

“The Citrus Times”

Table of Contents

Page 1

President’s Message

Page 2

CV&CCC Officers

Page 3

**What’s Happening
May 2019**

Page 4

**Welcome New
Members**

Page 5

**CV&CCC Member
Ivan Schrodt**

Page 6

May Birthday’s

Page 7

**Transmission
Lawsuit**

Page 8 - 9

**Corvette Racing
Long Beach**

Page 10 - 11

**North Shore
Corvette Club
Members Visit
CV&CCC**

Page 12

New C8 Logo

Page 13 - 14

**GM adds 400 New
Jobs at Corvette
Plant**

Page 15 - 16

**Street Metal
Concepts**

Page 17

**Citrus Hills Car
Show**



Citrus
VETTES & CAMAROS
CAR CLUB

Established 2013

May 2019

A Monthly Publication of the Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club

The President’s Message

Welcome to the new Citrus Times! The monthly publication of the Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club. The redesigned monthly newsletter will have feature stories about our members along with their Camaros or Corvettes.

It will also feature information from GM about recalls or service bulletins in regards to your Camaro or Corvette.

Some of our members who are Snowbirds have made their annual trip back for the summer to the Northeast & Midwest.

Remember if you plan on going to an event. Please register on the CV&CCC Calendar. If you have signed up for an event and cant make it at the last minute, please notify CV&CCC Member Wayne Kilmer or Robert Greene.

We still have issues with a few of our members who show up unannounced!

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please e-mail me at citrusvettes2012@gmail.com the article no later than the 15th of the month prior to the next newsletter!

Mac McGarry
President

Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club



CV&CCC Officers

Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club Officers

President Mac McGarry (352) 697-0054

E-Mail: citrusvettes2012@gmail.com

Vice President Ron Linton (724) 730-0150

E-Mail: hd.ron1955@gmail.com

Secretary Wayne Kilmer (904) 535-1848

E-Mail: wangel0214@aim.com

Treasurer Brandon Sohl (352) 249-3130

E-Mail: bsohl@tampabay.rr.com

Director of Communications Robert Greene

E-Mail: rgreene@mindspring.com

Director of Social Media Steve Simons

E-Mail: cvccc.steve@gmail.com

CV&CCC Website: cv-ccc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cvccc/>

“What’s Happening in May 2019”

Here’s the club activities taking place this month. Please visit the events page on the CV&CCC Website for an up to date activities planner & event flyers. Please R.S.V.P. the CV&CCC Calendar.

Sunday May 5th

**2nd Quarter Meeting 2:00 p.m. Citrus Hills Activity Center
240 West Fenway Drive Hernando, Florida**

Special Presentation from Crime Prevention Task Force

Love Chevrolet Service Manager Blake Bowles

Mechanic Ryan Lenaghan

Thursday May 9th

Depart from the Citrus County Fairgrounds at 9:45 a.m. for lunch at Portillo’s located at 1748 W. Brandon Boulevard in Brandon at 11:30 a.m. After lunch we will depart for San Carlos Park to check in at The Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood Suites. Dinner that evening.

Friday May 10th

Breakfast at our hotels at 8:15 a.m. Depart after breakfast for the Revs Institute Private Tour at 10:30 a.m. located at 2500 Horseshoe Drive South Naples. Cost \$23.00 per person. Dinner that evening.

May 13th

Car Show Display Crystal River Health & Rehab 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Provided. 136 N.E. 12th Street Crystal River. Lets have a big turnout from the club for this event!

May 18th

CV&CCC Monthly Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Station 1675 S.E. U.S. 19 Crystal River



Welcome new CV&CCC Members



The CV&CCC would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Buz & Annie Heuchan

2010 Orange Z51 Corvette Coupe

Bruce Reichelderfer

2010 Corvette ZR1

2019 Corvette ZR1

We're happy you could join us! Enjoy the ride!

CV&CCC Member Ivan Schrodt



BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO) -- Local students interested in technical careers have a brighter future, thanks to donations from a man who considers himself a Corvette enthusiast.

