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## VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB

# 2023

### ***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE***

**L**et's start off with a question; did anyone notice that there wasn't a newsletter in February? You probably aren't aware but a lot of work goes into the newsletter, especially on the part of the Bova's. Therefore, the Board has decided that, on a trial basis, we are going to publish a newsletter every other month. Feel free to let us know your thoughts on the subject.

Plans have already been made for guest speakers at two upcoming meetings. In March we will receive a short presentation by a research group that is affiliated with the University of Florida and Villages Health. The topics include research on Alzheimer's and Autonomous Vehicles. Interested persons will be able to sign up for the studies. The April meeting will be car centric. Our speaker will be Jim McCraw who during his career was the editor of three car magazines. He is going to put something together relative to the Corvette.

For those of you who don't attend many meetings, I have some exciting news for you. The Villages has embraced having numerous dates set aside for the car clubs to showcase their vehicles. For this year our club has six more dates to display our cars on the squares. The next one is just us in Lake Sumter Landing on April 14th. Two weeks later on April 29th in Brownwood, seven clubs will have their cars on display for a total of 164 cars. Thanks to the efforts of our Activities Director, Wayne Johnson, our cars will be prominently displayed on the square and not one of the side streets. Registration is open on the website calendar to sign up for all the car shows. If you have been previously closed out from the LSL show, this is your chance to get involved.

**The next Villages Honor Flight will be conducted on April 19th.** As usual, we will meet at Colony Cottage Recreation Center and then drive to the Walmart in Leesburg where we will meet the returning busses. From there we will receive a police escort to the American Legion where the crowds of people await the return of the veterans. While I realize that this being a late evening event is difficult for some people, it is very worthwhile. I've had numerous people on the busses comment how overjoyed the vets were upon seeing our Corvettes waiting for them. On a couple of prior flights we have had over 20 Vettes in the caravan. Exact details will be provided at a future date. Please try to make it on April 19th.

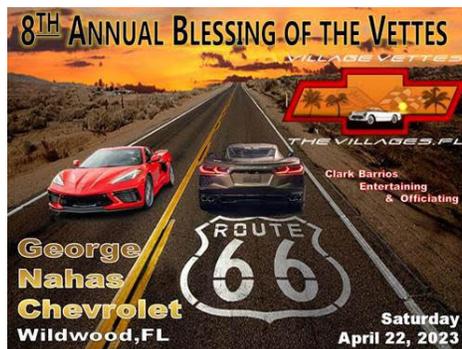
**Our annual Blessing of the Vettes will be held on April 22nd at Nahas Chevrolet.** There will be games, auctions and entertainment by Clark Barrios. In prior years we have drawn upwards of 175 Vettes from surrounding clubs.

Hope to see everyone at our meetings this year.

*Rich Rose - President*

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Update – plans have solidified for the forthcoming 8th Annual “Blessing Of The Vettes” event which will be occurring on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership (4135 East SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785). The non-denominational blessing will be officiated by Clark Barrios, Universal Life Church. Additionally, he will be providing a high energy musical performance. The event will include a commemorative dash plaque to the first 200 Vettes, an auction, a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, and refreshments.



The entry fee is a recommended donation of \$5.00/vehicle. All proceeds to benefit our club’s designated charities. (Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Village Honor Flight, Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch, and Operation Shoe Box)

This is a “rain or shine” event. To assure a seating, it is recommended participants bring your own folding chairs. Participants should arrive no earlier than 09:00 AM. Festivities will commence at 10:00 AM. The parking scheme will facilitate easy access/egress.

**To facilitate the event logistics, members are requested to register for the event via the club’s web site, <https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com>.**

# Village Vettes Upcoming Events for March and Upcoming Dates for 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember that our activities and events may change a bit from time to time so please check the calendar for latest news and updates on activities. Also, we are selling out quickly on many of the events so register early if you're intending to attend and, if the registration is full, make sure to use the "Waitlist" button in case someone cancels.

## March

### 3/14/23 - Tuesday

The Waterfront Grille on Lake Eustis

I'm leading a group out to Lake County to enjoy a newly renovated dining spot just off Main Street in Eustis that you might never know was there without this D&D. Situated on the shores of Beautiful Lake Eustis this spot boasts a varied menu of local seafood, burgers and sandwiches as well as tasty appetizers for your enjoyment. This event is sold out as of this writing.

### 3/23/23 - Thursday

#### Season's 52 Altamonte Springs

**George and Beverly Borke** will be leading a group south of the Villages to experience a truly unique dining venue in Altamonte Springs at Season's 52 named for the fact that the menu offerings change weekly based on what's fresh in the market. You're going to love this place. Following lunch the Borke's will lead everyone down to Winter Park to tour the Morse Museum of American Art which, among other things, houses one of the most extensive collections of Louis Comfort Tiffany artwork in glass. It's so much more than stained glass.

This event is Sold Out.

### 3/30/23 - Thursday

#### The Cove Pub & Grub Inverness

**Paul and Darry Bova** will be Group Leaders to one of our favorite D&D destinations near Inverness for an early dinner. Meet at Eisenhower Rec Center on Thursday March 30 at 2:30 for the quick 35 minute drive west on SR 44 for yet another "if you didn't know it was there... you wouldn't know it was there!" Dining destination. Don't miss the turn at the Dollar General store or you'll miss dinner. Registrations are open with about half the spots still available.

## April

### 4/8/23 - Saturday

#### Chris Cruz Artistry DeLand

**Join Tom and Elaine Swiers** for a relaxing cruise over to DeLand to witness the truly artistic skills of Chris Cruz and his nationally recognized airbrush and pinstriping creations. Several VVCC members have had their cars customized in his shop by Chris. This is an opportunity to see him in action as he will be demonstrating those skills in an original piece that he will give to one lucky member via raffle. For someone that struggles to make the ends of a circle meet, I am truly amazed by both his talent and his imagination. Don't miss this opportunity. Following the tour, please join Tom and Elaine for lunch at The Table, one of DeLands best dining venues.

