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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Pig Roast, aka Village Vettes Picnic. If you recall it was rescheduled from last Spring due to a major conflict. It will be held at the Eisenhower Rec Center grounds on the day of our October business meeting, 10/11/18 at 5:30 PM. Prior to the picnic we will have a Cruise-in at the Eisenhower Parking Lot beginning at 3:00 PM. We have the same caterers as last year and the same menu. As I recall, we finished off a 150-pound hog. Please join us again this year. The Cruise-In will be strictly a Shine & Show event. No Judging or trophies will be given. Bring your Corvette, some chairs, maybe some shade, a cooler with some liquid libations, and you will have a blast. Registration cancellations will be accepted. The event is \$15.00 per person. Sign up Now!

Our annual for Toys-for-Tots (T4T) drive will be launching shortly. This is a marquee event for our club, headed up by Mike White, Jim Loguidice, Roger Stokes, and Charlie Tagman. They are planning a Cruise-In at the Grand Oaks Resort and Museum to kick off our drive on Friday October 26th beginning at 4 PM. More on that will come at a later date.

There are many car shows and events in the last quarter of the year. One car show in particular, the All Corvette Clean & Shine Show on Saturday, 11/17/18 at The Market Street at Heath Brook (adjacent to Dillard's) in Ocala. This show is presented by The Corvette Club of Marion County. This show is chaired by Tom Reynolds. Tom has all of the answers about this event. We should have 40 cars here. Sign up now!

Gene McConkey

Chairity Pancake Breakfast for Veteran Sgt. Pam Kelley **Don Chaney Event Leader**

On Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 8:00 AM, twenty-four members of the Village Vettes participated in a Charity Pancake Breakfast for Veteran Sgt. Pam Kelley at Applebee's in Lady Lake.

Village Vette participants met at the Mulberry Grove Rec Center on the morning of July 14th at 7:30AM and depart at 7:45 for Applebee's.



There, we were greeted by Sgt. Pam Kelly a 17-year Army veteran. Pam was tragically injured preparing for deployment to Iraq, leaving her a quadriplegic with only limited use of her left hand. Her current home has few adaptations and is in an industrial area where it is not safe for her to navigate her wheelchair. We, along with other groups within the Villages, want to help provide her a handicapped accessible home in a place where she will be safer and have the support of our caring community. Villagers for Veterans has advised us that enough money has been raised to purchase a lot in Orange Blossom but now we need to focus on building the house!

Pine Hills Social Club, with the help of Applebee's, sponsored a fundraiser to benefit Sgt. Pam Kelly and it was a WIN-WIN event. We give the proceeds to the building fund and we get great food!

The Pancake Breakfast included 3 flapjacks, 2 sausages and one beverage (coffee, tea, juice or soda).

Meet Members Kurt and Sharon Adams

Sharon is the Primary member of the Adams household and is the primary driver of a 2017 C7 Artic white Grand Sport convertible. It has a Spice Red top and interior, numerous carbon fiber add-ons, and some modest paint additions by Chris Cruz. Their previous Corvette was a 2012 C6 Grand Sport Coupe in Supersonic Blue.

They moved to The Villages from Ocean City, Maryland. Prior residences were in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and finally here in Florida. That is during their married life. Kurt has also lived in Michigan, Japan, Indiana, Germany, and South Vietnam. Some were military and some were civilian job related. Kurt's father was in the Army so some were also just family moves.

Kurt is the primary navigator although he does get to drive their Corvette Grand Sport occasionally, especially for service and gas.

They both retired before moving to the Haciendas in Mission Hills almost 6 years ago. Sharon had a PHD in Human Development and worked for many years in various school systems. Kurt has a business degree with concentration in accounting and if you wish to be bored for an hour or so he would be happy to regale you with his work history. Kurt was a combat helicopter pilot in a previous life with one tour in Vietnam.

They have been married for almost 51 years and still get along reasonably well. They like to travel with the Corvette Club and go to car shows. As Kurt says "we don't win but we do enjoy participating". They recently returned from 3 weeks in Alaska and are planning a trip to New Zealand in 2019.

Kurt and Sharon have a daughter in Orlando with her husband and 3 grandchildren and 2 dogs. Currently, they are being trained by a 1 ½ year old Havanese puppy.

NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration/6th Annual National Corvette Caravan (Update)

Mike White, Event Leader



Event Leader Mike White just returned from an excursion to Acworth, GA and Bowling Green, KY. Mike was able to confirmed reservations (see below) as well as speak to NCM staff, and scope out potential activities/dining venues.

