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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On August 17th, don't forget, Tim and Terri Berthiaume are planning an afternoon with the Bay Street Players at the Sol de Mexico. Go to our website for details and to register. This event has a capacity of 30 with 2 slots remaining. Tim and Terri always do a fabulous job of leading club events. They promise you will have a great time.

Vice President Charlie Tagman is planning a big-event for our August Business meeting. Charlie says we need to entertain our members with a brief meeting and a show performance by the Dorels and their array of songs from the 50's and 60's...the kind of music we grew up dancing and listening to. Oh yes, our pre-meeting dinner will be at Orange Blossom. So if you have not register please do so now!

Past President Mike White has spent many hours planning our National Corvette Museum 2019 Caravan in late August. Read your emails for continuous updates on our itinerary. This may be your first opportunity to see one of the new C8 Corvettes! As of my last communication with Nahas Chevrolet their allocation of 46 new units is over 50% sold.

In October we have two big events: Past President Gene McConkey will host his Annual Fall Color Run along with the Pig Roast. If you have not attended either of these events each then you have really missed out. The Fall Color Run is limited to 36 people due to accommodations. It will be a 3-day event starting on October 22 with 2 overnight stays at an undisclosed location. I cannot believe this but as of this newsletter space is still available.

Remember, if you host an event and you would like it mentioned in our newsletter, then write a brief article about your event and send it to me along with pictures and I will see that is gets published in our next newsletter.

Remember our Christmas Party scheduled for December 12th, so save the date and sign up early to avoid the rush. Visit our website for details and sign-up!

Don Chaney
President 2019

The Village Vettes Corvette Club 8th Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign



SAVE THE DATES - The 8th Annual Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots Campaign will commence with the 10 October '19 General Membership Meeting. It will be followed by a "Toys-For-Tots Benefit Car Show, slated for 18 October '19, and culminate with our annual Toys-For-Tots Caravan to the Marine Corps warehouse location on Wednesday, 04 December '19. Your 2019 Toys-For-Tots Committee is comprised of Marcus & Pam Sherrill, Paul & Darry Bova, Stu Feinberg, Roger Stokes, Chuck Taylor, Charlie Tagman, Jim Loguidice, and Mike White.

The goal is to surpass last year's effort. 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.

Will WARD, the newly appointed Marine Corps League Coordinator for the 2019 Toys-For-Tots Campaign, has echoed last year's situation of a problem to obtain 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.

The overall effort of the membership to the campaign has been most successful. Since the initial 2012 campaign through last year's 2018 campaign, the club has provided the Marine Corps Toys-For-Tots campaign \$57,891.16 in cash donation and 9,122 collected toys.

All relevant information regarding the 2019 Toys-For-Tots Campaign activities may be gleaned from the club's web site at www.villagevettes.com.

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Village Vettes - Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign

<i>Campaign Year</i>	<i>Cash Dontions</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	\$ 11,219.50	1,473	45 Vettes
2018	\$ 13,352.66	1,684	48 Vettes



**Pre-meeting
Dinner at
Sonny's BBQ
at Sumter
Landing**



Dinner at Stumpknockers, Dunnellon, FL



July 26, Birthday Dinner at Rose Plantation for

Tom Swiers,

Sam Marinaro

and

Paul Bova

**All three celebrated
with their wives
Elaine, Debbie and Darry**



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Corvette goes mid-engine for first time to raise performance

AP NEWS

By TOM KRISHER
July 19, 2019



WARREN, Mich. (AP) — When you first lay eyes on the new 2020 Corvette, a modern version of the classic American sports car isn't the first thing that pops into your head.

Instead, you think Lamborghini, Lotus, McLaren.

The eighth-generation 'Vette, dubbed C8, is radically different from its predecessors, which for 66 years had the engine in the front. This time, engineers moved the General Motors' trademark small-block V8 behind the passenger compartment. It's so close to the driver that the belt running the water pump and other accessories is only a foot away.

Also gone are the traditional long hood and large, sweeping front fenders, replaced by a downward-sloping snub nose and short fenders. In the back, there's a big, tapered hatch that opens to a small trunk and the low-sitting all-new 6.2-liter, 495 horsepower engine.

So why change the thing?

"We were reaching the performance limitations of a front-engine car," explains Tadge Juechter, the Corvette's chief engineer, ahead of Thursday night's glitzy unveiling in a World War II dirigible hangar in Orange County, California.

With a mid-engine, the flagship of GM's Chevrolet brand will have the weight balance and center of gravity of a race car, rivaling European competitors and leaving behind sports sedans and ever-more-powerful muscle cars that were getting close to outperforming the current 'Vette.

"We're asking people to spend a lot of money for this car, and people want it to be the best performer all around," Juechter said. GM President Mark Reuss said the C8 will start below \$60,000, 7% more than the current Corvette's base price of \$55,900. Prices of other versions weren't announced but the current car can run well over \$100,000 with options, still thousands cheaper most than European competitors.

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Corvette sales aren't huge. Through June, the company sold just under 10,000 of them. But industry analysts say the car helps the company's image, showing that it can build a sports car that performs with top European models.

