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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are beginning to have many exciting events on the near horizon that will bring our Corvettes out. Activities Director Tom Swiers is planning a trip to Barberville Pioneer Settlement in Barberville, FL in Volusia County on Thursday May 2nd. This is a rather unique of collection of homes, an old school house, and gate house from eras past. Go to www.pioneersettlement.org for more information.

This month we will be having two of our premier events including our 6th Annual Blessing of the Corvettes on Saturday, April 13th, highly supported by Past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice, and our annual Lake Sumter Landing All Corvette Show on Friday, April 26th. Registration is required for our Lake Sumter Landing show as space is limited to 54. At my last look, I counted 68 members had signed up for this event. Sign-up today! We will host a lottery drawing for all remaining owners (up to a total of 54) immediately following our April General membership meeting. So if you want an opportunity to be drawn into this show, sign up before our April meeting.

Also, in April (on the 7th to be exact), Tim Berthiaume has posted a trip to the Villages Polo Field for an exciting event with special parking for our Corvettes and a Tent with Tables and chairs. This should be a fun day so go online and register and purchase your tickets from the Villages Box office. At my last look, we had 28 members signed up with 14 cars.

As for our NCM 2019 Caravan, Mike White has secured a few more rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Bowling Green, KY. If you have not done so or plan to attend the 2019 National Corvette Museum Caravan August 28-31, please contact Mike ASAP to secure a room with your club members for this monumental event.

Our Christmas Party Committee has acquired the catering services of La Hacienda Caterers and music by Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs. It will be a buffet with salad served at each table family style. So, save the date, December 12, 2019

The April Pre-Meeting dinner is scheduled for Palmer Legends Country Club Restaurant located on Bueno Vista Boulevard. We have reservations at 4:00 PM prior to the general business meeting at 6:30 PM. At my last view, I see we have 36 members registered. Make your reservations now on our Web site.

Don Chaney
President 2018

Meet your current Treasurer Ron Cullum and his Lady Beth

Ron and Beth Cullum moved to The Villages in 2016 as full-time residents. They have lived in Tokyo, Japan for 4 years and in the Chicago area for 43 years.

Ron is a long time Corvette fan, buying his first new car right out of College – a 1968 Corvette, which he still drives. He is currently on his fourth Corvette, a 2014 Yellow C7. While in Chicago he belonged to the Autobahn Country Club which is like a regular country club except for having two road tracks instead of golf courses. There he drove the C7 regularly, going thru a set of tires (down to the steel cords) and a set of brakes about every 10 hours of track time.

Ron was raised in the Black Hills of South Dakota and went to the South Dakota School of Mines and then on to Purdue. After Purdue, he joined his only employer, Arthur Andersen & Co (now called Accenture) where he was in management consulting. He and Beth were active in the Denver Corvette Club where they became passionate about car rallying where they won numerous trophies. He retired on January 31, 2000, just missing his lifetime goal of working one century and taking the next one off. In addition to driving, Ron enjoys photography and his new interest, the Segway Club.

Ron and Beth will have been married for 50 years this coming September. Beth loves teaching and playing mah jong and samba. She worked for Borg Warner and Samsonite before becoming a stay-at-home mom for their two children. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.



**Saturday, April, 13 2019 - for our 6th
Annual Blessing of the Vettes!!!**

This year's 6th Annual "Blessing Of The Vettes" event will be occurring on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM, at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership. The non-denominational blessing will again be officiated by Pastor Norman Lee Schaffer. The event includes a commemorative dash plaque to the first 200 Vettes, an auction of auto related items, a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, refreshments, vendors, a stirring tribute performed by The Villages Twirlers/ Drum Corps, as well as a high energy/inspiring musical performance by the personable Norman Lee. The entry fee is a recommended donation of \$5.00/vehicle. Membership are encouraged to register via the club's web site, www.villagevettes.com





For those members who have deferred a decision to attend the NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration/6th Annual National Corvette Caravan due to the unavailability of accommodations at Bowling Green, KY, there is good news.

Presently, I have three (3) Holiday Inn Express room reservations available. Interested members contact me, Mike White, at (352) 751-2502, to obtain a reservation. I do not know how long I can retain the reservations; so, if interested, contact me ASAP.

Mike White

**March 6 at Carmine's.
14 members attended. Great food, good times!**



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells! Oh, What Fun it is to Ride....

The Annual Christmas Dinner Party will occur on Thursday, 12 December '19, 2019. (06:00 PM – 09:00 PM) Dress is business casual. BYOB. La Hacienda Catering will provide a buffet style menu (fresh roast turkey with gravy/cranberry; Virginia style baked ham with peach glaze; tenderloin tips with bourbon mushroom demi; home-style mashed potatoes; mashed cinnamon sweet potato casserole, green beans country style with bacon/onions; and apple crumble with whipped topping) BYOB. Cost is \$35.00/person



Dinner party reservation have been capped at 200 people. There will be no option for "reserved tables."

