

Central Florida Corvette Association, Inc.

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CFCA-FAQ!

[Frequently Asked Questions]

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From the President

Welcome Corvette Enthusiasts and Gear-heads!

I want to take a few minutes of your time to say how much I appreciate the warm welcome back into the club and electing me as President and Lisa as membership director for the upcoming year. I also want to personally thank Wiley and Patty for the fantastic job they have done and I am sure we will be leaning on them as well as the other current board members for guidance on club items.

The past few years have been challenging in many ways for Lisa and I because we never really felt like we were with "our family" since we left over 3 years ago. We have shared so many great times with the friends and family here within the ranks of the Central Florida Corvette Association that it was hard to find replacements for you all. As many of you know (but I am sure not all of you) Lisa and I were members for about 9 years before I took a job transfer to Troy, Alabama. I transferred back a few months ago and one of the first things we did was to get back into the club once again. During the time we were in Troy we put a whopping 3,000 miles or so on the Vette with about 1700 being one long weekend driving to Michigan and back for a wedding. Needless to say we are happy to be driving the old girl again.

I would like to make a couple comments and ask for a little help. My plan for the upcoming months is to get people in the club to throw ideas around and develop a strategy for the type of club we want to become or if we want to maintain the status quo. We have done a fantastic job of supporting our charity of choice (the Russell Home) with Ned doing an outstanding job spearheading the sponsorship's. We also have a great rapport with the NCCC thanks to Obie (and others that I am not aware of) and with the meeting being held so close to home it would be a shame to let that go to waste. I want to be honest with you all, that it does worry me a little that I don't see very many "new faces" in the club after 3 years. My philosophy has always been "if you're not growing you're dying"... That is true in business and it is true in other areas such as a club as well. CFCA has so many things to offer young and old alike and I want to grow this club to show others what a great bunch of caring folks we are... So, I am looking for any input you can offer to help grow this club to my goal of over 100 members by years end. We can do it with a little bit of ingenuity, creativeness and just being ourselves.

I look forward to a great and exciting year filled with good times, road trips and fellowship. Thanks again all for the vote of confidence as your leader this year.

Below is a little more about me and my Vette passion...

I remember vividly the day I was sitting on the bench in the gas station my dad was working at in Southfield, Michigan. The most spectacular vehicle I had ever witnessed pulled up to the pump, and my dad went to tend to his duty of pumping gas, checking the oil and washing the windshield. The car soon roared to life and sped out of the station and when my dad returned, I asked him what kind of car that was. He informed me it was a Chevrolet Corvette and I remember saying to him "Dad, I'm going to own one of those someday". Well that was in 1968 and I have been in love with the Corvette ever since.

Life somehow gets in the way of living sometimes, but I finally purchased my first Vette in 2005 after nearly 35 years of believing that someday I would own the car of my dreams. I immediately joined Central Florida Corvette Association (CFCA) and have been an active member ever since (with the exception of a short detour for work in another state). It is difficult to imagine how different my life would be like if I hadn't surrounded myself with all the wonderful people in our club as well as those that I have met through club events. With that, I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for pursuing membership in CFCA. You will be thrilled with what the club has to offer you. Throughout the year, CFCA members take part in monthly gatherings, meet and eats, and even an occasional grudge match settled out on the track. We also attend local and regional Corvette shows, drive-outs, drive-ins and even an annual trek to the Florida Keys for some down time and socializing with our closest friends. We are an active club and would really like to share our passion with like-minded individuals like you. I sincerely hope that you will become an active member in CFCA as well, and pursue your own dreams with "The Greatest Sports Car of all time", the Chevrolet Corvette.

Dean Mester
2018 CFCA President

General

What is the club's history?

CFCA was founded in 1973 and celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2003 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Corvette. CFCA has been a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) since 1973 and is currently the largest NCCC-sanctioned club in the Florida Region. Members may learn from others who have "been there, done that" with their Corvettes and discover how to best maintain, care for, and improve their vehicles. CFCA offers a host of activities you may participate in as well as NCCC's sanctioned competition program to earn NCCC points towards awards. But we are first and foremost a social organization geared towards enjoying each other's company and having FUN with our very special cars.

