chris Kreiser and reserve your seats ASAP.

“CORVETTE MONTH” WITH CCKC AT THE KC AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM:

Display your car at the KC Automotive Museum during the entire month of March for “Corvette Month” !!!! Show off your car and get free admission (for you and your family) to the Museum during the month too. The Museum will prepare a storyboard (cost is \$30) about your car with pictures and pertinent info about you and your car for display with your Corvette. You can also bring your battery trickle charger-they can arrange to have your car hooked up. Move in is Sunday, February 28th from 1pm - 2pm. Move out is Saturday, March 27th from 10am - 1pm. There is no cost to display your car at the KC Automotive Museum for the month!

This opportunity is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. CCKC will have signage up at the Museum and Club registration information.

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Meeting the needs of St. Michael's Veteran's Center

2020 was a tumultuous year for all of us. Despite the lack of fund-raising opportunities for our charity, St. Michael's Veterans Center, the Corvette Club of Kansas City still donated to their Dignity Pantry. St Michael's requested donations of toilet paper, trash bags and liquid dishwashing soap. We were able to purchase 700 rolls of toilet paper, 1,200 trash bags and 300 bottles of washing liquid. These items will be a great benefit to the veterans living in the 139 residential units.

Here is CCKC member Clarence Hill delivering these items to St. Michael's. Pictured with him is Cindy, one of the staff members of the Center and one of the residents.

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Corvette Websites of interest:

CCKC Website: www.corvetteclubkc.com

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