GM says the new version, with an optional ZR1 performance package, will go from zero to 60 mph (96.6 kilometers per hour) in under three seconds, the fastest Corvette ever and about a full second quicker than all but one high-performance version of the outgoing Vette.

The "cab forward" design with a short hood looks way different, but GM executives say they aren't worried that it will alienate Corvette purists who want the classic long hood and the big V8 in the front.

Harlan Charles, the car's marketing manager, said mid-engine Corvettes had for years been rumored to be the next generation so it wasn't unexpected. GM also is hoping the change will help draw in younger buyers who may not have considered a Corvette in the past.

George Borke, a member of Village Vettes Corvette Club in The Villages, Florida, a huge retirement community, said he hasn't heard anyone in the 425-member club complain about the new design. "I think after 60 years it's time for a change," said Borke, who owns a current generation "C7," bought when the car was last redesigned in the 2014 model year.

The new car has two trunks, one in the front that can hold an airline-spec carry-on bag and a laptop computer case. Under the rear hatch behind the engine is another space that can hold two sets of golf clubs.

Even though it's a performance car, Juechter said the Corvette can go from eight cylinders to four to save fuel. Some owners get close to 30 mpg on the freeway with the current model, and Juechter said he expects that to be true with the new one. Full mileage tests aren't finished, he said.

Engineers also took great pains to make the new car quiet on the highway, with heat shields and ample insulation to cut engine noise.

Even though the car has an aluminum center structure and a carbon fiber bumper beam, it still weighs a little more than the current model. It's also slightly less aerodynamic due to large air intake vents on the sides to help cool the engine. The new Corvette comes with a custom-designed fast-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission with two tall top gears. It also will be made with right-hand-drive for international markets.

Higher-performance versions are coming, although Juechter wouldn't say if the C8 is designed to hold a battery and electric motor.

Workers at a GM plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, are just starting to build the new cars, which will arrive in showrooms late this year.

Read the full story on:

<https://apnews.com/8ab1a991a0f14f3a9241df61a95ab84e>

(Editor's Note: While the article states that the 0-60 performance for the new C8 is sub three seconds with the "optional ZR1 performance package" GM actually claims sub three second performance with the addition of the Z51 performance package.)

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

- 8/8 - **Thursday** – pre-meeting Dinner at Orange Blossom Country Club
- 8/8 - **Thursday** – General Monthly Meeting at Eisenhower Rec Center
- 8/17 - **Saturday** – Bay Street Players Musical + Dinner with Event Leaders Tim and Teri Berthiaume
- 8/27-31 - **Tuesday-Saturday** – 25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum
- 9/17 - **Tuesday** – Big Bob’s Italian in Ocklawaha, FL – Eat-n-Ride with Event Leader Sam Marinaro
- 9/25 - **Wednesday** – Howey Mansion Tour with lunch to follow at Knicker in the Mission Inn Resort with Event Leader President Don Chaney
- 10/10 - **Thursday** – Annual Hog Roast – with Event Leader Past President Gene McConkey
- 10/12-13 - **Saturday-Sunday** – Flagler Beach 18th Annual Corvette Show
- 10/20 – Sunday** – Festival of Speed at Mission Inn Resort
- 10/22-24 - **Tuesday-Thursday** - Magical Mystery Tour - AKA Fall Color Run with Event Leader Past President Gene McConkey
- 10/26 - **Saturday** – Grand Oaks Bistro Drive & Dine with Event Leader Linda Conti
- 11/16 - **Saturday** – Corvette Club of Marion County 22nd Annual All Corvette Show
- 11/23 - **Saturday** – Honor Flight escort Caravan
- 12/12 - **Thursday** – Christmas Party with catering by Hacienda Caterers and music by Cactus Jack & The Cadillacs

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

Did you know?

The new Corvette C8 has been in development for 6 years. The LT2 engine being built at the GM Tonawanda Plant in Buffalo, NY is a proven power source. The C8 like its predecessor will come in 3 configurations, 1LT (base), 2LT and 3 LT. As in the past, the Z51 package is being offered with the 2020 models. Options for the Z51 package include Michelin High Performance tires, Standard FE3 Performance Suspension, Available FE4 Suspension with Magnetic Ride Control, larger 345 mm front and 350 rear brake rotors, extra cooling with additional rear-mounted third radiator, Electronic Limited-Slip Differential, large rear spoiler providing up to 400 lbs. of downforce, and a performance exhaust resulting in 495 HP. PDR (Performance Data Recorder) is included with the 2LT & 3LT and available with the 1LT package. As for the Z06, Grand Sport, and ZR1 models, like previous generations, they appear with later years.

Now for dealer allocations, as of a few days ago, our local Chevrolet dealer has been allocated 46 2020 units of which 24 have been sold. So, if you want one, best you hurry on down and place your order. I have recently learned that all units being built this year have been allocated.

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since July 1, 2019:

David and Phyllis Craig

live in the Village of LaBelle. They drive a 2016 Long Beach Red C7 Coupe. They are originally from Ohio but moved here from Ames, Iowa.

Ray & Becky Erickson

live in the Village of Fenny. They drive a 2002 Electron Blue C5 convertible

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



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