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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to thank Don Bosch for conducting the August General Meeting. I had some eye surgery last month and all is better now, I can find my martini without directions. We are moving into the last quarter of the year and into our prime activity season. We have several special events planned. On top of all the car shows that Tom Swiers and the events that Don Chaney have placed on the calendar, we have the Hog Roast at the October General Meeting (10/11/18) to replace the pre-meeting dinner, and cruise in at the Eisenhower Rec Center. Then we have the Fall Color Run (10/17-18), the Toys-4-Tots Kick-off Cruise in (10/26/18), at the Grand Oaks Resort, as well as several other events that are scheduled. One event that I would want to highlight is the Corvette Club of Marion County Corvette show at the Market Street at Health Brook shopping center in Ocala on 11/17/18. Tom Reynolds is in charge. We need 40 cars at the show, so be there. This location has plenty of shopping stores for the ladies. Visit our website for details on all of these events.

At the November meeting, we will hold our annual election for the officers of the club. I can tell you that it has been a gratifying experience being on the board of directors. We will need people to step up and place their names into the hat for our election of officers. Don Bosch in charge of the election process with guidance for Jim Loguidice and Mike White.

The official shirt color for the club is white. The color was voted on at a general meeting after the logo was changed to the snazzy new orange one. You can either purchase a shirt / blouse from a favorite store, either a "Golf" shirt, or some white shirt, or choose a white shirt from our supplier, and have our logo applied on the right side, your first name on the left side. The supplier is Custom Apparel in the Southern Trace Shopping Center. Only the official white shirt should be worn for Village Vette events.

May I add a special "Thank You" for our August Business meeting Greeters Warren and Linda Wise, our 50/50 sales team of Bob Bachand and Chief Rich Rose, New Member sign up table manned by Mike Roemer, our Cookie Monsters Jeff Huber and Cathy Heuer who tirelessly bring cookies to each meeting and see that we have hot coffee prepared, and Roger Stokes along with Cindy Jaudon handling our sales of Club Hats and Name Tags.

Gene McConkey



The August General Membership Meeting at Eisenhower commenced the process for the election/installation of a new Board of Directors.

With this announcement, the process/search begins to identify members who are interested in submitting their names for a Board position. The requirement/qualification for office is simple, be a “tenured, member-in-good-standing” and demonstrate an interest in facilitating the direction of the club for the coming year. New leadership, new ideas, new perspectives only serve to advance the potential that is The Village Vettes Corvette Club.

Although not a pre-requisite, it is ideal for a candidate seeking the office of Board President have a one-year prior experience as a previous Board member.

Any member(s) who desire to be placed on the standing slating for a Board of Director’s office is encouraged to contact a member of the Nomination/Election Committee (Don BOSCH, Jim LOGUIDICE, Mike WHITE, and Mike HARRIS)



The new Board of Directors will be elected by ballot at the General Membership Meeting of 8 November '18. Elected members will serve a one (1) year term of office extending from 01 January '19 thru 31 December '19.

Article written by Mike White, PP

Meet Members Rich & Ann Marie Rose

Rich & Ann Marie Rose built their house in the Villages in 2013. Prior to finally moving here full time in 2015, they lived in Branchburg Township, NJ. They became one of the Villages statistics by moving to their current home in 2016. They have been married for 38 wonderful years.

After attending the University of Rhode Island, Rich joined the Somerville Police Department in 1974. He started his 31-year law enforcement career as a Patrol Officer walking a “beat” in the business district. He was a Sergeant in the Patrol and Administrative Divisions. As a Lieutenant he supervised Officers in the Patrol and Investigations Divisions. He tested for and was promoted over Captain to the rank of Chief of Police in 2000. One of the highlights of his career was his attendance at the FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA. This FBI administered 11 week command college is available to local, county and state police superior officers of lieutenant or higher rank. Only one-half of one percent of officers are invited to attend the prestigious academy. In 1991 Rich was elected to the NJ Board of Directors of the FBINAA and became its president in 1995. He spent 24 years on the Executive Board. Upon retiring in 2005 he became a consultant for two software companies targeting business with the law enforcement community.

