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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2022

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, the February meeting was, in my opinion, a huge success. One hundred and sixty members were entertained by the very talented Suzie Casta. Those so inclined, and there were many, danced to the music provided. The 50/50 drawing produced winners of \$130 and \$100 respectively. Everyone in attendance was also given a ticket for a chance to win a basket of cheer. Our thanks go to Past Presidents Jim Loguidice and Mike White for taking care of all the details. Also, to the volunteers that worked that night taking care of numerous tasks.

There are numerous places within 60-90 minutes of The Villages that afford an opportunity to go on a cruise. These can be as simple as a Dine & Drive or as complex as an overnight event. Anyone willing to be an event leader can just click on the below link, which will take you to the club's webpage. Once there you can fill out the event form online.

[Event/Cruise/Show Info Form - Village Vettes Corvette Club \(clubexpress.com\)](http://clubexpress.com)

It would be appreciated that any member that does conduct on event take a couple of pictures. This plus a short article should be sent to Paul & Darry Bova for inclusion in our monthly newsletter. In this way, other members of the club can see what they are missing and perhaps become more active.

One of our members has already stepped up as an event leader. Planning is in the very early stages for a multi-day trip to the *Tail of the Dragon* in North Carolina. As it stands now, there will be an overnight stay enroute at a yet to be decided location. Upon arrival, we will stay at the Historic Tapoco Lodge, which is located at the starting point of *The Tail*. Depending on arrival time you will be able to drive the road that afternoon and the following day. In case you're not aware, The Tail is a limited access road of 11 miles with 318 curves. It is considered the #1 motorcycle and sports car road in America. There may also be optional extensions to this trip. The return trip home will be at the members leisure.

At the March meeting there will be a vote on a recommendation that the Board is proposing. This entails the amount of money the Board is authorized to spend monthly without a vote of the membership. Currently we are authorized to spend \$300 and are proposing it be raised to \$1,000. The second agenda item refers to the charities to which we have made donations quarterly. The past donations have been to Wildwood Food Pantry, Clean Kids Backpack Program, Honor Flight and of course Toys for Tots. Please let us know of any other charities that are appropriate that you would like to propose to the Charity Committee. Once we have proposals the Committee will make selections for this year.

Any club is only as strong as its membership. Let's endeavor to keep this one of the best clubs in The Villages.

Rich Rose
President

CHEVROLET IS BRINGING THE **Z06** ROADSHOW TO THE VILLAGES

Le Mans, Sebring, Daytona, Detroit - all conquered by the C8.R race car. This same technology comes to the streets with the all-new Corvette Z06. Purpose built to dominate the track, its flat-plane V8 is capable of 670 horsepower, making it the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 in production. It will take you from 0-to-60 in 2.6 seconds. It hits a redline of 8600 rpm, 2,000 rpm higher than the Stingray.



The 2023 C8 Corvette Z06 made its debut in October '21. Aside from SEMA and Jay Leno actually being able to drive it, there are not many people who have had an “up close and personal” viewing. This will change on **Monday, 21 March '22** when the Chevrolet Rolling 2023 Z06 Dealer’s Tour will visit the **Nahas dealership. (11:00 AM – 07:00 PM)**