Who can join CFCA?

Membership is open to any Corvette owner and spouse (or significant-other, provided they reside at the same address). Child Dependent (ages 16-21) and Associate memberships are available, too.

How is the club organized?

CFCA is registered as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Florida and is governed by an elected Board of Directors.

What positions comprise the Board of Directors?

The club's Board members include the elected positions of President, Governor/1st Vice President, Membership Director/2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Competition Director, plus the board-appointed positions of Treasurer, Marketing/Public Relations Director, and Webmaster. Non-voting board-appointed positions may include Assistant Membership Director, Assistant Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, NCM Ambassador, Charity, Warm-n-Fuzzy, and others as needed.

How do I contact a club officer?

CFCA Board Members may be contacted by email using our "perpetual" email addresses such as president@cfca.net, governor@cfca.net, etc. Use board@cfca.net to send email to each Board Member. Full contact information is available in the CFCA Membership Roster published in the Members Only section of the CFCA website. Contact webmaster@cfca.net if you need the Members Only username & password.

Other than a Board position, how else can I actively participate?

CFCA members may volunteer to participate on special committees for selected annual events (Christmas Party, Anniversary Party, Keys trip) and special functions (Charity, Public Relations, Homecomings, Nominations, etc). We encourage ALL members to suggest new events and to take an active role by chairing or helping to coordinate events.

Where can I get more information?

The club's By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) provide additional details and are available to all club members in the Members-Only section of the club's website. Both documents are reviewed annually by the CFCA Board of Directors with changes submitted to the membership for approval at our Annual Meeting in March of each year.

Meetings

How often does the club meet?

We understand that our members have busy personal and business schedules. In order to encourage participation and allow ample opportunity for our members to attend as often as possible, regular meetings are held twice monthly on the first and third Thursday at 7:00 P.M. We hope you can attend both meetings but if you can only make one, that's fine, too! Quarterly social dinner meetings are held in other locations around town to accommodate members who live a considerable distance from the standard meeting location.

Where does the club meet?

The current meeting place is Carl Black Chevrolet, 11500 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32817. The meetings are held in the second floor meeting room. Check the meeting schedule on the club's website at www.cfca.net/meeting_schedule.htm for latest info.

What is the format of the meeting?

Meetings are run by the club President and are convened, conducted and adjourned in a semi-formal atmosphere and in a manner similar to Roberts Rules of Order. Meetings generally last about an hour. Each Board member provides a report to the membership, followed by a review of old business and opening the floor to new agenda items. Following the meeting, members often adjourn to a local restaurant for food and more Corvette conversation. Some meetings may also host a guest speaker, technical session, or vendor presentation. We try our best to get a LOT of information out in short order!

Where can I get more information?

If you can't find what you are looking for in our expansive website, just ask any CFCA Member or Board Member. We'll be happy to help.

Membership

What's a REGULAR Member?

A Regular member is one who is a Corvette owner, is eligible to hold a Board position, and has full voting rights. Regular membership can continue for up to 12 months after disposing of, or sustaining loss of their Corvette. Beyond the 12 month grace period, members can continue CFCA membership as Associate members.

What's an ASSOCIATE Member?

An Associate is a former CFCA member who does not currently own a Corvette. An Associate member cannot hold a Board position, nor vote in club elections.

What's an HONORARY Member?

An Honorary member is one who is elected by the general membership as a special recognition. Honorary members pay no dues, have no vote, and cannot hold office. Honorary membership is for a 12 month period.

What's a DUAL Member?

A Dual member is a CFCA member who is primarily a member of another NCCC club. Dual members may vote but cannot hold office.

What's a DEPENDENT Member?

A Dependent member is a child dependent, between the ages of 16 and 21, of a dues-paying member. Dependent members have no vote and cannot hold office.

I've heard the term "Carryover." What is it?

Carryover is a term generally used by our Membership Director to identify new members who have joined CFCA/NCCC near the end of the calendar year and are "carried over" to the new year without need to immediately renew their membership.

