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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

During the month of May we had the following events: a trip to Barberville (a pioneer Old Florida village), a pre-meeting dinner at Chefs of Napoli, the placement of Flags for our Fallen Veterans, a Fish Fry at Pastor Norman Lee's Garden Worship Center in Belleview, and the retrieval of Flags for our Fallen Veterans. Chefs of Napoli proved to be a very good choice to host our last pre-meeting dinner as we had a capacity of 40 members attend. Thank You Past President Gene McConkey for arranging this reservation.

We had 29 people sign up for the placement of Flags for our Fallen Veterans, 2 cancellations, and about 10 no-shows. Just as a reminder, when signing up for an event and you cannot make it for what ever reason, please inform the event coordinator because there are times when the coordinator will wait for those not checked in and delay their departure time.

The Fish Fry was well attended by 29 members that came to eat, enjoy being entertained by Norman Lee, and walking the biblical grounds of the Garden Worship Center. Did I not mention the live animal petting area and camel rides?

We have been asked by the Manager of Winn Dixie in Lake Sumter Landing to participate in their grand re-opening event of Saturday, June 15th, with a display of Corvettes. Thus far, our response from members have been very weak. I know there is a conflicting event in St. Augustine drawing many of our cars but if you are available to display your car on that Saturday from 10 AM - 2 PM it will be a good opportunity to support one of our community businesses and gain some recognition from our neighbors here in The Villages.

In our April Newsletter edition, I failed to mention Jeff Huber as the C7 Stingray Class winner in our Lake Sumter Landing Car Show. It was an oversight on my part. Again, congratulations to Jeff and all other winners and especially to VP Charlie Tagman and his committee for making this a very successful event.

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. This may be your first opportunity to see one of the new C8 Corvettes!

The Christmas Party Committee has scheduled our party for December 12th, so save the date. We have 47 signed up and paid thus far. Visit our website for details and sign-up!

Don Chaney
President 2019

Placement and Retrieval of Flags for Fallen Veterans

By Event Leader Don Chaney

On Sunday, May 26th, 17 members of our club travelled from the Eisenhower Rec Center to the Florida National Cemetery to help place an American Flag on each grave marker of a Fallen Veterans. Afterwards we went to Pudgies in Floral City, FL.

On Saturday, June 1st, seven members of our club returned to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL to retrieve the flags placed on each grave marker of one of our Fallen Veterans. Included were club members and former Veterans, Dennis Carroll, Kurt Adams, Past President Mike White, and Past Activities Director Charlie Taylor along with Sharon Adams, Linda



Taylor, and your President. With the assistance of inmates from the local Department of Corrections and a Girl Scout troop from Groveland, we beat the surrounding storms and heat. Following this event, we caught up with members of the Village Nomads led by one of our members, Bob Kerfin, at Sonny's BBQ in Bushnell. Thank you, Bob, for your gentle persuasion to convince Sonny's to open early for the Village Nomads and Village Vettes members.

Corvette Escort for Honor Flight Veterans



We need Volunteers to join the Sumter County Sheriff's office, Fruitland Park Police and the Nomad Motorcycle Club to provide an escort for the, Honor Flight.

The date is Saturday, June 29th, the place is Colony Recreation Center.

We will assemble at 2:30 pm and depart Colony at 3:00 pm to escort the honoree's bus from Colony Rec Center to the American Legion Post on Rolling Acres Road and 466.

We would love to get at least 20 Corvettes to provide a proper escort.

Questions Call Bob Kerfin at 847-366-7888 or Paul Bova 352-205-2242



Fish Fry at The Garden Worship Center

By Event Leader Don Chaney

On Friday, May 31st, we had 29 members meet and cruise up to Pastor Norman Lee's Garden Worship Center in Bellevue. It was a short 15-minute trip from the Mulberry Grove Rec Center to the beautiful rolling 'Biblical' grounds of Norman Lee's facility. There was a petting area for the kids to see and feed live farm animals and even a camel ride. The parishioners provided organized food ticket sales and timely meal distribution. Norman Lee provided an outdoor concert in his own amphitheater. The man upstairs gave us a beautiful late afternoon for the last Fish Fry of this season.