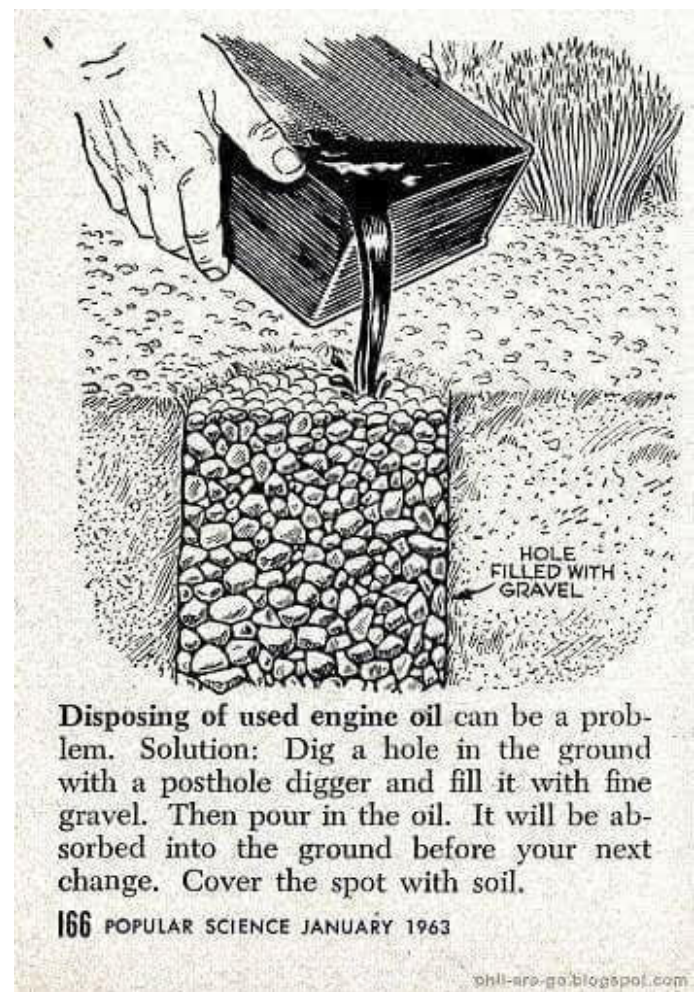
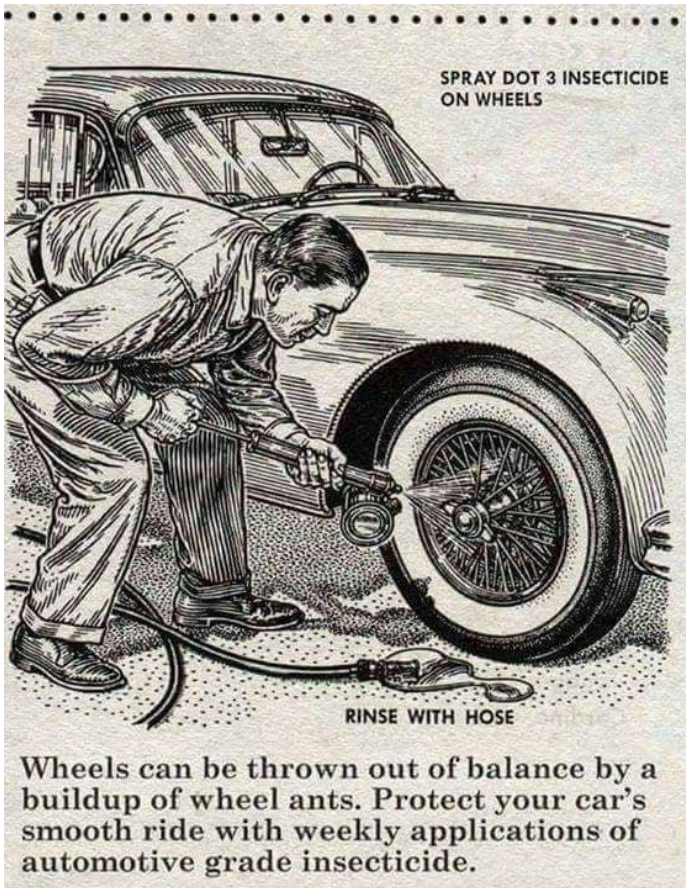
Chevrolet’s dealer tour is a traveling display that delivers Z06(s) in a custom 5th wheel trailer. Once set up, mobile displays show off many of the specific Z06 equipment that includes the wheels, brakes, aero packages, and interiors. It is believed the new 70th Anniversary Special Edition package would be highlighted for potential buyers as well. Chevrolet will be providing a Corvette specialist to talk about the vehicle as well as a suite of other displays showcasing the available options like color and wheel packages when ordering the 2023 Z06.

The Village Vettes will be providing support personnel for the showing. Stay tuned for more details.

Mark your calendars, this is an enviable opportunity to see the latest innovation of the “All American Sports Car.” We will see you there.

Old Car Ads...pretty entertaining!

These are on a par with the old "cigarettes are good for you" ads. It's a wonder we survived.



Old Car Ads...pretty entertaining! CONT.



He'll be in kindergarten

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With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

YET WE SURVIVED. MAYBE THERE WERE BETTER DRIVERS BACK THEN?