What's a Primary Member?

Per NCCC, a Primary member is the owner of the Corvette.

What's a Secondary Member?

Per NCCC, the Secondary member is the spouse or significant-other of the Primary member.

Please explain my member number?

Each CFCA member is assigned a member number by NCCC in the form FL186-9999. "FL" designates a club in the Florida Region. CFCA is club number 186. The next 4 digits identify the individual member, sequentially assigned since the club's inception. Where an "L" suffix appears, the member is female. The suffix is used by NCCC in sanctioned competitive events (such as autocross, where there are both men's and ladies' classes.)

Where does my money go?

When you become a member of CFCA, you also become a member of NCCC. The majority of the CFCA membership dues is allocated to NCCC membership. Any remaining portion helps offsets the cost of your CFCA shirt, badge, awards, website, etc. CFCA dues have remained unchanged since 2003.

How do I find contact information for another member?

A club roster is updated and published regularly and is available to all members in the Members-Only section of the club's website, www.cfca.net. We consider our roster to be confidential, so please don't share roster information with non-members!

Can I be a member of another Corvette club or organization?

Yes, of course! But please keep in mind that certain information is provided for exclusive use of our membership, the password(s) to our Members-Only section of the website, our club roster, email list, etc. These items are confidential to CFCA and should not be shared outside the club. CFCA policy dictates that personal member information (such as our membership roster) may not be sold or otherwise distributed to third parties.

I've sold my Corvette and/or purchased a new one. Who do I notify?

Please notify the CFCA Membership Director (Email: membership@cfca.net) with the details. NCCC also needs to be advised of this change!

Events & Competition

What types of events are held?

Many of our events include social activities, road trips, display car shows, homecoming parades, fund raisers, caravans, concours car shows, drag racing, rallyes, and funkhanas.

Can any member suggest an event?

Yes! Suggestions and new ideas are always welcome. Simply contact our Competition Director or any Board member.

Can any member host an event?

Yes! - In fact we encourage it! CFCA's Board of Directors is in place to guide our events and insure that we operate in a safe manner according to published regulations and standards. It's with the active participation of our members that the club continues to grow!

What is an event Chairperson?

The Chairperson is the person who "runs" an event, coordinating with the Board on items such as date, time, place, budget, promotion, etc. The Chairperson is the focal point for event information. Any member may chair an event. When necessary, events may have multiple Chairpersons.

What is an event Coordinator?

Typically, the term Coordinator is used in conjunction with the club's homecoming season. The Coordinator is the person who solicits the schools and sets up the date, time and place of the events. Each homecoming will be assigned a Chairperson who will make the calls to club members for participating in the homecomings. In the absence of the Homecoming Coordinator, the Chairperson will be responsible for getting the "Waiver" form and sign up sheet signed by each participant and collecting the check from the school's representative.

Other CFCA Events might be assigned a Coordinator and/or Chairperson to coordinate the details of the event, (meeting time, place, etc.), make any reservations needed, and be responsible for getting the Liability Waiver form signed by club participants. For additional details, please refer to CFCA's Standard Operating Procedures document.

What is a "NCCC Event"?

Events of this type are sanctioned competition events and qualify the participant for NCCC points (regional and nationwide). Such events include high and low speed autocross, rallyes, and concours. Participants must be NCCC members. For additional information on the

sanctioned competition program or to obtain a copy of the rule book, contact the NCCC at 800-245-VETT (8388).

Other helpful documents are available from the NCCC Florida Region website:

- Florida Region/NCCC Competition Guidelines
- Checklist for a NCCC Club Event
- NCCC and Your Corvette Club

What is a “NCM Event”?

Events of this type are published events hosted by the National Corvette Museum. Please refer to the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.com for event details. CFCA is a proud Business Member of the National Corvette Museum and we encourage all CFCA members to join the NCM and support their efforts at enhancing the Corvette hobby.

What is a “Club Event”?