Ann Marie enjoyed 35 years in education, working in various school districts. She served students and families as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities, Supervisor, Interim Principal, Director of Guidance and Director of Special Services. Ann Marie always felt she would never move to Florida because of the high heat and humidity. However, through Richard’s persuasion, she agreed to give the lifestyle of The Villages a try and the rest is history. Ann Marie enjoys the friendships she has made, the many social activities of The Villages and experiencing, researching and sharing health and wellness activities.

Although Rich has always had sport cars, the current 2016 Z51 3LT (roadster, of course) in Long Beach Red is only their second Corvette. They joined the Village Vettes in 2014 and are looking forward to the caravan to the National Corvette Museum next year.

Annual Hog Roast

By Gene McConkey

This year's picnic is at The Eisenhower Rec Center on meeting day, 10/11/18. We will have a "Cruise In" in the Eisenhower parking lot, starting at 3:00 / 3:30PM and wrapping it up around 4:30 / 5:00 PM when dinner will be served. The pig will finish cooking, around 5:00 PM, in the parking lot and then be served in our usual meeting space. All of the necessary items will be provided by the caterer, except beverages. You must bring your own refreshment. I will have to advise how many people will be dining, therefore we must cut off registration on 10/04/18. Register now and BYOB!



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/f Facebook www.facebook.com/2019FLcorvettecaravan.

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





AMBASSADOR

As part of the recent National Corvette Museum's 24th Anniversary Celebration (August 30 – September 1, 2018), there was a recognition of the Corvette Club Museum Ambassadors who went “above and beyond” and were awarded the special title designation of “Master Ambassador.” For 2018, 72 ambassadors were recognized. One of whom, was our very own club ambassador, Ron TANNER



The Ambassador's mission is to receive and disseminate the most current and correct information from the Museum to their local Corvette clubs. The Ambassador acts as a Museum representative to promote and solicit support for the Museum through promotional activities as well as communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions back to the NCM.

The award involves selfless time and effort as well as a dedication to promoting America's sports car. So, when you see Ron, provide him a handshake and a congratulatory “job well done.”

TOYS FOR TOTS

Article by Mike White, PP



The 7th Annual Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots Campaign will commence with the 11 October General Membership Meeting. It will terminate with our annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan to the Marine Corps warehouse location on 05 December '18. The goal is to surpass last year's effort. 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. A draft neighborhood solicitation letter will be posted to the web site for your utilization. All relevant information regarding the 2018 Toys-For-Tots Campaign activities may be gleaned from the club's web site.

Bruce JONES, the newly appointed Marine Corps League Coordinator for the 2018 Toys-For-Tots Campaign, advises there has been a problem with obtaining toys for the older boy/girl age bracket. **He has made an appeal for us to promote toys for the 11-12 year old boys/girls.** As with previous years, the George Nahas Chevrolet, will be providing their support of our campaign and will have a conspicuously displayed vehicle with the Village Vettes banner in the showroom for any early toy drop-offs.

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.



<i>Village Vettes Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign</i>			
<i>Campaign Year</i>	<i>Cash Donations</i>	<i>Toy Donations</i>	<i>Participating Vettes</i>
2012	\$ 3,954.00	780	45 Vettes
2013	\$ 6,040.00	1,028	63 Vettes
2014	\$ 7,215.00	1,127	45 Vettes
2015	\$ 10,070.00	1,860	40 Vettes
2016	\$ 6,040.00	1,170	25 Vettes
2017	\$ 11,769.50	1,473	45 Vettes

On Friday, 26 October '18, the club will be sponsoring a Toys-For-Tots Cruise-In event at the Grand Oaks Resort & Museum. It is an open event, all makes and models are welcome. Seventeen local car clubs have been extended an invitation to participate. All proceeds to benefit the Toys-For-Tots Campaign. There will be food, games, prizes, and music. It is a "rain or shine" event and attendees are encouraged to bring their chairs. Price of admission is an unwrapped toy or cash donation. No coolers or alcohol are allowed on premise.



