

Central Florida Corvette Association, Inc.

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CFCA-FAQ!

[Frequently Asked Questions]

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From the President

Welcome to the Central Florida Corvette Association (CFCA)! Whether you are a Waxer, Racer, or just enjoy driving America's Best Sports Car, you have come to the right place. Please check out our web site at www.cfca.net for upcoming meetings and events. We hope you choose to become an active participant and that your membership helps you share your passion with fellow Corvette owners that will soon become your close friends, as well.

John "Hutch" Hutchinson, CFCA President 2010

And remember... *SAVE THE WAVE!*

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). Dependent (ages 16-21) and Associate memberships are available, too.

How is the club organized?

CFCA is registered as a non-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 President, Governor/1st Vice President, Membership Director/2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Competition Director. Board-appointed positions include Treasurer, Assistant Membership Director, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations/Marketing Director, NCM Ambassador, 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, membership@cfca.net, etc. Full contact information for the current membership is available in the CFCA Membership Roster published monthly in Members Only section of the CFCA web site. 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, etc) 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 web site. 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, meetings are held twice monthly on the first and third Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Quarterly dinner meetings are held in other locations to try to accommodate members who live a considerable distance from the standard meeting location.

Where does the club meet?

The current usual meeting place is Classic Chevrolet, SR434 at Maitland Blvd, in Altamonte Springs. The meetings are held in the second floor meeting room. Check the meeting schedule on the club's web site 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 web site, 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, can 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 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. A portion of the CFCA membership dues is allocated to NCCC membership. The remaining portion offsets the cost of your CFCA shirt, badge, awards, etc.

How do I find contact information for another member?

A club membership roster is updated and published regularly in the Members-Only section of the club's web site, www.cfca.net. We consider our roster to be confidential, so please do not 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 web site, our club roster, 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?

At a minimum, you should 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 web site:

- Florida Region/N CCC Competition Guidelines
- Checklist for a N CCC 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 web site 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.

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. The club’s previous “points” structure, which was geared more towards competitive events, was disbanded at the end of 2002 in order to simplify the complex accounting task. As of 2003, 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 concourse 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]

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. [Source: NCCC Sanctioned Competition Program]

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). [Source: NCCC Sanctioned Competition Program]

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. We are 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 web site 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 web site, 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.

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](http://www.russellhome.org). 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](http://www.russellhome.org), 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 annual Roger's Cruz'In show. 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 National Kidney Foundation 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 web site 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 web site 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 periodic newsletter (CFCA Review), our web site (www.cfca.net), as well as a private members-only club email list hosted at Yahoo!Groups (CentralFloridaCorvette@groups.yahoo.com). In recent years we have transitioned to focus more on the web site 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 web site access allow for more immediate communication of club events and other pertinent or time-sensitive information. We encourage all members to visit our web site often. New members are automatically subscribed to the CFCA 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.

How do I update my new email address to the CFCA Mailing List?

You can make this change yourself. From your OLD Email address, just send a blank email message to CentralFloridaCorvette-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com, then from your NEW Email address, send a blank Email message to CentralFloridaCorvette-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

If you have questions about the mailing list or encounter any difficulty, Email the list owner at CentralFloridaCorvette-owner@yahoogroups.com and we'll take care of the change.

I'm new to CFCA. How can I review prior communications sent to the club mailing list?

All messages sent to the club mailing list are archived and may be reviewed on-line at <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/CentralFloridaCorvette>. You may need to establish a "Yahoo!ID" if you don't already have one to gain access to the web page.

Who can send Email to the club mailing list?

Only CFCA members may post messages to the club mailing list. To do so, simply send your email to CentralFloridaCorvette@yahoogroups.com

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

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 web site 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 web site?

Event photos are presented in an album format using special software for the web. To assist us in processing your photos for use on the CFCA web site, please follow these guidelines:

- Save photos in .jpg or .jpeg format. No .gif or .bmp.
- It will save us time if you resize your photos to nothing larger than 640x480.
- If available, please use reasonable compression to reduce file size.
- If possible, please rename your photos to show the order in which you'd like them displayed and use a filename that is somewhat descriptive. We hate to guess! For example:
 - 001. The Entrance to the Show Field.jpg
 - 002. John and Peggy's 2002 Z06.jpg
- Email your photos directly to webmaster@cfca.net but make sure you send no more than a few Mb worth at a time or the mail server may kick them back.
- Disk and bandwidth space on our web server is expensive so please, only send your best photos. Don't leave it up to us to pick and choose. We make lousy choices!

If you follow these guidelines, you'll save us lots of time and it will speed the process of getting your event photos posted to the Scrapbook section of our web site.

If you cannot, just send us your photos anyway and we'll do the best we can. Still have questions? Just email webmaster@cfca.net.

Miscellaneous

Who do I contact with a suggestion or question?

Suggestions and/or questions of any type are welcome and may be submitted to any Board member via our "Perpetual Email Addresses": President@cfca.net, Governor@cfca.net, Membership@cfca.net, Competition@cfca.net, Treasurer@cfca.net, Secretary@cfca.net.

For suggestions or questions relating to

The CFCA Web Site: webmaster@cfca.net

The CFCA Review Newsletter: editor@cfca.net

The National Corvette Museum: ambassador@cfca.net

Public Relations and Advertising: publicrelations@cfca.net

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Do you have suggestions for other FAQs?

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