A CFCA “Club Event” is one that we have created or one that we, as a group, choose to support and thereby recognize our members that participate. At our regular meetings, as new events are identified, we may choose to make an event a “Club Event”. We then establish who will be in charge of organizing CFCA’s participation and publish the event in our online events calendar. Other Corvette-related events may appear on our calendar during the year that are not “Club Events” but are provided for information only. Only approved Club Events with signed liability waivers are covered by our NCCC Insurance.

What’s all this stuff I’ve heard about “points”?

CFCA encourages all members to participate in as many events during the year as possible and to become involved in directly supporting those events. Member participation is accounted for simply by signing the NCCC Liability Waiver form at all meetings and events. At the conclusion of each year, the top 10% of our members, as evidenced by their participation in club events, receive an award at our annual Christmas party. The CFCA Competition Director maintains an accounting of participation and attendance and communicates this information to the Board as a means to gauge the success of a particular event. For additional details, please refer to CFCA’s Standard Operating Procedures document under the headings “Member Participation and Contributions” and “Awards”.

What’s a CONCOURS?

A concours is a show or contest of vehicles and accessories in which the entries are judged chiefly on excellence of appearance and turnout. [Source: NCCC Sanctioned Competition Program]. Cleanliness is paramount in a Concours d’Elegance show.

What’s an AUTOCROSS?

An autocross is a gymkhana, speedkhana, slalom, or parking lot speed event, where a course is set up using pylons and/or track. Cars can race against the clock, not wheel-to-wheel. It is designed to test driver skills. The course is less than one mile in length.

What’s a RALLYE?

A rallye (or “rally”) is like the directions one gives to a friend for getting to a new house in the suburbs. It’s more than a test of one’s ability to follow directions; more than intense observation. It’s doing many things at once including the adherence to a time-table speed. There are many types of rallyes, such as Time-Speed-Distance, Gimmick (answering questions to determine directions), and Chance (fun rallyes, simple courses, Poker rallyes, Hare & Hound rallyes).

Why do I have to sign a Liability Waiver?

Via our association with NCCC, our published events are covered by NCCC's liability insurance program. Each participating member or guest is required to sign the waiver at each event to comply with the requirements of this program. This form is also used by CFCA to account for member participation during the year.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information on NCCC and its insurance program is publicly available on their website at www.corvettesnccc.org. The club's By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures provide additional details and are viewable by all club members. Both documents are published in the Members-Only section of the CFCA's website, www.cfca.net.

Fundraisers

What does CFCA do to raise money?

CFCA participates in various events throughout the year, such as high school homecomings, parades, fundraisers, charity car shows, etc. In recent years, our charities have benefited greatly from an expanded paid sponsor advertising program on the CFCA website.

Why do we do HOMECOMINGS?

High School Homecomings are the major source of revenue for CFCA. In year's past, 100% of the funds raised from our homecoming events have been directly donated to our favorite local charity, [The Russell Home for Atypical Children](#). By vote of the membership, however, CFCA may choose to divert a portion of these funds back to the club or to other charities.

What do I need to do for a Homecoming?

Homecomings generally consist of transporting high school students in your Corvette. Most often the students will be paraded around their high school track prior to or during their football game. Though our requirement is generally for convertibles, we often use coupes as well. For convertibles, the participants sit atop the rear deck. For coupes, participants can be seated atop the "roll bar". The decision to place one or two participants atop the car is at the car owner's/driver's discretion. Items to bring include a rug or blanket for the participants to sit on (to protect your paint), a few towels to step on (to protect your seats), a roll of masking tape (to affix signs to your doors), and a few cleaning supplies such as spray detailer (for last minute "touch-ups").

What do I need to do for Parades?

Preparation for a parade is essentially the same as for a homecoming. For holiday parades (such as Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, etc.) we often decorate our cars. American Flags have become popular among our members since the tragic events of September 11th.

Where can I get more information?

Contact our event chairpersons or any Board member for information on specific events.

Charity

What are the club's charities?

CFCA is a strong supporter of [The Russell Home for Atypical Children](#), right here in Orlando. Over the years, CFCA and its members have donated a considerable amount to the Russell Home through fundraisers such as our Homecoming events and charitable car shows. In addition to the club's cash donations, our members continually support the home with gifts, clothing, cleaning supplies, and periodic work parties.

