



# Emerald Coast Corvette Club

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## ECCC Newsletter, June 2017

Our Monthly ECCC Membership meeting started with a warm welcome to everyone in attendance. A couple of visitors, Joseph Schallenberger and Gil Theiss, were also introduced. Joseph shared with us some information about himself and his Corvette.



On a more solemn note, Octavio Barrios, Jr., a respected and well-liked ECCC member, passed away on May 20th, 2017. A memorial service has yet to be arranged by his family. Colleen will try and obtain any information concerning a memorial service, and then share with the membership the date, time, and location. The Board approved the purchase of a National Corvette Museum memorial brick in Octavio's honor. The brick will be placed near the ECCC brick at the National Corvette Museum.

The club participated in several events during the month of May. The first was our cruise to Salt Water Grill on May 13th. It was a perfect day for a cruise. We decided to take a nice slow and relaxing drive through downtown Panama City. We stopped briefly in front of the 9-11 Memorial at the Panama City Marina for some incredible pictures. We hopped back in our cars for more driving along the waters edge on Beach Drive. We drove through historic St Andrews, across the Hathaway Bridge, and turned onto Thomas Drive. We continued on, passing Wonder Works and Ripley's Believe It or Not. The food was amazing and the atmosphere was very relaxing. We ended our time together with coffee and desserts.



May is also the month we honor wounded Veterans through the Forgotten Coast Warrior Weekend in Port St Joseph, FL. This annual event has many sponsors, and ECCC has always been a staunch supporter for the past several years. We love to provide Corvettes for the parade to transport the Veterans to their Honor Banquet.

Of course, we always like to mention our club members who support their local Chevrolet dealership in Milton, Florida. Milton Chevrolet, also known as Sandi & Bubbas, host a cruise-in every third Friday. With food, music, and prizes, the dealership raises money for the Santa Rosa Kid's Home.



We had our final cruise this month on May 21st. Our club traveled over to McGuire's Irish Pub in Destin. The day started rainy, but it finally stopped and the skies cleared. Our group drove along the scenic roads of Bay and Walton County. Fun driving and light conversation on the radios, with a lot of laughter, made our trip to Destin very entertaining. The atmosphere in the restaurant was relaxing with great food and drinks; but, more importantly, enjoyable fellowship with friends.

Member participation in the ECCC cruises is always encouraged. These trips create many fond memories, fun times and help us to get to know one another. Our club participates in other local car club's cruise-in's and functions in the area, like Renegade Car Club and Mopars. This lends support to the other local car clubs in the area. And participation presents a positive club image to the other clubs and helps our club grow. Taking photos while attending these various club events, cruises, etc., helps to continue our pictorial history of club activities which is available on the club website. This is also an excellent avenue to show potential club members the fun we have. Please check with the Webmaster for proper formatting of data and pictures before sending pictures.

Congratulations to John & Kitty, whose son Ryan, graduated from high school this month. We would also like to extend congratulations to all our members who have sons, daughters, and grandchildren graduating this month.

Ron reminded the membership of the upcoming NCM HPDE (High Performance Driving Experience) scheduled for August 26th & 27th, at the NCM Motorsports Park. If you haven't experienced previous HPDE's, this is a very exciting event that allows you to drive your car on a fun 3.2 mile road course. Also, the NCM's 23rd Anniversary Celebration will be held from August 31st to September 2nd. And one last note, the annual ECCC road trip and track day in Bowling Green, KY is scheduled for October 12th – 15th, 2017.

John gave the monthly Treasury Report with the current Treasury balance, which matches the bank statement. This information is available on the members only web page. He also reported that the club lapel pins are in and available for purchase.

Ed is spearheading our participation in the Lynn Haven 4th of July Parade this year. He will turn in the necessary form for this event which will include the number of participants. An email will be sent to club members with more details. A reminder will also be included in the weekly Minders.



We had a couple of new members voted in this month. Brad and Isabelle, and Jonathan. Both couples were warmly welcomed into our family. Both were presented with a membership certificate and a welcome package



Nate conducted the 50/50 drawing for door prizes. Afterward the meeting was adjourned.

Written by Rosemary and Colleen, and edited by Roy