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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Before we all crowd Nahas to plunk our down stroke for the new C8 corvette, we need to address the business at hand now. The Club has supported Toys-for-Tots for as long as I can remember. Again, Mike White, Jim Loguidice, Roger Stokes, and Charlie Tagman have volunteered to head this thing up. Starting with the October general business meeting and continuing with the Cruise-In at The Grand Oaks Resort, we are in the beginning process of collecting toys, money, and bicycles for the kids in the Tri-County area.

Check our Village Vettes calendar for events and activities in October and November. There are many car shows, events, and drive & dines that are available during October and November. One show, that is in our back yard, is the Corvette Club of Marion County All Corvette Show, November 17th. This venue is at Market Street at Heath Brook, a shopping center west of I-75 on Route 200 near Ocala. We should have 40 cars for this event. This car show has Tom Reynolds at the helm. See Tom with concerns, details, and direction.

Our annual Christmas party will occur at the regular December meeting date. Roger Stokes, AKA the "Party Master", will officiate this affair. I am sure that this will be a party that will go down in the history books. Be on the lookout the registration on our website.

Gene McConkey



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OCTOBER 2018 UPDATE

Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.

November 8 – 10, 2018 Vets 'N Vettes Event at NCM

In 2008 NCM began a tradition of honoring our veterans with a new event, Vets 'n Vettes. Thursday kicks off a fun filled three day event with a full day at the NCM Motorsports Park. Invites will be going out to all our local Veterans in hopes they come to the MSP and catch a ride in a Corvette with another fellow Veteran. Complimentary lunch served to all!

With a Meet n' Greet, road tours, and participation in the Bowling Green Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday with lunch afterwards at the local VFW, this event offers veterans, servicemen and women and those who want to support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences.

General registration for Vets 'N Vettes is only \$20. Online registration closes at 8:00am central time on Tuesday, October 23. There are no refunds for activities after online registration closes. All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hard card credential, lanyard, and event pin. Your VVCC Ambassador will be at the NCM on November 6 & 7 attending the Annual Ambassador Meeting, and looks forwarding to seeing a group of our Vets arrive to participate in this event!

Visit this website for complete details of this 3 day event: https://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/vets-n-vettes-presented-by-mobil-1/?instance_id=829

Display Your Car at NCM

The NCM is a "living Museum" with displays that change periodically. No two visits to the Museum are ever the same, thanks to generosity of Corvette enthusiasts and supporters world-wide. Many of the Corvettes on display in our Museum are on loan from NCM members, many of whom are avid collectors.

If you are interested in offering your Corvette to the Museum to feature on display, you are invited to read through the information that details the requirements on the following website: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/display-your-car/> If you have questions, contact Betty Hardison at betty@corvettemuseum.org or by phone at 270-467-8841.



Lenders must be current members of the National Corvette Museum and are responsible for handling all shipping arrangements. The car must be in stock – correct appearance unless being submitted for a special display such as racing, modified etc. Loan periods are approximately one year, but the actual term of the loan can be negotiated.

If your car is chosen for display, you will receive a plaque of Certificate of Appreciation featuring your Corvette, along with a lapel pin. At the option of the owner, a decal can be placed on your Corvette before leaving the Museum to signify that it was part of the exhibit efforts of the National Corvette Museum.

Corvette Raffle Tickets – you have a chance to win a new Corvette on September 20.

On Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 2 pm CT a **2019 Shadow Gray Z06 Coupe** will be raffled. Tickets are **\$250** each with sales limited to **1,000** tickets. Visit this website to buy a ticket: <https://corvettestore.com/2019-shadow-gray-z06-coupe-raffle-10-25-18-raf-250-102518>



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.**

MEET YOUR VICE PRESIDENT DON BOSCH AND HIS LADY MARILYN

Don Bosch was originally from North Dakota and moved to Portland Oregon in 1957 where he attended a vocational high school and entered into a [4] year union apprenticeship program. Don met his lady Marilyn in 1965 and they got married in 1966. They have two children, a daughter who lives in the Portland Oregon area and a son who lives in Wesley Chapel, Florida. In March of 2019 Marilyn and Don will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

After becoming a union sheet metal worker, Don ran construction jobs for, Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser, and Georgia Pacific, to name a few. He installed pneumatic conveying systems for about 28 years all over the USA. In 1992, Don ran for Sheet Metal Workers Local #16 Business Representative. Don won the election and held that position for 15 years having been re-elected every 3 years. In addition, at the same time Don sat on the Sheet Metal Health Care Trust Board and he, also, chaired the apprenticeship committee to bring in new apprentices.

Don retired on December 31, 2005 at which time He and Marilyn lived in Vancouver Washington. In 2014, they purchased a home in the Village of Charlotte. He says they moved out of the soggy Northwest to the Florida Sunshine State where a corvette roadster is more useable.