All CFCA members are encouraged to visit the Russell Home at least once each year during one of our drive outs so that you can experience first hand why we have chosen this loving and worthwhile organization as our primary charity.

Why is CFCA's charity different from NCCC's?

NCCC's chosen charity on a national level is the St Jude Children's Research Hospital which CFCA supports via our association with NCCC. A number of years ago, CFCA elected to focus our charitable efforts directly towards our local community.

Where can I get more information?

The CFCA Charity Committee Chairperson is appointed each year by the Board and is our primary point-of-contact for all club-related charity functions. If you have an idea for a great charitable fundraiser or some other activity, please let the Chairperson know!

Associations

What is the National Council of Corvette Clubs?

NCCC was founded as an all volunteer, non-profit organization in 1959 by a small group of Corvette enthusiasts and is the largest Corvette organization in the United States. Today there are more than 280 clubs in 15 regions with more than 15,000 members.

What does NCCC membership mean to me?

The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with the use of the Corvette! The largest single benefit is the insurance program which provides liability coverage to all members participating in published events. Other NCCC member benefits include Blue Bars magazine, Future Corvette Owners Association (to instill interest in the Corvette hobby with the younger generation), the sanctioned competition program, National Conventions, etc. For more information on the National Council of Corvette Clubs, visit the NCCC website at www.corvettesnccc.org.

How is CFCA affiliated with the National Corvette Museum?

CFCA and many of its members are active supporters of the NCM, dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Corvette. In December of 2001, CFCA became a Business/Club Member of the NCM. CFCA encourages its members to also become NCM supporters – in fact, CFCA members can become NCM regular or family members at a 25% discount thanks to our business membership status! For additional information on the National Corvette Museum, visit the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.com, CFCA's NCM web page at <http://www.cfca.net/ncm/ncm.htm>, or send an Email to ambassador@cfca.net.

Communication

How does the club communicate with its members?

Information is provided to members via our award-winning website (www.cfca.net) as well as a private members-only club email list (cfca@cfca.net). In recent years we have transitioned to focus more on the website and email list to communicate with the membership, rather than a hard copy newsletter. We have found that publishing and mailing a hard copy newsletter is extremely expensive and by using alternate, electronic

means of communication, we are able to conserve funds which we can use to otherwise support our membership and charity.

Does the club require Email?

Email is not a requirement, although most CFCA members do have internet access and email capability. We believe Email and website access allow for more immediate communication of club events and other pertinent or time-sensitive information. We encourage all members to visit our website often. New members are automatically subscribed to the CFCA Members Only mailing list when you join.

I've changed my Email address. Who do I notify?

At a minimum, you should notify the Membership Director, so that the club records can be kept current. Simply send an Email to membership@cfca.net, with both your OLD and NEW Email addresses.

Who can send Email to the club mailing list?

Only current CFCA members may post messages to the club mailing list by simply sending your Email to cfca@cfca.net. The CFCA email list is considered confidential so please do not share information from this list with non-club members. Contact webmaster@cfca.net if you need help accessing the mailing list.

How can I get a photo of MY Corvette on the CFCA website?

Just Email your digital photo (in .jpg or .jpeg format) to webmaster@cfca.net. Don't have a digital photo? Loan us a snapshot for scanning (please write your name and year of Corvette on the back) and we'll return your original photo. Our website also has a section for personalized ("vanity") license plates of our members.

I've got some great photos of one of CFCA's events. How can I get them posted on our website?

In recent years we've gotten away from posting event photos on the CFCA website in favor of posting them to publicly accessible sites with easy photo sharing such as our CFCA Group Page on Facebook. Go check it out!

Miscellaneous

Who do I contact with a suggestion or question?

For suggestions or questions relating to

CFCA Membership:	membership@cfca.net
The CFCA Website:	webmaster@cfca.net
The National Corvette Museum:	ambassador@cfca.net
Public Relations and Advertising:	publicrelations@cfca.net

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