Sorry, this event is Sold Out.

### 4/14/23 - Friday

#### VVCC at Lake Sumter Landing

It's time again for our annual invasion of the Square at Lake Sumter Landing. Be one of 54 Corvettes showcasing your favorite car ever on Friday evening 3/14. Please check the website calendar for specific meeting time and place but please remember this is not a judged car show. No entry fee, no trophies. Just a chance to wash and shine America's Sports Car and talk with neighbors and other auto enthusiasts while listening to some great music. This is a Corvette only event. Tom Swiers, Don DiBartolomeo, Dylan Todd and Jim Logudice are heading up this annual event. Limited space still available for registration.

### 4/17/23 - Monday

#### VVCC Cooking Class at Prima Italian Steakhouse Brownwood

Get your aprons on, it's time to get cooking! Join me and 24 of your VillageVettes colleagues at Prima Italian Steakhouse on Monday 4/17/23 at 2:30 to get your garlic on. The Head Chef will be leading us on a 2 hour excursion in gastronomy Italian style. He will explain the who, the what and especially the why of preparing a great tasting and yet healthy 4 course meal. You'll learn what to use and how much to use to gets your friends and neighbor "oohing and ahing" over your new food prep skills.

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**4/22/23 - Saturday**

### **8th Annual Blessing of the Vettes**

It's time again for our long running gathering at Nahas Chevrolet on Saturday 4/22 for a nondenominational get together to ask blessings for both our Corvettes and passengers. Clark Barrios of the Universal Life Church will officiate. Clark, who you will recognize from his appearances around The Villages, will also perform a number of songs from his shows. Dash Plaques to the first 200 attendees. Festivities begin around 10:00 but check the website calendar for specifics. Registration is requested but not limited.

**4/27/23 - Sunday**

### **Papa Joe's Brooksville**

Authentic, unpretentious Sicilian food served up in this warm family oriented and inviting venue. Be prepared to enjoy an Italian extravaganza. Lee and Linda Samson lead this trip down to historic Brooksville for lunch at a hidden gem in Central Florida. Specifics are still being brought together but don't miss out on this special afternoon. Registrations will open in late March.

**4/29/23 - Saturday**

### **VVCC at Brownwood**

This will be our first Car Club Showcase for The Villages Entertainment where will be one of 7 other TV car clubs displaying their babies. We have room for a total of 24 cars which will be included on a first come-first served basis. Obviously this is the second car show of the month so we need your support to make it happen. If you're showing in LSL on the 4/14 you can sign up to show again on 4/29. Remember, these are non judged shows. No entry fees/no trophies. Just a great opportunity to show your ride and spend some time with VVCC members.

More opportunities to participate in local car shows was one of the requests we got from members last year and the Activities Committee responded with 7 such opportunities in 12 months. Please support those efforts.

**May**

**5/4/23 - Thursday**

### **Red's Restaurant Hernando**

We're on our way back to Red's Restaurant out SR 200 in Hernando. Several enjoyable routes available to get to this fabulous destination but Group Leaders Ed Henry and Lina White will lead you on roads you likely haven't been on before. Pay attention as you'll surely want to return. Registration opens up in early April.

**5/19/23 - Friday**

### **Crump's Landing**

Gas up the Vette, we're heading for the Gulf. Larry Joy is the lead car in a bit over an hour's drive to a fabulous destination with a varied menu. Take in the scenery and enjoy the conversation with VVCC friends in this tiki-style outdoor setting. Set aside some extra time for exploring the area and checking for manatees. Registration opens in mid April.

**5/27/23 - Saturday**

### **Peck's Old Port Cove Restaurant**

**Don DiBartolomeo** will be Group Leader on this highly anticipated return to the end of the road. That's how Don D explains directions, just go to the end of the road and you're probably there. Don't worry, VVCC has done D&Ds to this location before and every Corvette got home by the end of the day. Beautiful location with an excellent selection of local/regional foods. More specifics as they come in with registration opening up in late April.

**5/28/23 - Sunday**

### **Flags for Veterans Bushnell National Cemetery**

Bring your Vette, bring your spouse, bring a friend or come by yourself but don't miss the opportunity to recognize the dedication and sacrifice made by so many Americans over the year. We've been doing this for several years and each year it gets a little bigger. Plans are being worked on to get Sheriff's Department escorts from TV down to Bushnell early on the Saturday morning before Memorial Day. It only takes a couple of hours but the payback, in terms of feeling good about what you have been a small part of, are immeasurable. Sign up in late April.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### June

6/8/23 - Thursday, St John's Riverboat tour  
(GL Ed Henry/Lina White)

6/15/23 - Thursday, Big Bob's Italian (  
GL Teri Gray/Richard Frost)

6/22/23 - Thursday, Stumpknockers on the River  
(GL Larry Joy)

6/24/23 - Saturday, Brownwood Car Show 32 cars

### July (Dates TBD)

7/3/23 - Monday, Drive the Squares  
(Don Chaney/Jim Logudice Coordinating)

7/13/23 - Thursday, Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens  
Williston (GL Needed)

7/20/23 - Thursday, DeLeon Springs State Park  
Sugarmill Pancake House  
(GL Doug/Ellen Featherstone)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE GROUP LEADERS IN THE BACK HALF OF THE CALENDAR. PLEASE STEP UP AND BE INVOLVED.**

Thanks

Please call with any questions

*Wayne Johnson*  
*Activities Director*  
*(586)-612-6991*

## Have your Corvette Featured in Daily Sun

“As you are aware, the Daily Sun newspaper does highlight articles about cars on a weekly basis.

If you would like to have yours taken into consideration, here is the contact information.

Donovan Conaway  
(352) 753-1119 Ext. 5400  
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## Trunk or Treat Winners

Member Dennis Carrol who chaired our 2022 Halloween Trunk or Treat Show, presented two awards to members that participated in this event.