The Advanced Motorsports Foundation was created to help financially sustain programs at the Warren County Area Technology Center.

Dr. Ivan Schrod, who previously donated five Corvettes to the National Corvette Museum in 2015, has now donated two Corvettes to the Advanced Motorsports Foundation to be fixed up and raced in the Holley LS Fest.

"I've been asked the question, 'You're not from Bowling Green or Warren County.

Why did you get involved in that?' For me, what I saw was one of the more outstanding technical high schools that I've ever seen anywhere, an amazing program producing wonderful results," he said.

Schrod has donated more than \$90,000 in the last two years and plans to donate enough to sustain the program for years to come.

The funds have also helped create scholarships for Warren County Area Technology Center students.

CV&CCC May Birthday's



John Mongiove May 1

Linda Feitel May 4

Betty Claussen May 15

Rose Myers May 21

Kenny Sumners May 22

Wayne Briant May 23

Mac McGarry May 25

Steve Stimson May 27

David Wiesen May 27



Chevrolet Owners Are Having A Major Problem

According to GM Authority, via Classaction.org, a group of owners for several of General Motor's most popular rear-wheel-drive vehicles have filed a class action lawsuit against the automaker over supposed defects in the vehicles' eight-speed automatic transmission.

Drivers claim they are experiencing violent shakes, jerks, or a "hard shift" when selecting a gear.

Furthermore, a total of 13 technical bulletins have been filed regarding this specific gearbox and none of them have fixed the problems so far. Which vehicles are affected? Well, the ones that be equipped with this transmission.

They include the following:

- **2015-2019 Chevrolet Silverado**
- **2017-2019 Chevrolet Colorado**
- **2015-2019 Chevrolet Corvette**
- **2016-2019 Chevrolet Camaro**
- **2015-2017 Cadillac Escalade and Escalade ESV**
 - **2016-2019 Cadillac ATS and ATS-V**
 - **2016-2019 Cadillac CTS and CTS-V**
 - **2016-2019 Cadillac CT6**
 - **2015-2019 GMC Sierra**
- **2015-2019 GMC Yukon and Yukon XL**
 - **2017-2019 GMC Canyon**

If you're the owner for any of the above vehicles, then you may know exactly what we're talking about here.

The report claims the problem occurs most often when a driver accelerates or decelerates, and the transmission shifts a gear. Many drivers complain of a hesitation, then a shudder or even a jerk during the gear change.



Corvette Racing 2019 IMSA Weathertech



CORVETTE RACING AT LONG BEACH: Second and Third in Another Thriller!

Long Beach, California (April 13, 2019) – Corvette Racing claimed two podium finishes Saturday at the Bubba Burger Sports Car Grand Prix of Long Beach, the first time since 2014 that the program scored a pair of top-three results on the streets of southern California.

Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen placed second in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) category of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with their No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. They were followed closely by Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 Corvette in third place.

As was the case for the last handful of years at Long Beach, Saturday's race was a topsy-turvy affair up to the finish. After finding misfortune while leading the last two years, Garcia and Magnussen finally had luck turn their way. After Garcia began fifth, the No. 3 Corvette gained a spot during its lone pit stop under caution 40 minutes into the race.

Rejoining fourth, Magnussen immediately began hounding the third-place Porsche. He made the move going into the first corner with 23 minutes left and set out to run down the second-place Ford.

Corvette Racing 2019 IMSA Weathertech

Meanwhile, Gavin began third and set the fastest GTLM lap of the race before handing off to Milner. Looking for a third straight Long Beach class victory with his teammate, Milner went from sixth to fourth with seven minutes remaining. He continued his challenge as Magnussen caught the second-place car with two laps to go. The No. 3 Corvette moved into second when the Ford ran out of fuel on the final lap, and the two cars made contact. Magnussen was able to continue with Milner right behind to the finish.