LunaSea Alpaca Farm



We had a beautiful day for a cruise leaving from Rohan Rec Center. We had 29 people on the trip. It was a 40 minute drive to Lilly's on the Lake. It is on Lake Minneola at Clermont. We arrived just as they opened at 11:00 AM. The group enjoyed lunch at various tables. Our service was a little slow. It seems to be the norm in this new crazy world.

After lunch we took a short 15 minute drive to the LunaSea Alpaca Farm. It is located just North of Clermont. They were well prepared and welcomed us to the farm. They split us into two groups for the tour. This allowed us to get up close and personal with the animals. They gave us so much information about the Lamas and Alpacas. The gestation period is one year for a newborn. They eat a hybrid hay and some Alfalfa. We discovered that they really like their treats. We actually got a kiss from one of the female Alpacas. Holding a treat between our lips she quickly reached over the fence and took it.



The animals were separate between boys and girls. The boys turned out to be more friendly. They too enjoyed the treats we provided from the owners. We also learned they have no top teeth. They move their food to the back of their mouth where they do have two top molars. They have two different coats. They are sheared and the fur is used for all kinds of clothing and blankets.

Everyone really enjoyed the farm. It was fascinating to learn how they started the farm and the characteristics of the Lamas and Alpacas.

Larry Joy





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Well, here it is late February with the sun shining brightly outside and temperature in the mid-80's yet here I am, inside writing this as "Victoria," our 2021 C8 convertible, sits in the garage. I do hope some of you actually read these things. Perhaps a outing a little later in the day can be arranged. So, this month a little more on the Z06, a reposting of Museum events that I posted last month, a review of an interesting article from the *Daily Sun* comparing Ferrari and Corvette ownership, and, of course, an appeal to participate in the Museum Corvette raffles.

Anticipating the Z06

Same title but a little different information for this month. You should have noted a call for volunteers to support the Z06 reveal at Nahas Chevrolet on March 21st. As I understand it, we have had a very good turn out and have a list of all the volunteers needed. Even if you are only mildly interested in the Z06, I highly recommend going to the event to see this up performance Corvette that shares only a few items with the C8. Should be fun and hope to see you there.

Coming Events

As with last month, please find below the upcoming events from the National Corvette Museum. If you are interested in participating, please contact the museum directly for the most expeditious means of joining these activities. At this stage, I intend to participate in the 2022 Michelin NCM Bash. The others remain to be seen.

EVENT CALENDAR FOR MICHAEL GRINDER

Upcoming Meetings/Events	Your Cost
(Reg Open)	
<u>2022 MiM Sights & Sounds of New Orleans</u>	\$1,700.00
March 29, 2022 to April 02, 2022	
<u>2022 Southern Caribbean Cruise</u>	\$520.00
(Reg Closed)	
April 15, 2022 to April 24, 2022	
<u>2022 Michelin NCM Bash</u>	\$30.00
(Reg Open)	
April 28, 2022 to April 30, 2022	
<u>2022 MiM Dragon Run</u>	\$1,500.00
(Reg Closed)	
May 01, 2022 to May 04, 2022	
<u>2022 MiM Le Mans 24 Hr</u>	\$1,000.00
(Reg Open)	
June 03, 2022 to June 14, 2022	



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Please note the Michelin BASH registration is open and here are few additional details:

BASH Registration is NOW OPEN



Get excited! The registration for the 2022 Michelin NCVM Bash is now open! From April 28 to 30 2022 come kickoff the NCM on-site event season with us! Look forward to a seminar and classroom sessions by the GM-certified Corvette Technical, Paul Koerner. Attendants will also be able to enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and a banquet dinner. More details, like the full agenda are coming soon! Online registration closes at 9:00 a.m. CT on Friday, April 1. All the awesome Bash activities are open to event registrants only! Those who register online will receive a hard-card credential, lanyard, event pin, and dash

plaque. Lifetime member registration is \$23 per person, member registration is \$30 per person, and non-member registration is \$40 per person. There will also be on-site registration available, but it will be at increased rates. We can't wait to see everyone at Bash 2022. Please go to the museum website to register and get more information.