Entertainment to be provided by Cactus Jack & The Cadillacs. The 5-member group first jumped onto the stage in 1984 and have been breathing new energy into timeless Rock-N-Roll standards from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Their show promises to be one of boundless energy, smooth harmonies, and a tight sound honed by three decades of stage performances.



Membership is encouraged to visit the Village Vettes' web site, www.villagevettes.com, to register for the event.



Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

4/6 - **Saturday - Corvette & Camaro Car Show
in Leesburg sponsored by Marion County Corvette
Club

4/7 - **Sunday – Polo Match and Tailgating Party

4/11 - **Thursday - Pre-meeting Dinner at Palmer
Legends Country Club Restaurant

4/13 - **Saturday - Village Vettes - 6th Annual
BLESSING OF THE VETTES

4/26 - **Friday - Village Vettes Car Show – Lake
Sumter Landing (Registration will open after plans
are complete.)

5/9 - ** Thursday - Pre-meeting Dinner at Chefs of
Napoli on Route 301

5/26 - **Sunday –Placement of Flags for Fallen
Veterans

6/1 - **Saturday – Removal of Flags for Fallen
Veterans

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

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since March 1, 2019:

John and Debby Lamanna

live in the Village of Pine Ridge. They are
from Philadelphia, PA and drive a 2009 Cyber
Grey C6 convertible

Joe Sullivan

lives in the Village of Country Club Hills. Joe
is from Massachusetts and drives a 1997
Red C5 Coupe.

Johnny Watson

lives in the Village of Amelia. Johnny is
from Georgia and drives a 1999 White C5
convertible.

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest member!



Ron Tanner, VVCC Master Ambassador; Email: bandito2108@hotmail.com ; Cell: (402) 651-0474

APRIL 2019 UPDATE - Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CORVETTE RAFFLE TICKET SALES?



You may have noticed on the NCM website that raffle tickets may now be purchased in three ways: visiting the NCM; by phone to residents of Kentucky, Kansas and Montana; and online to purchasers physically located in those three states. Except for the above, no one can purchase NCM raffle tickets for new Corvettes.

Why? Good question – the only explanation offered by NCM is their charitable gaming license is issued by Kentucky and is only recognized in Kentucky, Kansas and Montana. No mention of what changed to cause the sales restrictions.

This turn of events must be hurting NCM's revenue badly, and the Ambassadors have been assured that NCM is working diligently to expand the number of states that will accept their Kentucky gaming license. Stay tuned for further updates.....

NCM INSURANCE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE 2019 CARAVAN



NCM has gotten many questions about forgiving mileage restrictions if participating in the 2019 Caravan.

The short answer is the NCM insurance carrier will not "forgive miles" used to travel to the NCM 25th Anniversary celebration. However, there are a couple of alternatives: NCM insurance customers are able to "roll over" unused miles from year to year; and NCM can increase your mileage plan for 2019 for an additional premium cost.

2019 Caravan participants are encouraged to closely track actual miles to be driven versus their mileage limitation in order to avoid surprises and make timely adjustments. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or email the NCM insurance office at 877.678.7626 or info@ncminsurance.com.

REMINDER – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining or renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, getting a quote 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.**



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CORVETTE TRIVIA **- HOW MUCH DO** **YOU KNOW?**

What was the only year the Corvette wasn't produced?

Despite plans to the contrary, no **1983** Corvettes were ever released. Before the decision was made to skip this model year, 43 were produced. 42 were crashed in tests or crushed. A single 1983 Vette was saved and is on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. According to some, there were actually 47 1983 produced, and a few more 83's may actually still be in existence, but that debate has never been resolved.

What year was the only one-year-only body design of the corvette?

1973, Corvettes from this year feature a rubber front bumper and a chrome rear bumper. All prior Vettes had featured front and rear chrome bumpers, and all future years would feature two rubber bumpers.

In what year was the Corvette only available with automatic transmission?

For many, **1982** was a sad year in Corvette history. No manual transmission option was available for that model year, not even by special order!

In a 1966 Corvette, singer Jan Berry of Jan & Dean nearly lived out one of the duo's most famous songs in a tragic way at what notorious location in California?

Two years after Jan & Dean created the hit song "Dead Man's Curve," Jan was in a devastating car accident, hitting a parked truck with his silver 1966 Corvette. The wreck didn't occur on the actual stretch of road known as **Dead Man's Curve**, as is often claimed; however, it did take place very close to that location. Jan survived, though he endured a long recovery.

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