Lee Duff, Best Decorated Corvette



Roseann Lucania, Best Costume



## AMBASSADOR

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Cell: (703) 282-3083



We are about to complete 2/3rds of the 22/23 winter and warm weather, dry roads (mostly), and fair temperatures are soon to be here. The Museum's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 is on the minds of many and planning has started for the caravans to Bowling Green. Further, the Museum has hired a Corvette Club Relations Coordinator to be the focal point between clubs, like ours, and the museum. There have been some testing/comparison for the Z06 to other sports cars in the automotive literature. So, let's get started.

### Museum Corvette Clubs National Coordinator



The Museum has appointed Deborah Howard (see the image to the left) as the Corvette Clubs National Coordinator effective February 1, 2023. I anticipate that the interactions between Deborah and our Club will be through our Club's Board of Directors and myself. It will be great to have a single point of contact to interface Club activities including the 2024 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and caravan. More to follow as we develop our relationship with Deborah.

### Caravan 2024/Museum 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mike White is our Club point of contact for our participation in the 2024 Caravan and Museum 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Mike's counterparts at the National and State levels are Frank Sancineto and Rudy & Ann Hill, respectively. Mike is working hard to select the route for our Club participants for the 700 mile plus drive going through Atlanta and Chattanooga is realistically about an 11 hour trip taking into account gas and rest stops. Driving straight through at the speed limit on each road, WAZE calculates just under 10 hours. But, who drives just the speed limit and has large enough gas tank and bladder to make the trip non-stop? There are other routes and Mike is determining which is most appropriate for our Club. It is a long drive and an overnight stop along the way is anticipated. More details will be forthcoming and please direct all Caravan questions, comments, whatever to Mike.

### Z06 Tests/Comparison

The February 2023 issue of Car and Driver magazine ran 12+ vehicles on the Virginia International Raceway 4.1 mile track to determine the fastest. The Chevrolet Corvette Z06 placed first in the competition with a time of 2 minutes 38.6 seconds. It beat cars like the 2022 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS (2:40.5) and the Lamborghini 2023 Huracan Tecnica (2:43.9). By-the-way, the Lambo was priced at \$249,595 compared to the Vette's price of \$141,855. The article was not clear on the inclusion of the Z07 package in addition to the Z06 although the car had the high wing and ground effects I would expect on the Z07. The Vette also had the carbon fiber wheels taking 41 pounds off the unsprung weight.

This excited Brooke and I even more to get our Z06 once the Z07 constraints are lifted and take to the Kissimmee Exotic car cruise in for "Na, na, na" moment.

**Interested in supporting the National Corvette Museum by joining or renewing your membership? The easiest way to accomplish that is to go to the the Museum website at [CorvetteMuseum.org](http://CorvetteMuseum.org).**

# Village Vettes Cruise-in Brownwood Paddock Square 2/10/23



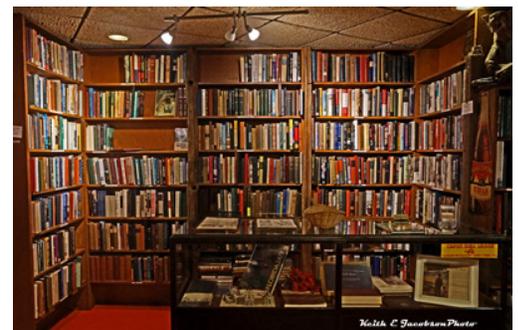
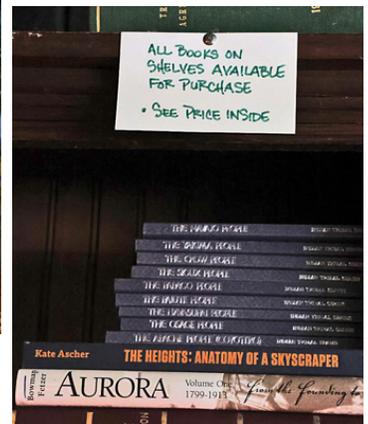
Beginning in 2023, The Villages will be featuring a weekly cruise-in on Monday and Friday between 4:00PM and 8:00PM around Paddock Square in Brownwood. Village Vettes has been selected to display 32 Corvettes (all ages) on Friday, February 10th.



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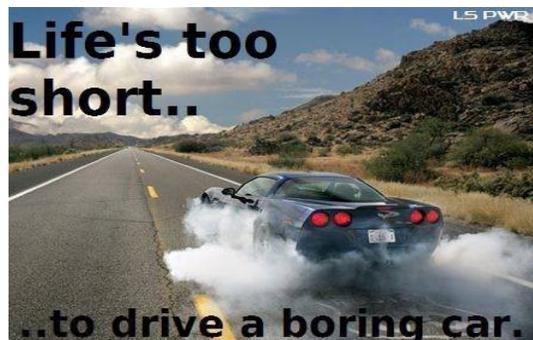
# A Trip to the Yearling Restaurant 2/16/23



# A NEW LOOK WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!!!

The club now has a new presence on Facebook. It does not replace the website or newsletter. It supplements them as a place where members can interact with each other, post pictures of their cars, post events, and share information related to our Corvette hobby. All members are invited to join the group. You will still receive club information through Emails, the web site, and newsletter. This is an additional resource.

Please be aware that others can see information on the page so don't post phone numbers or addresses. If there is talk of an upcoming event, leave out the date, time, and departure point. This information will be communicated to you, same as now, in a club E mail.



The is a site brand new and it will evolve over time. Your participation will create a fun and informative place for club members. Suggestions and ideas are welcome.



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## HOW TO GET IN OR OUT OF YOUR 2005 OR NEWER CORVETTE WHEN THE BATTERY IS DEAD AND THERE ARE NO OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS (EXCLUDING MID - ENGINE)

Many people, even Corvette owners, don't know that there is a safe and easy way to get in or out of a newer model Corvette when all electronics are disabled.