Corvette Racing's next event is the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio on May 3-5.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – SECOND IN GTLM: "Things happened for us but not against us like in previous years. So that's a plus! We aren't used to having trouble-free last laps here. I told Jan with my luck, I don't know if I would have made it to the end! It was a tough position to switch our strategy here. Jan is a great qualifier here, so it was tough for me to discover qualifying after all these years of him doing it. So I did my best. I think I had a car to qualify on the first row, but we know GTLM is super-competitive. In the race, I got stuck behind the 66 so all I could do was save fuel. It helped us jump the 4 Corvette in the pits and we almost got the Porsches. After that, Jan did a magnificent job with managing the tires and fuel. I'm happy keeping it this way! I know I'll qualify better next year, so maybe we can do that and win the race."

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – SECOND IN GTLM: "The end was pretty crazy with the 66 running out of fuel ahead of me. I thought I was going to get stuck behind him, so I had to get on the throttle full to push him out of the way to get that last half-lap back to the checkered flag. Corvette Racing did a fantastic job setting the car up and thinking about what we needed at the end of the race. I don't know if we had the best car, but it was close. I'm super happy today. For sure we'd like to get a win soon. We've caught up in the championship so it's a good day."

TOMMY MILNER, NO. 4 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – THIRD IN GTLM: "This race and this race track lead to racing like this. There's a lot happening at every stage of the race with our race, prototypes racing their race...you combine that for 100 minutes with everyone going from the word 'go', you're going to have fireworks here and there. In the end, it's a pretty good result for Corvette Racing. We can't be too unhappy with second and third. We had a good Corvette today. Track position is really big. The Ford being out front there holding us up a little bit didn't help for sure, and we lost a spot or two on pit lane as well. It's one of those things. This racing is about tenths of seconds and every little thing counts. You have to have a really, really good race to get wins. That's why when you win it feels so good. Even so, a second and a third felt like a good result for us today. It felt like there was a little bit more for us today. Certainly getting a win for us would have been a great challenge. We had a great car and it was a good drive for Olly at the start there. We're pumped to be on the podium again at Long Beach. It's not a win, but we will take it!"



North Shore Corvette Club Members Road Trip to Florida

We started out Thursday morning, March 21st, around 5:10 AM. It was a chilly 37 degrees in Chicago, as you would expect, since Spring had not yet started. The first day was uneventful. We stopped at a Denny's in Hebron, IN, and had senior discount specials for breakfast. Mine came with two HUGE pancakes. I could barely finish one! Lunch was a quick meal at Culver's. There was a Shell station a couple blocks away from Culver's. I drove there and Renee had a short walk and met me there, just to stretch her legs a little. As we continued to drive, we watched the outside temperature in the car go up and up; 40, 50, 60. After one of the breaks, Renee drove for an hour. I finished up the driving for the day after that. Nothing too exiting on the drive before we reached our hotel, a Baymont Inn, in Calhoun, GA. It was around 670 miles, a 12-hour drive, including breaks.

Friday's drive was a little shorter, only about 480 miles, so we didn't rush to get on the road. We left by 8:30 in the morning.

Our next stop was Hernando, Florida, the home of Mac and Bev McGarry. Mac is the president of Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club. Before we left for our trip, Renee suggested that I call someone in that club to see if we could get together while we were in their area. I checked their web site and saw that they had a breakfast event on Saturday, the 23rd. I asked Mac if it would be OK for us to join their group. He said yes, and after talking for a little while, he offered for us to stay at their home on Friday night. I said that would be great and thanked him for the invitation. On the way to his house, we called to let him know our estimated time of arrival. When we spoke a few days before, he suggested dinner plans on Friday for either barbecue or seafood. I said either would be fine. After we arrived, they surprised us with a home cooked dinner. I got a tour of the inside of Mac's garage, which includes his 2012 Grand Sport, a 2017 Grand Sport and a 2018 Hot Wheels Edition COPO Camaro that included a drag chute and wheelie bars. During conversations that evening, we realized that we had an Illinois connection. Mac had been a Firefighter / Paramedic in Glenview for 20 years along with being a good friend of Ray Sorenson from Black Dog Speed Shop in Lincolnshire.. In addition to his firefighting duties, he was the firehouse cook for his crew. As the evening wound down, I asked Mac if there was a self-serve car wash nearby. My Z06 was dirty from the drive down. He said we could just wash the car in the morning, before heading out to their 9:00 breakfast event.