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

THE CORVETTE RAFFLE TICKET SALES ARE BACK !!



Changes have been made in the way of purchasing NCM Corvette Raffle Tickets to comply with the KY gaming rules, and VVCC members should note the following new procedures.

The Raffle Ticket purchase program is now a “mail” order system by completing and sending the attached form. You can no longer order tickets via phone or purchase them on-line as before. **HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT SEND THE FORM TO NCM VIA USPS (i.e. BY US MAIL) BECAUSE OF POSTAL REGULATIONS REGARDING RAFFLES, BUT RATHER YOU MUST SEND THE FORM TO NCM VIA EITHER UPS, FEDEX, DHL, OR OTHER PRIVATE CARRIER.**

Notice the attached form is specific to upcoming raffles --- this one applies to raffles on 6/20, 7/25, 8/30 and 8/31. **NOTICE THE 8/30 AND 8/31 RAFFLES ARE FOR GEN 8 VETTES !**

To purchase one or more raffle tickets, print the attached form and complete the form legibly including your credit card payment information. If you are not comfortable giving your credit card information, you may enclose a check made out to NCM.

Please feel free to contact me at 402.651.0474 or bandito2108@hotmail.com if you have any questions regarding the new NCM Corvette Raffle Ticket purchase program.

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.**

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM CORVETTE RAFFLES

ABOUT THE RAFFLES

The National Corvette Museum conducts a series of raffles each year as a way to raise funding for the day to day operations of the Museum. The raffle fundraisers are a tremendous help to the Museum and a large part of our planning and daily operation funds. Licensed by the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming – License Number ORG0000854.

THE RAFFLE EXPERIENCE

All raffle winners will also enjoy the benefits and excitement of taking delivery of their new Corvette at the Museum as part of the "R8C Museum Delivery" experience. A VIP tour of the Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant (if available), one-year individual membership to the Museum, hands-on training/instruction by a NCM delivery team member, program decal and a wall plaque are all part of the Museum Delivery experience that is available exclusively through the Museum. R8C deliveries are viewed worldwide via the Museum's webcams. Visit raffle.corvettemuseum.org for rules & upcoming raffles.

ELIGIBILITY

Winner/purchaser must be 18 years old with valid driver's license.

Upon receipt of your completed ticket request form with payment, if tickets are still available, a raffle ticket stub will be completed with your contact information and placed in the raffle ticket drum.



UPCOMING RAFFLES

Thursday, June 20, 2019
2019 Black Corvette Coupe
Tickets \$100, Limited to 1500 Tickets

Thursday, July 25, 2019
2019 Arctic White Corvette GS Conv
Tickets \$200, Limited to 1000 Tickets

Friday, August 30, 2019
Build Your Own Next Gen. Corvette
Tickets \$250, Limited to 1500 Tickets

Saturday, August 31, 2019
Next Generation Corvette VIN 25
Tickets \$25, Unlimited Tickets

RETURN TICKET FORM BELOW WITH
PAYMENT TO:

National Corvette Museum
Attn: Raffle
350 Corvette Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Corvette Raffle Ticket Request Form—NOT A TICKET

NO. OF TICKETS: ____@ \$25/tkt 8/31 ____@ \$100/tkt 6/20 ____@ \$200/tkt 7/25 ____@ \$250/tkt 8/30
TOTAL: \$ _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Security Code: _____

RETURN TICKET FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: National Corvette Museum Attn: Raffle, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101

SOLD BY: RON TANNER, VMC AMBASSADOR

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member
must logon to our website
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6/1 – **Saturday - Removal of Flags for Fallen Veterans, Florida National Cemetery

6/7 - **Friday – Drive-&-Dine – Gator Joe's - Ocklawaha, FL

6/13 - **Thursday –pre-meeting Dinner at Sakura in Spanish Springs

6/15 - **Saturday – Winn-Dixie - Corvette Display - Lake Sumter Landing

6/26 - **Wednesday – St. Johns River Boat Cruise - Sanford, FL

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

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since May 1, 2019:

Bob and Sue Branca

live in the Village of Sunset Point. They are from Bucks County, PA and drive a 1966 Yelllow C2 convertible.