Ferrari versus Corvette Ownership Comparison

Ok, this has nothing to do with the National Corvette Museum but I am writing this as a Club member. *The Villages Daily Sun* posted an article on February 18, 2022 addressing "Should you buy a new Corvette or a used Ferrari for about the same money?" The article's author is listed as the "Autodoc" and no other information on just who that is was provided in the article. Nor was there any mention of whether or not the author actually owned either a Ferrari or a Corvette. The theme of the article was that a 2000 Ferrari F360 costs about the same as a new Corvette and listed \$65,000 as the comparison price. Our 2021 C8 cost a lot more than that and a quick search on Autotrader for F360 Ferraris showed prices ranging from \$92,500 to \$155,900 depending on year and condition. But the premise remains the same as indicated in the article: you can either purchase an older Ferrari or a new Corvette for about the same money. As for first hand experience, I/we have owned three Corvettes (C3, C4, C8) and three Ferraris (California, California T and a 488 Spider) so I believe I have some insight into the comparison. Autodoc indicated there are additional costs to be considered principally for spare parts. I absolutely agree with that but would want to add a couple more considerations. The first of these is the implied cost of use and the limitations on use a Ferrari owner might feel. Our 488 Ferrari was two years old with 6,000 miles on it when we decided to trade it in favor of a C8 Corvette. At 6,000 miles, the Ferrari was considered a "high mileage" car and the sales price suffered. Knowing the impact on value of actually driving the car, we suppressed driving it more and that put a major damper on the thrill of owning.

Exclusivity with the Ferrari is a two-edged sword compared to the Corvette. On the positive side, you will not find another Ferrari like yours in the neighbors' garage. But, at the same time, trying to get together with other owners becomes problematical and you usually have to cast a fairly broad net to get together with other owners. Again,



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that mileage issue comes up. Corvettes on the other hand are around a lot and it is easy to get together with like owners e.g., the Club we all belong to.

Finding a Ferrari dealership to service your car even under warranty is also an issue. In Central Florida there is Ferrari of Central Florida, Ferrari of Tampa Bay (same owner) and Ferrari of Ft. Lauderdale.

As relatively recent owners of a Ferrari 488 Spider and current owners of a C8 convertible, we believe the Corvette is a far better car. The 488 may be able to out perform the Corvette at the upper end of their capabilities but that level of performance is far beyond our driving talents. So, there!!!

Museum Raffles

The NCM is raffling off three C8s in the not-too-distant future: a Red Mist on March 24, and Elkhart Lake Blue on April 21, and an Arctic White on April 30. Car raffles are one of the ways the NCM makes money and it does offer the potential to get a new C8 for very little investment. However, you have to be in it to win it and you can win it. A member of our club won one off a raffle ticket he purchased while taking delivery of his new car. Kentucky law is such that you have to purchase the raffle ticket in Kentucky but there is an easy way to do that. You complete a ticket purchase request and mail it to the museum. Please find ticket purchase forms on the NCM web site. Good luck!!

Editor's Note

After reading Mike Grinder's comparison of the Corvette C-8 and the Ferrari 360 Modena, I had to add my 2 cents.

I have had the good fortune to have spent significant track time in both cars; The 360 in Mugello and Fiorano tracks in Italy in 1999 and 2000, the Corvette in Pahrump Nevada at the Ron Fellows Performance driving school.

The 360 was an amazing car for its time. It was the first Ferrari with the F1 dual clutch 6 speed sequential paddle shifter. Its handling and nimbleness on track made it an exciting car to drive. The C8 Corvette has an 8 speed dual clutch transmission that is light years ahead of that early design in the Ferrari.

The C8 handling and power is a significant improvement over the 360. Many differences are understandable given the age difference between the two cars; an example is the Corvette's magnetic ride adjustment. In the area of ergonomics and creature comforts the Corvette wins hands down. I can underscore Mike's point about cost of ownership having owned two Ferraris and 3 Corvettes in my lifetime. Dollar for dollar, in my opinion, the Corvette C8 is the best buy in high performance sports cars available today.

Paul Bova

Village Vettes Upcoming Events for March and April 2022

Village Vettes Members:

March 11 (Friday) - Dinner at Mesa De Note Italian Restaurant in Ocala headed up by Lee and Linda Swanson. This event is full and not taking additional reservations. Meet at Mulberry Rec Center at 4:30 Depart at 4:45

March 23 (Wednesday) - Trip to World Equestrian Center in Ocala FL for Lunch and an Exciting Afternoon

The WEC event has room for several more cars which is likely a VVCC personal best.