Don purchased his first corvette in 1964 it was a 1962 Honduras Maroon 340HP cam and solid lifter including 4-11 rear gears with limited slip differential and both tops, quite fast for its time. They owned the 1962 until the gas crunch of 1972 thru 1973 at which time they sold the vehicle. Just before Don retired in 2004, he purchased his second Corvette, a 50th anniversary C-5, and gave it to Marilyn on Valentine's Day [smart move right guys!!!]. Marilyn still owns the 50th anniversary today and Don keeps looking at new ones for Valentine's Day is coming up soon!

**2019 National Corvette Caravan &
NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration
August 28-31, 2019**

Mike White just recently had a discussion with Holiday Inn Express General Manager, Drue Eberhardt. Drue has advised he has spoken to corporate and the previously stated requirement to provide/attach a copy of your credit card and ID information with the reservation request has been rescinded.

Those of us who have already provided our information, Drue is presently processing those forms. You should be receiving your confirmation within the week.

If you have not sent your registration form, you now merely fill out the form attached to Mike's email according to the cited instructions (legible writing) and return to e-mail hiecaravan2019@gmail.com. When you return the form, it must include his original e-mail to me (see below). This will identify you as a member of our group. Once Drue receives/processes your form, he will forward a confirming reservation number. I would recommend printing the form, scan the document, attached it to this e-mail as an enclosure, and send it to hiecaravan2019@gmail.com.

Again, Mike offers his sincere apologies for the situation. It was out of his control. This has become more difficult than it should be; however, Mike is merely trying to make the best of what he feels is a most stupefying situation.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give Mike a call. (352) 751-2502

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

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)

10/16 – **Corkscrew Winery + Dinner at Sakura
(Limited to 12 people, Sign-up NOW!!)

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)

11/17 - **Saturday – Market Street at Heath Brook
(Adjacent to Dillard's) put on by the Corvette Club
of Marion County in Ocala,FL

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.



Friendly Reminder – just wanted to pass on the
forthcoming 2nd Annual "Toys-For-Tots Cruise-In"
at the Grand Oaks Resort & Museum (Friday, 26
October '18 - 04:00 PM – 07:00 PM) will soon be
upon us.

Again, the show is open to ALL makes and mod-
els. The price of admission will be 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.

Look forward to meeting you and your club mem-
bership.

Mike White

Village Vettes Corvette Club



The process has commenced to establish a new slating for a new Board Of Directors for the coming year.

All office positions are open. 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. Elected Directors will serve a one (1) year term with a term of office extending from 01 January ’19 thru 31 December ’19. The new Board Of Directors will be elected by ballot caste by the attending membership at the 8 November ’18 General Membership Meeting.

Voting remains the exclusive prerogative of a “tenured, member-in-good-standing.” (“one who has maintained a good standing for a period extending 45-days from the initial day of membership”) For the purpose of this election process, if a member joins the Villages Vettes **AFTER 25 September ’18**, he/she is requested to refrain from casting a ballot for the 2019 Board elections.

It is the aspiration of the Nomination/Election Committee to provide the club a slating composed of nominees with new ideas, new perspectives. We will be “digging deep,” looking beyond the “Old Guard,” and speaking to “the man/woman in the back row” and hopefully, refute the misperception that they have nothing to offer and provide the persuasion he/she is what the Club needs for this transition.

Presently, we have interested members; however, we do not have a full slating. If interested, please contact a member of the Nomination/Election Committee. (Don Bosch, Jim LOGUIDICE, and Mike White) Your involvement in greatly needed.



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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since Sept. 1, 2018:

Ron and Mady Ficarro

live in the Village of Gilchrist. They are from Rochester, New York and drive a 2019 White C7 convertible.

Larry and Jill Fluke

live in the Village of Pine Hills. They are from Indiana and drive a 2019 Grey C7 coupe.

Larry and Janet Smith

live in the Village of Birchbrook. They are from Michigan and drive a 2001 Pewter C5 coupe.

Scott Sturgill and Doris Carder Smith

live in the Village of LaBelle. They are from Yorktown, VA and drive a 2005 Monterey Red C5 coupe.

Sandra Achor-Martinson and Gill Martinson

live in the Village of Pine Hills.

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members!

CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

C7 - 2014 to Present

According to Motor Trend magazine, GM Executives have been planning the next-generation (C7) Corvette since 2007. Though the original plans were to unveil it in 2011 (to coincide with Chevrolet's 100th Anniversary), the car came out in 2014.

The 6.2 liter pushrod V-8 is estimated to be the most powerful corvette to date, with a 0-60 time of less than four seconds! Though smaller in size, the engine also features many other advancements, such as an aluminum block and heads, and a revised combustion system.

Mid-engine and rear-engine layouts had been considered, but the front-engine, rear-wheel drive (RWD) platform will continue to keep costs lower and the engine compact. Transmission options include a six-speed automatic or a seven (yes, seven!) speed manual unit featuring rev-matching on both down- and upshifts from patented GM technology. It seems that the reduction in engine size has only allowed for the new Stingray to pack a bigger punch with smaller fuel economy

The interior of the C7 was upgraded for comfort. With driver and passenger seats allowing equal space, there is now an option for seats that make long-range driving more comfortable.



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