Larry Joy

lives in the Village of Mallory. Larry is from St. Cloud, Minnesota and drives a 2013 White C6 convertible.

Richard (Dick) and Marsha (Marty) Miles

They live in the Village of Silver Lake. They are from Biloxi, Mississippi and drive a 2012 Red C6 Coupe.

Richard (Rick) and Kathy Starnes

They live in the Village of Fenney. They are from Grinnell, Iowa and drive a 2008 Artic White C6 Convertible.

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

Village Vettes Club Metrics

By Don Chaney and George Borke

Often, we are asked how many members we have in our club. Let me see if I can break down our membership and Corvettes by Generation this way. We have 183 Families (Couples) and 52 Single members. So, this represents 418 total members with 325 of being listed as Full-Time and 94 Part-Timers. We have a total of 257 Corvettes in our club. Now let me break this down by year/generation. By generation that is:

- C7 (2014-2019) 87 (33%)
- C6 (2005-2013) 58 (23%)
- C5 (1997-2004) 58 (23%)
- C4 (1984-1996) 18 (8%)
- C3 (1968-1982) 19 (6%)
- C2 (1963-1967) 12 (5%)
- C1 (1953-1962) 5 (2%)

Now do you see why we have so many newer Corvettes at our Lake Sumter Landing Car Show? Generations C5 through C7 represent nearly 80% of our members' Corvettes.

Now when we list our Corvettes by Body Style, we have the following:

- Rag Top (Convertible (all Generations)) - 138 (54%)
- Targa (1-piece lift off roof panel (C4, C5, C6, and C7)) - 99 (39%)
- FRC (Fixed Roof Coupe – C5 only) - 9 (4 %)
- T-Top (C3 Generation) - 9 (4%)
- Coupe (C2 Generation) - 2 (1%)



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Did you know?

Five Simple and Effective Mods to Take Your C7 to the Next Level

By [Daud Gonzalez](#), a lifelong car enthusiast, and automotive writer with a specialty in modified and race-ready rides. Gonzalez is a regular contributor to the Internet Brands Auto Group websites including [Corvette Forum](#).

1. Front Splitter

There are few things that can tie in the front end of a car more than a front splitter. The **C7 Z06** displays this very well. It just looks that much meaner than the standard Sting Ray.

2. XL Rock Guards

Your C7 has an aggressive, curvy body profile and as a result you'll quickly notice that those wide front tires are quite flush with the top of the side skirt extension. This means that every piece of debris will follow that body line and, over time, your paint and body panels will suffer rock chips. (GM actually has a set made of the same material as the original just has more body protection...only one screw and snaps in place.)

3. Rear Diffuser

If there was a mod that he would be willing to 100% endorse, this would be the one. Something about the aggressive profile of the C7 is missing on the rear end. Hopefully, the rear end of the car is the only thing people will ever be able to see.

4. Cold Air Intake

This is the first performance modification on the list and for good reason. This mod allows you to retain an OEM+ look and impressive induction sound that won't necessarily attract the attention of everyone in a 3-block radius. A nice intake definitely gives an engine bay a more complete look and the added response and power, while modest, are welcome.

5. Exhaust

By far the most controversial of the mods on this list, mainly due to the price point and the fact that this particular exhaust makes you lose NPP functionality, a deal breaker for many owners. While, [NPP compatible exhausts do exist](#), the options are definitely more limited and come at a premium.