We will meet at Mulberry Rec Center at 9:15 Departing at 9:30

Great work on this event by our Group Leaders Glenn and Kathy Bush with an assist from Richard and Susan Edwards. Enjoy all you horse lovers.

March 31 (Thursday) - Mystery Drive & Dine Tim & Terri Berthiaume are at it again! I'm intrigued by the clue on this one..."you may get high on this one..." Registration is also closed on this highly popular outing.

April 7 (Thursday) - Red's Restaurant in Hernando led by Ed Henry/Lina White

April 19 (Tuesday) - Bay Street Players Theater/Sol de Mexico in Eustis led by Lee and Jean Duff

April 25 (Monday) - The Corkscrew Winery/Sakura Restaurant in Spanish Springs led by Tim and Teri Berthiaume

The balance of the first half of the year is posted on the calendar and available for your registration. Please don't wait and be disappointed as, in most cases, capacity is limited at the venues.

The activities Committee has been busy flushing out the back half Events and Drive & Dines for the club and have now scheduled events through December. These new events will be posted to the website in the near future as soon as we have Group Leaders for all events. Please note that while an event may appear on the calendar it won't be available for registration until the information is complete. While info is not complete it will allow you a view of all upcoming activities with likely dates and times. Please visit the website regularly for new information and sign up as soon as possible to ensure you get a spot.

If you can volunteer to be a group leader please contact me directly (wayneoc5@gmail.com or 586-612-6991). Work involved is minimal and we will walk you through the process to make sure everything goes smoothly. Your volunteering for Group Leaders is critical to developing and implementing a robust activity program for VVCC.

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Teri Gray reports that the Drive and Dine to Hollerback's Willow Tree German Restaurant in Sanford was a resounding success full of great food, excellent drink and serious gemutlichkeit for the 25 cars and 50 people in attendance. A regular spot on our calendar that never disappoints.

For more information about our events go to www.villagevettes.com and click on the Calendar.

Welcome New Members

List of New Members
as of February 14, 2022

Bob and Mary Plumeri

They live in the Village of Collier. They are from York, PA and they has a 2014 C7 Crystal Red, Targa

Ed and Debbie Henry

They live in the Village of Fenny. They are from Ohio and they has a 2016 C7 Yellow, Targa

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

TOTAL MEMBERS 543

FAMILIES	235	
SINGLES	73	
GEN	Qty	% Tot
C8	59	17%
C7	114	32%
C6	60	17%
C5	48	14%
C4	19	6%
C3	26	7%
C2	14	4%
C1	11	3%
TOT.VETTES	351	

Members Unpaid

58

NCM MEMBERSHIP

NCM FAMILIES	73
INDIVIDUAL	26
LIFETIME	10
SENIOR INDIV	1
TOTAL =	110

Body	Qty	% Tot
RagTop	151	43%
Targa	133	38%
T-Top	18	5%
Coupe	8	2%
HTC	23	7%
FRC	5	1%
TBD	13	4%
TOTAL	351	

FullTime	-414	79%
PartTime	-125	21%
?????	4	
C8 ON ORDER???	7	

As of: 02/14/22 15:07

TOP 10 VILLAGES

VILLAGE	#
FERNANDINA	13
PENNECAMP	12
GILCHRIST	11
COLLIER	10
PINE HILLS	10
LABELLE	9
Pine Ridge	9
PINELLAS	7
CHARLOTTE	6
CHATHAM	6

37% 93

ALL OTHERS 215



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Gate Access Software

If you are interested in adding automatic gate access software to your Corvette and or your daily driver, The club can recommend a Village resident who can accomplish this for you. Joe Striano, with Card Access will duplicate your gate card and apply a small patch on the inside of your driver's side mirror. You will then be able to pull up to a gate and it will automatically open. The installation is simple and quick. (About 5 minutes) No disassembly or alterations are required.

Joe has been attending our get togethers prior to our monthly meetings at Eisenhower Rec Center each month and doing on-site installations. If you prefer you can call him and he will come to your home or meet you at a convenient location. The cost for this procedure is \$25.00 (cash) per vehicle, and you will get a bonus of a spare gate card to use for your golf cart or for guest use.

If you can't make it to the pre-meeting get together, you can call Joe at 845-542-7365. Tell him you are a member of Village Vettes.