North Shore Corvette Club Members Road Trip to Florida

Saturday morning started out with a 6:00 AM appointment with Mac to wash my car on his driveway. It was still dark, but we had enough light with the coach lights on the outside of the garage. He had some metal polish and was able to scrub my exhaust tips to find the chrome, something I haven't seen since the day I bought the car. The drive from Mac's house to breakfast was uneventful. The outside temperature was 41 degrees. It's amazing the difference between 41 degrees in Florida and 41 degrees in Chicago. It felt so much warmer in Florida with the sun shining. We attended their club breakfast on Saturday, and it was great. The staff at The Front Porch, in Dunnellon, FL, couldn't have been nicer. Mac was expecting almost 36 members and even more than that showed up. We spoke to many of the members, most of whom had moved to Florida from different parts of the country. What a great group of people in the club! After breakfast, we went back to Mac and Bev's house, packed up and headed for the Orlando area. Thanks again to Mac and Bev and to all of the members that were at breakfast from the Citrus Vettes & Camaros Car Club for their hospitality and the start of a longtime friendship.





Chevrolet Officially Reveals Mid-Engine Corvette Logo

The latest is today's email that both celebrates the previous generations' logos, as well as "officially" reveals the next-gen's logo. Chevrolet let the cat out of the bag for a small group of enthusiasts inside the NCM Theatre at the NCM Bash. Corvette Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter, along with Harlan Charles of Corvette Marketing and designer, Kirk Bennion, lightened the mood considerably by wearing shirts that mimicked the camo pattern that conceals much of the C8's exterior, and has almost become the official color of the C8 Corvette. The trio offered up the new logo to those in attendance and shared a little bit about the recent reveal ceremony in New York.

Information about the up-coming, mid-engine, C8 Corvette has been trickling out of GM with regularity, which is quite a change from the tight-lipped responses that many have received when asking anything about future product from Chevrolet.

Chevrolet seems to be going full-steam in promoting the next Corvette and Tadge even mentioned that it was a nice change from trying to hide the worst-kept secret in plain sight. With the recent frequency that tidbits have been forthcoming, we feel that there's likely more juicy fruit waiting to fall from the tree before the big reveal on July 18, 2019.



A comparison of the C7 and C8 logo.

Chevrolet has devoted a web page to the upcoming Corvette. Quite a change for a car that didn't officially exist just a few weeks ago. Stay tuned and we'll bring you the latest on the mid-engine Corvette as we all look forward to the big day in July when the wrapper finally comes off!

Changes Reveal GM Is Betting Big On Mid-Engine Corvette



The past couple of weeks has been a flurry of information flowing about the next-generation Corvette the C8. Enthusiasts have always been rabid when it comes to ingesting information about the next-gen car. In fact, the paint wasn't dry on the first C7s and folks were surmising what changes would be made for the C8!

Lately, enthusiasts and authors have been gazing into crystal balls with gusto, looking for any tidbit that hints to when, where and how the next Corvette will be built. The recent acknowledgement from GM that there even IS a C8 was a quantum leap. Then Mary Barra dropped the bomb that the C7 generation has a definite end, and the last car, would be auctioned off for charity.

So, just when folks started turning and walking away from the velvet ropes that keep them at bay from all things C8, GM announced they would be holding a press conference at the Corvette Assembly Plant, at the same time that the National Corvette Museum would be holding their annual Bash event. Makes sense, as many of those folks will be the ones buying whatever comes out the overhead doors at the plant.

So, with bated breath, the world waited. Social media venues ratcheted through comments much like the old chat rooms of old, (kids, as your parents about them). Folks were surmising everything from the possibility of adding another car at the currently, Corvette-only plant to the utterly absurd suggestion that GM was moving Corvette production. Isn't gonna happen folks!