From 2005, Corvettes were heavily electronic in terms of ingress and egress. All locks were electronic and there were no obvious 'keyholes' to speak of. But General Motors planned well for the possibility of a battery going dead at the least opportune time and rendering the electronic door mechanisms useless.

I had a conversation with a fellow club member a few years ago. He was complaining about what it took for him to exit his C6 Corvette when he found all electronics disabled. He was fortunate enough to have a window in the down position and he managed to exit the car slowly and carefully through the opening. Given his size, not an easy thing to do.



He didn't know there was an emergency door release feature he could have used to manually open the door. It was (is) between the drivers lower seat cushion and the door sill. It consists of a flat handle with red-letter engraving representing an open door. A pull up on the handle opens the driver door. (photo)

The fact is, starting in 2005 the electronics in a Corvette did most of the 'work' for the owner, i.e., electronic door locks, windows, engine management, etc. As my mechanic told me when I brought in my new 2006 for a required NY State inspection, 'if you have an electrical problem with this car, it will be very expensive'.

Heeding his advice, it was the only time in my life I purchased an extended warranty. As it turned out, I thankfully didn't need it. Who wants to use insurance?

Well, so much for getting out of a Vette. How about getting in?

Not many owners know there is a mechanical door release in the rear hatch area of the Corvette as well. This is true whether it's a coupe or convertible, Even though the convertible hatch is smaller than the coupe, ingress is the same. How do you get into the hatch?

Above the license plate there is an actual key receptacle. This key slot that can't be seen unless you use a mirror or you lay on the ground and look up above the license plate area. The actual "key" for this slot is inside the key fob. Simply remove it, put it in the keyhole, twist and you open the hatch. (photo)



With the hatch open, the emergency cord has a labeled tag to mechanically open the doors. Pull it and the doors open. Now you can access the engine, battery terminals, fuses, etc. (photo)

So if you have the misfortune of having a dead battery while you're either in or out of your Corvette, and have no way to get to the "other side", you can use the emergency pull cords to open the doors.

Starting in 2020 with the mid-engine Corvette, there are similar characteristics for emergency ingress or egress. The owners manual describes the processes in detail.

*Jim Loguidice*

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## 2023 Performance Car of the Year

### From the Editor

The 2023 Performance Car of the Year is the 10th annual testing and ranking of R&T's favorite new sports cars on the road. In my mind, that's enough time to call it a legacy. The life cycle of some performance cars is about a decade, at which point technology and taste usually render their platforms obsolete. The Lamborghini Huracán, for instance, is slated to close out its stellar 10-year run in 2024, marking the end of a model that lifted the brand's sales and performance far beyond expectations. We included one of the last Huracán variants—the \$300,000-plus Tecnica—in this year's test. The legacy of the Huracán is undeniable, but is it PCOTY?

The whole staff flew in from around the country to gather at Monticello Motor Club in blustery upstate New York. We spent a couple of days tearing apart tires on the track, then turned our attention to road performance. Ultimately, it's not only numbers we're after but a feeling. We evaluate a mix. There are showboats like the Lamborghini, as well as performance compacts such as the Toyota GR Corolla and the Honda Civic Type R. We included the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS, the Audi RS3, the Subaru WRX, the BMW M4 CSL, and the new Nissan Z. One of the staff favorites was the Hyundai Elantra N, which bears little resemblance to the base Elantra beyond its platform (for the record, the Hyundai Veloster N won the 2020 PCOTY).

A legendary name that joined us is the new Corvette Z06. Now in a mid-engine configuration, the Corvette has been tearing ass down America's highways for a decade longer than Lamborghini has been making cars. But does it deserve the 2023 PCOTY? Read on to find out.

### The Champ

The new 2023 Z06 is the Corvette unshackled. It's beholden to neither heritage nor history nor Chevrolet itself. If it shares any part with other GM products, it's something incidental, like a windshield-wiper motor or a door latch. The engine is positioned where the engineers have long wanted it, and that engine is one of which they've long dreamed. It proved itself on track before it made it to the road. After 70 years, this thing has all the right stuff. It is the Corvette in full.

"I hate to use the term 'compromise,'" says Tadge Juechter, executive chief engineer for the Corvette, "because every car is a balance. If you look at the history of the Z06 in the modern era, it has walked more extreme with each generation. We've taken the formula and made it more vibrant, more powerful, more focused."

Like the C6 and C7 Z06 models, this C8 version was planned alongside the standard Stingray model. The C6 and C7, however, were evolutionary designs that refined the C5 paradigm—engine in front, transmission in back. The C8's mid-engine packaging enables it to accommodate a wide, double-overhead-cam 32-valve V-8 that would otherwise have to snake up through a front-engine car's frame rails and bodywork at the plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

"One reason why we had such free rein on the LT6 with the double-overhead cams and the big intake manifold is that we didn't have to worry about someone having to look over the hood," says GM's global small-block chief engineer, Jordan Lee. "This engine in a front-engine car? You'd barely be able to see through the windshield."

Lee contends this is a small-block V-8 because "a small-block is an engine designed and developed by the small-block team." And it does share the 4.4-inch bore spacing every Chevrolet small-block V-8 has had since 1955. But no. It's not a small-block. The LT6 is really a hand-built 670-hp 5.5-liter race engine.



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It's the first GM engine developed solely with a dry-sump oiling system. The rev-friendly oversquare dimensions—big 4.10-inch cylinder bores and short 3.15-inch crank strokes—stand in contrast to the long levers needed for torquey truck V-8s. And then there's the awesome respiration of a flat-plane crankshaft. "We often refer to it as two four-cylinder engines in a fistfight," says Lee.