Presently, the event scheduling remains the same:

- Florida Caravan will commence in Daytona, Florida on Sunday, 25 Aug '19 – continued festivities in Daytona on Monday, 26 Aug '19
- The Florida Caravan will depart Daytona on Tuesday, 27 Aug '19, for Acworth, GA – remain overnight in Acworth, GA – stage early with the Georgia Caravan on Wednesday, 28 Aug '19 - depart/arrive Bowling Green on the same day, Wednesday, 28 Aug '19, for a planned NCM arrival between 01:00 PM – 02:00 PM
- The Village Vettes travel group will NOT join the Daytona festivities – we will “hook up” with the Caravan as they trek Northward on Tuesday, 27 Aug '19 - if you desire to participate in the Daytona activities (Sunday, 25 Aug '19 thru Monday, 26 Aug '19), you need to make the personal coordination to do so
- The NCM Anniversary Celebration is Wednesday, 28 through Saturday, 31 Aug '19 - on Saturday, 31 Aug '19, members will depart on their own for home or other personal plans.

On the matter of additional Bowling Green, KY/Acworth, GA hotel reservations, Florida Caravan Captain, Sue Militello, has advised earlier block reservation have been expended. Efforts are underway to coordinate additional reservations and information by the “Fall” time frame. Mike will be posting details as they become available. Given the time sensitivity, Mike will be advising members making the recent decision to join our group to conduct the research and make their own reservations.

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend the Caravan/Anniversary event, please advise. Do not cancel your hotel reservations. We have members who are awaiting reservations and Mike can transfer your reservation to them.

NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration/6th Annual National Corvette Caravan (Update, con't)

NCM Event Manager, Karen Renfrow, has advised pre-registration for the 2019 Caravan/Anniversary event tickets will open this coming September '18. You will be able to obtain your tickets via the Corvette Museum web site (www.corvettemuseum.org). Pre-registration pricing for 25th NCM Anniversary Celebration 2019 is: Lifetime Member - \$25.00/person; Museum Member - \$35.00/person; Non-Member - \$45.00/person. Associated pricing for the separate Caravan registration has yet to be announced by the NCM. Mike will provide further guidance/details as this information becomes available. If not an NCM member, it behooves members planning to attend the Caravan/Anniversary festivities to obtain a NCM membership. This will allow the discounted event pricing as well as allow you free access to the NCM museum tour. If you become a new member, remember to advise our Ambassador, Ron TANNER, at e-mail bandito2108@hotmail.com.

Local tour excursions will be available; however, there are no plans for special outings during the anniversary event. The Corvette Assembly Plant Tours are tentatively forecasted to begin January '19. Utilization of the NCM Motorsport Park (Touring Laps – 4 laps with a pace car - \$45.00 fee) is projected to be available – registration is believed to be inclusive of your initial anniversary/caravan registration. Go-Karts available for \$20.00/race.

An item of note, be advised, the NCM is located in the Central Time Zone.

Again, group members are encouraged to stay abreast of the latest Anniversary/Caravan details by visiting the following sites:

www.corvettecaravan.com/fl Facebook www.facebook.com/2019FLcorvettecaravan.

The [2019 National Corvette Caravan](http://www.corvettecaravan.com) web site is www.corvettecaravan.com.





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AUGUST 2018 UPDATE

Corvette Raffle Tickets – Here's a unique chance to get a Z06 or Grand Sport built exactly as you want. On Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 2 PM CDT, you will have a chance to **Build Your Own 2019 Z06 or Grand Sport or Take \$70,000 Cash Option**

- Build a Z06 or Grand Sport or take a \$70,000 Cash Option
- Pick either a Coupe or Convertible
- Select the colors and options of your car
- Factory Installed Options only (All LPO or dealer installed accessories excluded)
- **Excludes ZR1, Customer Selectable VIN, Build Your Own Engine, Z07 Performance Package, J57 Brembo Carbon Ceramic Brakes**
- **Excludes ANY Options currently on constraint which aren't available**
- Includes R8C Museum Delivery
- **1000** tickets maximum will be sold at **\$250** each



REMINDER – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining and renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, getting a quote for insurance or actually signing up for insurance, visiting the museum, buying build sheets or window stickers, etc., **please remember to contact me at either the above email address or cell phone to insure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM.**



The Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots Committee

Event leader: Mike White

The Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots Committee (Jim LOGU-
IDICE, Mike WHITE, Roger STOKES, and Charlie TAGMAN)
has begun the initial planning for our annual “Toys-For-Tots
Campaign. Tentatively, planning involves launching our 2018
campaign at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, 11

Oct '18, followed by a “Toys-For-Tots Kick-Off Cruise-In/Car Show” at the bucolic setting of the Grand Oaks
Resort & Museum. The effort will culminate with our annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan to the Marine Corps ware-
house location in early December.