On Wednesday, 05 December '18 (10:00 AM), members will rally at the Nahas Chevrolet dealership for the 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan to the Marine Corps Collection/Storage Warehouse location. Upon arrival, members will enjoy some coffee, hot chocolate, donuts, and the camaraderie of fellow club members. Remaining donated toys will be collected/ segregated/bagged. The Club Caravan will depart (11:30 AM) the dealership for the 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. There is no expectation for members to remain on-site for an extended length of time.

CAR SHOWS

By Tom Swiers

There are some really great car show events upcoming during the next three months. For those of you who have never attended an "All-Corvette" car show, you should know that a majority of cars being shown at these events are 100% stock – as they came off of the Bowling Green assembly line. A good "clean and wax" (which you do anyway) and your car is ready for any show. And, the most important thing to know about attending a car show is the chance to get to know other Village Vettes members who will be there with you. The following car shows are listed in the Village Vettes Calendar of Events.

September 7, 8 & 9 – Vettes at the Beach, Pensacola, FL – Sponsored by Miracle Strip Corvette Club, this show is always well attended. Pensacola is between a 6 and 7 hour drive so plan on spending a couple of nights in Pensacola. For anyone interested in traveling to the panhandle, this show should be of interest. Visit www.VillageVettes.com calendar for additional information.

October 6 & 7– 17th Annual Corvettes at the Beach, Flagler Beach, FL with a Separate Lunch at Corky Bell's in East Palatka, FL This event is one of the premier Florida "All-Corvette" car shows held at a Flagler Beach park at the Ocean. Last year 12 cars (members) attended. Currently 5 cars (members) have signed up. **You can also sign up ONLY for the lunch on Saturday.** Yours truly is the Event Leader. We depart Saturday, October 6th, enjoy lunch at Corky Bell's in East Palatka and a fabulous dinner and welcome party Saturday evening hosted by Flagler County Corvette Club. Don't miss this one – sign up soon by clicking on the following link. Visit www.VillageVettes.com calendar for additional information.

October 19, 20 & 21, 2018 – Vettes on the Avenue, Melbourne, FL – George Borke is going all-out to make this weekend car show a memorable one. This is a car show you do not want to miss! This All-Corvette show, sponsored by Space Coast Vettes, is held at the main downtown street of Melbourne, full of shops and restaurants. It's a three-day trip – leave Friday early afternoon, have a nice dinner Friday night, enjoy the car show on Saturday, **followed by the main event – a Maryland Crab Feast at Ozzie's Crab House**

in Melbourne! We will return to The Villages Sunday morning. Currently 7 cars (members) have signed up. Visit www.VillageVettes.com calendar for additional information.

October 27th – The Ultimate Corvette & Chevy Show, Plant City, FL – Sponsored by Tampa Bay Vettes and located Stingray Chevrolet, you can attend this car show as a day trip - leave at dawn, enjoy the show, return to The Villages late afternoon. Visit www.VillageVettes.com calendar for additional information.

November 17th – 21st Annual All Corvette Show, Ocala, FL – This is another car show that you **do not want to miss!** This All-Corvette show is located at the Market Street at Heath Brook, the large shopping center in Ocala. We had close to 25 cars at this show last year and looking for at least 30 this year (as of today's date, 12 cars have signed up to attend). For sure, this All-Corvette show ranks at or near the top of the premier Florida shows. We'll depart from the Mulberry Rec Center at 8:00AM for a 25-minute drive to the show site. Sign up soon by clicking on the following link. Visit www.VillageVettes.com calendar for additional information.