And 5.5 liters is huge displacement for a flat-plane V-8. Maybe the largest ever. "Most flat-planes are pretty small displacement," Lee adds. "We did not want to give up displacement because we still wanted to have some respectable low-speed torque." Also, 5.5 liters is, not coincidentally, the maximum displacement allowed for the FIA's World Endurance Championship LMGTE class. The LT6.R, the LT6's race brother, has been in the C8.R race car since the 2020 season. "We engineered the two engines as a team," says Lee. The team tore down the LT6.Rs after races, and that experience went into the LT6. "The racing helped a ton," concludes Lee.

There are no demon tweaks in the LT6 that tame the paint-shaker vibrations of the flat-plane layout. Instead, the short stroke and lightweight rotating mass keep the vibrations within parameters set using the Ferrari 458 as a benchmark. That's one hell of a bench.

Start the cold Z06, and it inhales a massive glob of air, whirs a moment, then bursts to high idle with a sound that's half Pro Stock, half Indy car, and half North American mountain lion. With volumetric efficiencies exceeding 100 percent, this engine deserves three halves. The rest of the C8 is wonderful, but the LT6 elevates it to glorious.

When the Tremec eight-speed dual-clutch transmission engages a gear, the LT6 growls in anticipation, then rips up toward its 8600-rpm redline at the touch of the throttle. No engine in the history of General Motors or Planet Earth has combined a large-displacement American snarl with rev-happy Italianate giddiness like this one. Like a morphine and Tetris cocktail, it's addictive.

The Z06 is rear-drive, but its 345-millimeter back Michelin tires bite into tarmac with viral appetite. With the Z07 package, thoseMichelins are of the extra-hungry Pilot Sport Cup 2 R variety. The car reaches 60 mph in 2.6 seconds and runs the quarter-mile deep into the 10s, and the steering turns in like Patton pivoting to chase the Germans out of the Ardennes Forest. The body is 3.6 inches wider than a standard Stingray to cover that big rubber, but so aerodynamically optimized that you can feel the Z06 planting itself on track as speed grows. Apart from the doors, each body panel at and below the beltline is unique to the Z06, but the structure underneath is the same as the Stingray's.

With that in mind, this isn't a car that delivers a velveteen ride. And the cockpit privacy divider separating the driver and passenger is still there.

Mechanically, there's never been less Chevrolet in a Corvette. But spiritually? The Z06 development process recalls the "Mystery Motor" 427-cid V-8 Chevrolet campaigned (with Smokey Yunick, among others) in NASCAR during 1963. That engine evolved into the 1965 Corvette L78 425-hp 396-cid "big-block" and all the other big-block V-8s. And the LT6's bore-to-stroke ratio parallels that of the short-stroke DZ302 small-block in the 1967–69 Camaro Z/28 for the SCCA Trans-Am competition. The new Z06 isn't beholden to past Chevs, but its existence honors history.

Finally, the new Z06 is a Chevy in several ways that matter. First, as Aaron Link, lead development engineer for the Z06, notes, "If you need help with your Corvette, there are 3000 dealers in this country to help you." Second, coupe or convertible, the Z06 can be optioned with restraint or indulgence like any Corvette. Most important, prices for the Z06 coupe start at \$109,295, a raging bargain for something that feels so exotic.

That mix of home-team decency and breakneck speed stole our hearts. The engine's redline rush delivered on decades of anticipation. For its staggering track performance and engagement on the road, we anoint the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 our champion. — John Pearley Huffman

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## The Cars

				
<p><b>2023 Audi RS3</b></p> <p>A snorty turbocharged five-cylinder engine, all-wheel drive, and a small footprint—it's the classic Audi rally formula, modernized. The new RS3 might not be a Group B racer, but it is a far more charming and engaging machine than its predecessor.</p> <p><b>Price</b> \$67,690</p> <p><b>Engine</b> 2.5-liter turbocharged inline-5</p> <p><b>Output</b> 401 hp @ 6500 rpm 369 lb-ft @ 3500 rpm</p> <p><b>Transmission</b> 7-speed dual-clutch automatic</p> <p><b>Curb Weight</b> 3639 lb</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW PHOTOS</a></p> <p><a href="#">VIEW VIDEO</a></p>	<p><b>2023 BMW M4 CSL</b></p> <p>M and CSL: The most legendary letters in BMW's arsenal, together again. It has the same engine as the Competition model, but with 543 hp and 479 lb-ft for the rear wheels to deal with and a claimed 240 fewer pounds to push. The CSL is the ultimate M4 for track-day superfans and back-road heroes.</p> <p><b>Price</b> \$145,395</p> <p><b>Engine</b> 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged inline-6</p> <p><b>Output</b> 543 hp @ 6250 rpm 479 lb-ft @ 2750 rpm</p> <p><b>Transmission</b> 8-speed automatic</p> <p><b>Curb Weight</b> 3640 lb</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW PHOTOS</a></p>	<p><b>2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06</b></p> <p>The Ferrari from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chevrolet's latest Z06 features the most powerful naturally aspirated production V-8 ever. That's 670 hp from a high-revving 5.5-liter flat-planer. The Z06 is also significantly wider and more aero-laden than a Stingray. It is a beast.</p> <p><b>Price</b> \$166,205</p> <p><b>Engine</b> 5.5-liter V-8</p> <p><b>Output</b> 670 hp @ 8400 rpm 460 lb-ft @ 6300 rpm</p> <p><b>Transmission</b> 8-speed dual-clutch automatic</p> <p><b>Curb Weight</b> 3666 lb</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW PHOTOS</a></p>	<p><b>2023 Honda Civic Type R</b></p> <p>For the new 2023 model, Honda has toned down the Civic Type R's juvenile styling excesses. But don't take that to mean it's been tamed. At 315 hp, it is the most powerful Honda-branded car ever sold in the U.S. That power routes through a sublime six-speed manual on its way to the front tires.</p> <p><b>Price</b> \$45,771</p> <p><b>Engine</b> 2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4</p> <p><b>Output</b> 315 hp @ 6500 rpm 310 lb-ft @ 2600 rpm</p> <p><b>Transmission</b> 6-speed manual</p> <p><b>Curb Weight</b> 3183 lb</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW PHOTOS</a></p>	<p><b>2023 Hyundai Elantra N</b></p> <p>Another banger from Hyundai's cadre of former BMW M engineers. Greater than the sum of its humble parts, the 2.0-liter turbo four provides 276 hp and 289 lb-ft, putting power to the front wheels through a six-speed manual or an eight-speed dual-clutch gearbox and a trick diff.</p> <p><b>Price</b> \$34,145</p> <p><b>Engine</b> 2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4</p> <p><b>Output</b> 276 hp @ 6000 rpm 289 lb-ft @ 2100 rpm</p> <p><b>Transmission</b> 6-speed manual</p> <p><b>Curb Weight</b> 3190 lb</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW PHOTOS</a></p>