Changes Reveal GM Is Betting Big On Mid-Engine Corvette

The National Corvette Museum posted about the press conference and stated, "General Motors Co. Chairman and CEO Mary Barra will be joined by the Executive Vice President of Global manufacturing Gerald Johnson, United Workers Vice President Terry Dites and federal, state and local officials for the announcement."

So, when you include Mary Barra, the Global manufacturing Executive VP, the UAW and federal, state and local officials, you can bet that EVERY-ONE wants to be in on the good news.

Well, it IS good news. And it shows that General Motors is wholeheartedly behind the effort of building the next-gen 'Vette. Mary Barra announced that a second shift will be implemented at the Corvette Assembly plant to increase production.

The second shift will put the plant's workforce at 1,300 and brings more than 400 hourly jobs to the time clock in Bowling Green.

"The Corvette's iconic status owes so much to the men and women of Bowling Green, where it has been built exclusively for almost 40 years," said GM Chairman and CEO Mary Barra.

"This is the workforce that can deliver a next generation Corvette worthy of both its historic past and an equally exciting future, and today's announcement gets us one step closer to its reveal on July 18."

With the inclusion of a new body shop, increased engine capacity, new paint shop, a new Performance Build Center, and additional plant upgrades GM has invested more than \$900 million into Bowling Green.

Now, they are increasing the task force to ensure that all the new utilities are used to the fullest and production will keep up with proposed demand. With the next generation Corvette comes new technologies, new engine place-ments and now, some new faces around the water cooler at the plant.

Street Metal Concepts

5 Years and Counting of Building Hot Rods at Street Metal Concepts

Zip Simons Street Metal Concepts son of CV&CCC Members Steve & Elaine Simons

I'm proud to welcome back to the show my dear friend Zip Simons, co-owner of Street Metal Concepts in Orlando Florida. Zip and his best friend Don Endonino launched their business in the summer of 2013 and their very first "big job" was to put the paint and finishing touches on my Chevelle where the and helped us make an impossible trip to the SEMA show possible! I've tried to have the guys on the show over the years to give up dates on their business experience with SMC but it's been over three years since their last appearance on **Episode 275**! Time to get caught up.

Both Zip and Don came to the table with much experience in building cars. They also came in eyes wide open about the long runway required for a high-end build shop to make it off of the ground. 5 years later though, they're continuing to add projects to the build list and employees to the shop floor by making great cars and loving on customers.

As you'll hear, one major attribute Zip puts emphasis on is record keeping. Every "valuable" hour is documented with what work was done and what decisions were made. This information is then provided back to the customer, so they are comfortable with what is being done to their treasured vehicle. Zip emphasized that a lot of time is spent on project planning and documentation but in the long run it is all worth it.





Street Metal Concepts

They also provide photo documentation on an ongoing basis and many customers look forward to the pictures of how the process is going. It keeps them involved and interested instead of becoming a “drop it off and forget it” relationship. Zip wants them to understand what is going on and what is involved.

Creating a custom vehicle is an emotional roller coaster and the guys want the customers to know this right up front. Street Metal Concepts often get unfinished projects from other shops for a variety of reasons, but the two most common are: quality of work, and clarity of information on money being spent (i.e. a relationship).

Zip is well aware that the cars they build really don’t make much logical sense and customers will spend more on creating their dream car than it may be immediately worth in the end. His advice...get over that but know that the customer is always in the drivers seat. Cool cars are what you make them!

The results of all of this effort speaks for itself. Customers continue to seek out Street Metal Concepts for their dream car work, and SMC continues to deliver cars with a personal touch. I can attest to the quality as well; over 5 years later my Chevelle STILL has rock star paint and panel fitment!

You can find out more about Street Metal Concepts on the Internet:

StreetMetalConcepts.com or on

Facebook.com/streetmetalconcepts

Instagram.com/streetmetalconcepts

Citrus Hills Car & Truck Show



Note: CV&CCC Members;

We will need volunteers for judging & parking! We don't have to worry about registration this year. Each volunteer will receive a \$25.00 gift Certificate to Skyview at Tera Vista.

Please respond by September 30, 2019.