As with previous years, our club sponsor, George Nahas Chevrolet, will be providing their support of our cam-
paign and will have a conspicuously displayed vehicle with the Village Vettes banner in the showroom for any
early drop-offs.

Membership is encouraged to join in this worthwhile charity
event. It is not too early for members to begin contemplating
their individual measures for supporting the campaign. (i.e.,
boxes placed at resident, neighborhood solicitation, driveway
parties, etc.). Your efforts to obtain the needed donations are
only limited by your imagination.

The Committee will soliciting further assistance from our mem-
bership as planning begins to progress. If you have question
questions, feel free to contact one of the Committee members.



The overall effort of the membership to the campaign has been most successful. Since the initial 2012 campaign
through last year's 2017 campaign, the club has provided the Marine Corps Toys-For-Tots campaign \$45,088.50
in cash donation and 7,438 collected toys.

The “Toys-For-Tots Kick-Off Cruise-In/Car Show,” is slated for Friday, 26 Oct '18. Price of admission is an
unwrapped toy or a cash/check donation. All proceeds to benefit the Colonel Phillip C. Delong Detachment Toys-
For-Tots Campaign. There will be food, games, prizes, 50-50 raffle, and music. The invitation listing has been
broadened with the vision of an event with 200 vehicles of various makes/models. Bring your folding chairs. No
coolers or alcohol allowed on premise. It is a rain or shine event.

The Toys-For Tots campaign will culminate with our annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan to the Marine Corps ware-
house location in early December '18. Members will rally at the
Nahas Chevrolet dealership for some coffee, hot chocolate, or
donuts. Remaining donated toys will be collected/segregated/
bagged. The Club Caravan will depart the dealership for the
Marine Corps Collection/Storage Warehouse for presentation of
the collected toys and funds. Members will be invited to tour the
facility/observe the process for toy distribution, meet the staff,
and have a hot dog/hamburger lunch.



[SPIED] Rocky Mountain High: C8 Mid-Engine Corvettes Spotted in Colorado!

Stewart & Susan Feinberg members of our club, were traveling thru the mountains of Colorado, Frisco to be exact, and stumbled across the Corvette Mid-engine testing team. She said they were making runs up and back to Keystone, Vail, Aspen. They took pictures and shared them with us.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since July 1, 2018:

David & Karan Shawler

moved here from Plano, Texas.
They now live in the Village of Pine Hills
and drive a 2016 C& Red Coupe.

Bob & Jan Halteman

live in the Village of Pine Hills.
They drive a 2017 C7 White Convertible.

Steve & Jane Koontz

moved here from Prairieville, Louisiana.
They now live in the Village of Hemingway
and drive a 2006 C6 Artic White Coupe.

Candy & Loyd Williams

moved here from Seattle, Washington.
They live in the Village of Santiago and
drive a 2002 C5 Magnetic Red Convertible.

Robert & Deborah Guch

moved here from Chicago, Illinois. They
live in the Village of Liberty Park and drive
a 2019 C7 Ceramic Matrix Grey Coupe.

Robert M (Bob) Johnson

lives in the Village of Hemingway and
drives a 2016 C7 Long Beach Red
Convertible.

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member
must logon to our website
VILLAGEVETTES.COM

**7/7 - **Saturday - Just Toys Classic Car
Show in Orlando**

**8/9 - **Thursday (Sign-up Required)
– Pre-Meeting dinner at Gio's Deli
& Mercato (4 – 5:30 PM)
(limited to 50)**

**8/9 – Thursday – General Membership
meeting at Eisenhower Rec Center
(6:30 PM)**

**8/16 - **Thursday – Cool Cars under the
Stars – Leesburg**

8/25 – Saturday – Cruise-in Eustis

8/25 - Saturday – 25th Annual Corvettes
@ St. Pete Pier**

**** - See our webpage for details and other
car related events.**



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CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

The Corvette holds the distinction of being both the first and last car with a true wrap-around windshield.

Corvettes are All-American cars, and have been assembled in three different cities, including Flint, Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The Corvette has always been inspired by racing cars, so it is only fitting that it has had the honor of serving as the pace car ten different times for the Indianapolis 500.

GM made themselves part of the Space Race by providing the Mercury 7 with brand new Corvettes for publicity and advertising benefits. Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom were known for racing their Corvettes on Florida's Space Coast highways near Cape Canaveral.

All states have an official insignia, but the state of Kentucky has gone a step further by making the Corvette its Official Sports Car.