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## 2023 Lamborghini Huracán Tecnica

A toned-down take on the raucous Huracán STO, if any Lamborghini can be considered toned down. Optimized for road use but still a blast on the track, the Tecnica shares the STO's powertrain but adds luxuries such as a complete interior and even some rear visibility. Still, *passa*.

**Price** \$342,595

**Engine** 5.2-liter V-10

**Output** 631 hp @ 8000 rpm  
417 lb-ft @ 6500 rpm

**Transmission** 7-speed dual-clutch automatic

**Curb Weight** 3040 lb (dry)

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## 2023 Nissan Z Performance

Reborn again, the latest Z-car gets handsome new styling and a stonking 400-hp twin-turbo V-6. And it's still available with a manual transmission. Toyota had BMW engineer the current Supra, but the newest Z is all Nissan.

**Price** \$53,210

**Engine** 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged V-6

**Output** 400 hp @ 6400 rpm  
350 lb-ft @ 1600 rpm

**Transmission** 6-speed manual

**Curb Weight** 3507 lb

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ILLUSTRATION BY MIKEHALL



## 2023 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS

The Cayman Complex is finally ending, along with the Cayman as we know it. Before it goes all-electric in its next generation, Porsche's GT department borrowed the 4.0-liter flat-six from the 911 GT3, popped it in the Cayman's unflappable chassis, and put the airbox right behind your head. It's one hell of an *auf Wiedersehen!*

**Price** \$195,100

**Engine** 4.0-liter flat-6

**Output** 493 hp @ 8400 rpm  
331 lb-ft @ 6250 rpm

**Transmission** 7-speed dual-clutch automatic

**Curb Weight** 3227 lb

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## 2023 Subaru WRX

The archetypal rally-bred sport compact is all-new again. A 2.4-liter engine borrowed from the Ascent SUV provides 271 hp to all four wheels, while a six-speed manual remains the base transmission. The WRX still starts at under \$32,000, so budget performance is alive and well.

**Price** \$37,490

**Engine** 2.4-liter turbocharged boxer-4

**Output** 271 hp @ 5600 rpm  
258 lb-ft @ 2000 rpm

**Transmission** 6-speed manual

**Curb Weight** 3401 lb

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## 2023 Toyota GR Corolla Morizo Edition

Behold the almost-homologation hot hatch. Gazoo Racing's take on the Corolla brings 300 hp, a six-speed manual, and an all-wheel-drive system with variable torque splits. It has no rear seats and wears Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires. Not since the AE86 GT-S has a Corolla threatened to embarrass sports cars.

**Price** \$51,420

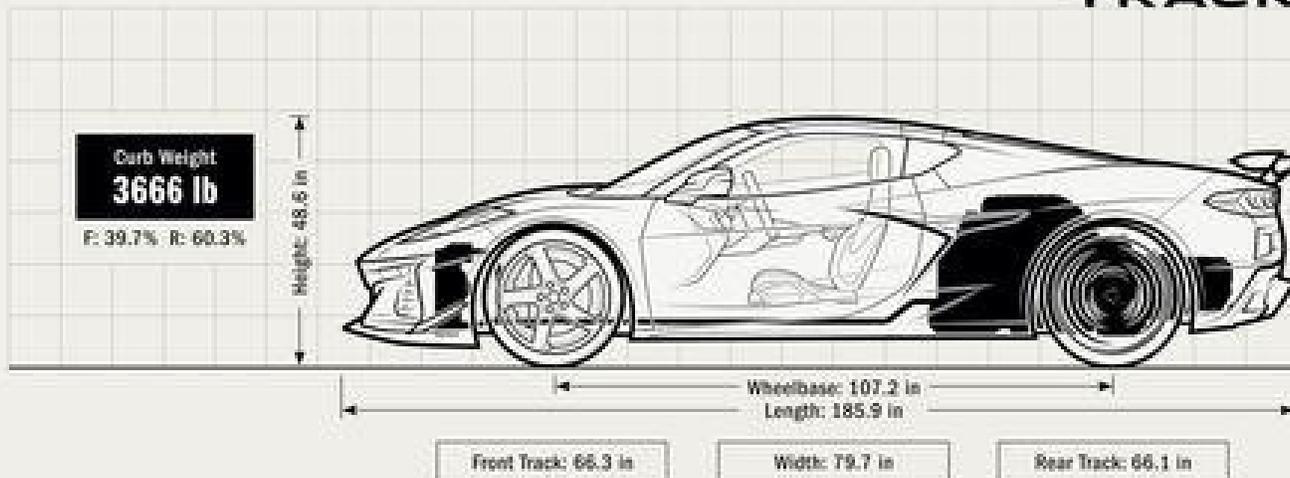
**Engine** 1.6-liter turbocharged inline-3