Looking forward to a lot of "first time participants" this year. Sign up. You'll love it! Tom Swiers, Car Show Coordinator & Treasurer (847) 951-2230 tom@swiers.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since August 1, 2018:

Philip Action

moved here from Ohio/Indiana and lives the Village of Santo Domingo. He drives a 2017 Burgundy C7 coupe.

Joseph Apichella

and his lady Pauline lives in the Village of Bridgeport. They drive a 2019 Seabreeze Orange C7 convertible.

David Colbert

lives in the Village of Summerhill. He drives a 1996 Black C4 Coupe. David is originally from Amherst, NY; Pensacola, FL; Washington D.C.; and Raleigh, NC.

Vernon and Brenda Edwards

live in the Village of Fenney. They drive a 2017 Black C7 coupe.

Jeanie and Lyle Krumlauf

live in the Village of Dunedin. They are from Michigan and drive a 2009 Orange C6 convertible.

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member
must logon to our website
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9/7-9 – **Friday-Sunday – Vettes at the Beach, Pensacola Beach, FL (Registration Required)

9/13 - **Thursday (Sign-up Required) – Pre-Meeting dinner at Orange Blossom Country Club (4 – 5:30 PM) (limited to 50)

9/13 – Thursday – General Membership meeting at Eisenhower Rec Center (6:30 PM)

9/20 - **Thursday – Cool Cars under the Stars – Leesburg

9/22 – Saturday – Cruise-in Eustis

10/6-7 -**Friday-Saturday – 17th Annual Corvettes @ the Beach, Flagler Beach, FL

10/11 - **Thursday – Villages Vettes Pig Roast @ Eisenhower R.C. (3-8 PM) (Registration Required)

10/14 - **Sunday – Rally @ American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne, FL (Registration Recommend)

10/17-18 - **Wednesday- Thursday – Fall Color Run (Waiting List)

10/19-21 - **Friday-Sunday – Mid-Florida Auto Show & Lake Mirror Concours (Registration Required)

10/26 – Friday – Toys-4-Tots Corvette Kick-off Cruise-in @ Grand Oaks Resort and Museum (4-7 PM) (Registration Recommend)

12/7 – Friday – VVCC Toys-4-Tots Caravan (2PM) (Registration Required)

12/13 - **Thursday – VVCC Christmas Dinner/Dance/Party

Future Venues that we are scheduling are Barberville Pioneer Settlement and Howey-in-the-Hills Mansion tour. Details are not available at this time.

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



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CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

C5 - 1997 to 2004

The first 200 production C5 Corvettes were painted Red, not the traditional color for the first-year production run.

The 1997 Corvette C5 was the first generation designed from the ground up to actually be a Corvette...not borrowing parts from other cars. One for the few "off the shelf" parts – the exterior door handles - were the same ones used on the Oldsmobile Aurora.

The first 4-speed in a Corvette was built by Borg Warner back in 1957. Borg Warner has produced a transmission for each generation of Corvette (C1-C5). (I have no data on C6 or C7.)

The 1997 Corvette is the first Corvette to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction instead of opposing directions.

It took 55 hours to build a new C5 Corvette down from 70 hours for the previous C4 model.

C6 - 2005 to 2011

The C6 Corvette received a larger passenger compartment, all new bodywork with exposed headlamps for the first time since 1962 along with reworked suspension geometry.

Overall, the C6 Corvette was shorter and narrower than the C5 to gain appeal to the European market.

The C6 generation was fitted with a Computer Aided Gear Selection to improve fuel economy by requiring drivers to shift from 1st gear directly to 4th in low-speed/low throttle conditions. This feature helped the C6 avoid the gas guzzler tax while achieving better fuel economy.

The C6 Z06 arrived with a 7.0 Liter version of the small block engine code named LS7 at 427.6 C.I. The Z06 had the largest small block offered by GM.