**Output** 300 hp @ 6500 rpm  
295 lb-ft @ 3250 rpm

**Transmission** 6-speed manual

**Curb Weight** 3186 lb

# 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 with Z07



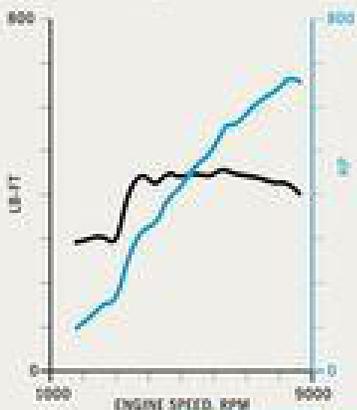
## Price

Base ..... \$109,295  
 As Tested ..... \$166,205

## Engine

Layout ..... mid-engine, longitudinal  
 Configuration ..... V-8  
 Induction ..... naturally aspirated  
 Material ..... aluminum block and heads, iron cylinder liners  
 Valvetrain ..... DOHC, 32 valves  
 Displacement ..... 5463 cc  
 Bore x Stroke ..... 4.104 x 3.150 in  
 Compression Ratio ..... 12.5:1

## Engine Output



**Torque**  
 460 lb-ft @ 6300 rpm

**Horsepower**  
 670 hp @ 8400 rpm

Redline ..... 8000 rpm  
 Fuel Delivery ..... direct injection

## Transmission

Driven Wheels ..... rear  
 Type ..... eight-speed dual-clutch automatic  
 Rear Differential ..... limited-slip  
 Final-Drive Ratio ..... 5.56:1

Gear	Ratio	Top Speed
1	2.905	42 mph @ 8600
2	1.759	70 mph @ 8600
3	1.220	102 mph @ 8600
4	0.878	141 mph @ 8600
5	0.653	189 mph @ 8600*
6	0.508	189 mph*
7	0.397	189 mph*
8	0.329	189 mph*

\*aero limited

## Steering

Assist ..... electric  
 Turns Lock-to-Lock ..... 2.5  
 Turning Circle ..... 36.4 ft

## Suspension

Front/Rear ..... double wishbone

## Brakes and Tires

Front: 15.7 x 1.5-in vented, cross-drilled carbon-ceramic disc; 6-piston caliper  
 Rear: 15.4 x 1.3-in vented, cross-drilled carbon-ceramic disc; 4-piston caliper  
 Stability Control: fully defeatable, competition mode, traction off, launch control  
 Tires: Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 R ZP  
 Front: 275/30ZR-20 (97Y) TPC Spec 3124 Extra Load  
 Rear: 345/25ZR-21 (104Y) TPC Spec 3125 Extra Load

## Body and Chassis

Construction ..... unit construction  
 Materials: extruded and cast aluminum, carbon-fiber-reinforced composite  
 Doors/Seats ..... 2/2  
 Cargo Capacity ..... 12.6 ft<sup>3</sup>

## Weight

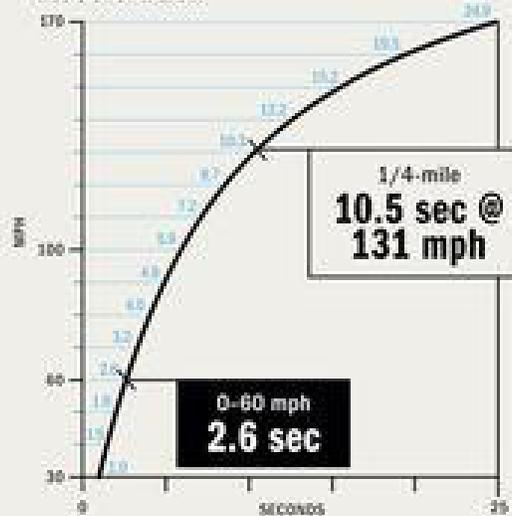
Curb Weight ..... 3666 lb  
 Weight-to-Power ..... 5.5 lb/hp

## Fuel

EPA City/Hwy ..... 12/19 mpg  
 Capacity ..... 18.5 gal  
 Range ..... 351 miles  
 Fuel Grade ..... premium

## Test Results

### Acceleration



Results in graph omit 1-ft rollout of 0.2 sec.

**Top Speed**  
 189 mph

**Roadholding, 300-ft Skidpad**  
 1.16 g

### Braking

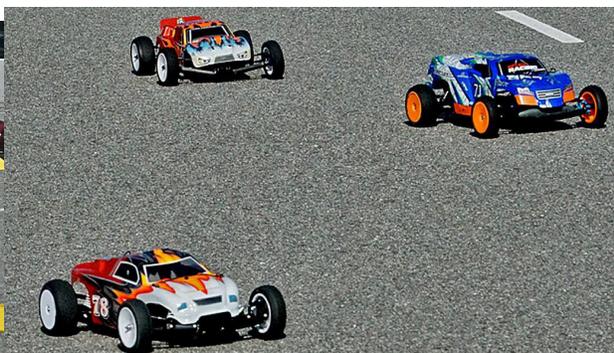
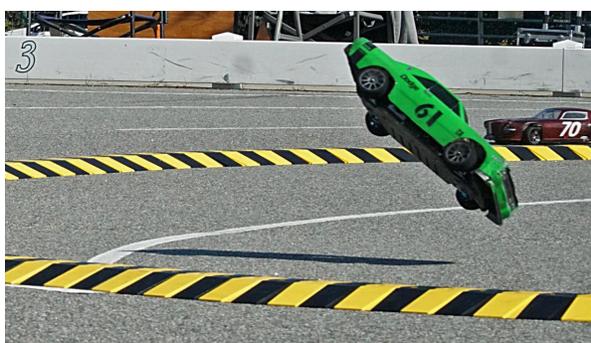
70-0 mph ..... 139 ft  
 100-0 mph ..... 274 ft

### Handling

Balance ..... moderate understeer

# IT'S NOT DAYTONA ...

Story and photos by Keith E. Jacobson



You don't have to go far here in The Villages to catch some wild oval track racing. The Villages R/C Car Racing Club has a dedicated track at the Everglades Recreation Center



for drag and oval track racing. Oval race days are the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Drag racing is on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Sessions run from 9:00 AM until all races are completed. There are multiple classes and even some Corvettes running. Bring a chair and stay a while.

# What Does the Corvette Logo Mean?



Story by Joe Santos • Dec 19, 2022

The Chevrolet Corvette is one of the most iconic and revered sports cars of our time. It's been in the market since the 1950s, and we can't imagine that it will be going away soon – especially since an EV model is set to arrive in the future. What's almost just as iconic as the car itself is its logo – which features a pair of flags and symbols. But what does the logo mean?

## A brief history of the Corvette logo

In order to understand what the Chevrolet Corvette logo means, we'll need to take a little trip down memory lane. The original logo was designed in the early 1950s by Robert Bartholomew, the interior designer for the first Corvette model. Core 77 reports that Bartholomew's first design featured two crossed flags: A checkered flag that symbolized race victory and an American flag to symbolize patriotism.

However, the legal department soon got involved and nixed the American flag idea because it was illegal to use it on a commercially-made product. Bartholomew then went back to the drawing board. This time, he used the Chevrolet Motor Car Company's founder and Frenchman, Louis-Joseph Chevrolet, as his inspiration.

Chevrolet's French roots seemed like a good starting point, so Bartholomew set out to find Chevrolet's coat of arms or family crest, which he could use for the logo. After coming up short, the fleur-de-lis (the flower of the lily) was chosen to signify the founder's French descent instead. The three lines below the symbol represent the three

## The Corvette emblem changed over the years

The Chevrolet Corvette emblem has changed over the past few decades, but the changes were minor. The first revision saw enlarged versions of the flags and the elimination of the white background. Later on, Chevy got rid of the words "Chevrolet" and "Corvette," substituting the word "Stingray" to coincide with the Mako Shark concept car in 1963. The circles were dropped, and the two flags were emphasized more.

Hot Cars reports that the Corvette logo went through a more dramatic change from the 1980s up to 1996. For this time period, the circular frame reappeared, the flag poles disappeared, and the fleur-de-lis was emitted as well. This time, the checkered flag was featured on the right side of the emblem, with the Chevy bow tie on the left.

In 1997, for the C5 Corvette, the fleur-de-lis showed up again next to the Chevy logo, as did the flag poles. For the subsequent C6 Corvette, Chevrolet removed the flagpoles again and incorporated a more modern V-shaped design. The badge used for the C7 Corvette utilized sharper lines and edges for a sleeker look.

And lastly, the current badge on the C8 Corvette looks a lot like its predecessor, but it is a little smaller. Will the Corvette logo change in the future?

## 5 of the Coolest Features on the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

Considering Chevrolet has already teased images of the forthcoming 2025 Corvette EV, we can only assume that the American automaker will change the logo again. Maybe it will have lightning or electric shocks incorporated into it. Either way, we're willing to bet that the checkered flag and fleur-de-lis symbol won't be removed. After, they're an important part of the logo's history.

## Welcome New Members

List of New Members as of Jan and Feb 2023

### Tom and Helen Scannapieco

They live in the Village of Gilchrist. They are from Hicksville, NY and they have a 1962 C1, Fawn Beige, Vert and a 2022 C8, Hyt Gray, HTC

### Edward and Barbara Hafner

They live in the Village of LaBelle. They are from Southfield, MI and they have a 1995 C5, Nassau Blue, Targa

### Gino and Sharon Crecco

They live in the Village of Linden. They are from New Hampshire and they have a 2000 C5, Silver, Targa

### Paul Linner

He lives in the Village of Lake Deaton. He is from Nashville, TN and has a 2023 C8, Red Mist, HTC

### Joe and Holly Guzowski

They live in the Village of Fenney. They are from Alexandria, VA and they have a 1993 C4, Ruby Red, Vert

### Dave and Julie Menchen

They live in the Village of Santo Domingo. They are from Cincinnati, OH and they have a 2023 C8, Red Mist, HTC

### Craig and Nancy Burkhart

They live in the Village of Hawkins. They have a 2017 C7, Red, Targa

### Buzz and Rebecca Berube

They live in the Village of Pennecamp. They are from Marquette, MI and they have a 2063 C2, Red, Vert

*Let's give a warm welcome  
to our newest members!*

## CALLING ALL VETERANS

If you served in 1975 or earlier and are interested in participating in an Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. please contact our President, Rich Rose at [ra\\_rose@hotmail.com](mailto:ra_rose@hotmail.com)

## CLUB HISTORY

We are hoping to archive important information about our club's beginning and growth over the years. If you possess any information or material that you believe belongs in a club archive please contact Paul Bova at [bovapaul@gmail.com](mailto:bovapaul@gmail.com) or call 352-205-2242.

<b>TOTAL MEMBERS 619</b>		
<b>FAMILIES</b>	<b>266</b>	
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>87</b>	
<b>GEN</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>% Tot</b>
<b>C8</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>C7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>C6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>C5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>C4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>C3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>C2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>C1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Tot.Vettes=</b>	<b>403</b>	



<b>NCM MEMBERSHIP</b>	
<b>NCM FAMILIES</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>LIFETIME</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SENIOR INDIV</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>110</b>

Body	Qty	% Tot
<b>RagTop</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Targa</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>T-Top</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Coupe</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>HTC</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>FRC</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>403</b>	

<b>WHEN ARE WE HERE?</b>	
<b>FULL-TIME</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>PART TIME</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>4</b>

AS OF 02/24/23

<b>TOP 10 VILLAGES</b>	
<b>VILLAGE</b>	<b>#</b>
<b>PINE HILLS</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>COLLIER</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>GILCHRIST</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>PENNECAMP</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>PINE RIDGE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>MCCLURE</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>CHARLOTTE</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FEENEY</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FERNANDINA</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>LABELLE</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOP 10 =</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>ALL OTHERS</b>	<b>130</b>

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