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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our next General meeting will be Thursday, September 12th. Past President Gene McConkey has setup our pre-meeting dinner at Bonefish. So, if you have not done so, please make your reservation on our website. We need to give the restaurant an accurate head count for our reservation.

The 25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum is now a memory to all that attended. Past President Mike White spent many long hours planning our Caravan and his experience showed. The rest stops were well planned and coordinated, the hotel accommodations were convenient and great choices, and the dinners at the local Bowling Green restaurants were over-the-top. In addition, we had an opportunity to actually see and sit in the new C8 Corvette and talk to some of the Engineers.

We have two eat-n-ride events in September. First, Event Leader Sam Marinaro has planned a nice dinner at Big Bob's Italian in Ocklawaha on Tuesday, September 17th. See our website for details. Next, your President (that is me) has put on an Event Leader cap and scheduled a Tour of Howey-in-the-Hills Mansion followed by a late lunch at Knickers in the Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills on Wednesday, September 25th. You must pre-pay your ticket for this event online. See our website for details.

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.

This is the time of the year when we look ahead to our future Board of Directors. The offices of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Activities are all positions where the nominees are voted in. This will occur at the November General Meeting. So, if you are thinking about running for an office, now is the time to speak up.

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



NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration/6th Annual National Corvette Caravan

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the National Corvette Museum. What started out in 1994 as an impromptu gathering of museum enthusiasts has grown into a five-year anniversary tradition drawing thousands of participants from all over the world to celebrate the Corvette lifestyle.

The Village Vettes involvement began with the early planning in January 2017 when notice was promulgated for members to take notice of the event and commence the thought process for a decision as to whether there is an interest to attend the event. Twenty-eight member couples eventually made the commitment to join the club group.

On Tuesday, 27 Aug '19, the Village Vettes member group departed the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center for the rallying point at Valdosta, GA where it merged with the main Florida Caravan that had departed the Daytona Speedway. (174 Vettes) From there, the Caravan commence its Northward trek for an overnight stay at Acworth, GA.

George Nahas Chevrolet in the Villages have 14 2020 C8 left in his allocation of 47 Cars



On Wednesday, 28 Aug '19, the Florida Caravan merged with the Georgia Caravan and other late "joiners" (approximately 170 Vettes) for the cruise to the NCM.(a total of 372 Vettes)





Efforts are still underway with regard to the “hundreds” of walk-in attendees; however, Bryce BURLOW, NCM Events Manager, advised there were 7,500 pre-registrants, inclusive of 20 NCM Hal-Of-Famers and visiting GM dignitaries. The final “numbers” are still being calculated; however, the NCM believed there would be 10,000 Corvette enthusiasts celebrating their Silver Anniversary.



What followed was a lifetime experience with three days of festivities at the museum and the NCM Motorsports Park, including a kickoff Jefferson Starship concert, firework display, demonstrations, vendors, laps at the track, seminars, and a display featuring the new 2020 Stingray Corvette with six of the eight generation Corvette, and 50 General Motors team members to lead seminars, answer questions, and network with event participants. The Kentucky State Police Escorted cruise, led by a 2006 fully badged/light packaged Corvette, for a scenic drive through rural Kentucky and the Mammoth Cave National Park proved to be a popular activity. Most importantly, there was the camaraderie of interacting with fellow Corvette enthusiasts that cannot be duplicated.



With the closing of the NCM event, group members began their post-event plans. One group, at the suggestion of member Bob BACHAND, negotiated the sports car “destination,” the Tail Of The Dragon at Deals Gap, an 11-mile Tail Of The Dragon with its 318 curves.

The NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration/6th Annual National Corvette Caravan experience measured up to its pre-event hype and provided a life-long memory that will be indelibly imprinted upon the group members.



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FIRST STOP VALDOSTA, GA





OVERNIGHT STOP ACWORTH, GA



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CORVETTE MUSEUM AND SINKHOLE AFTERMATH



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.

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



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



Welcome our new President & CEO - Dr. Sean Preston

The National Corvette Museum Board of Directors has selected Dr. Sean Preston to serve as President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. Dr. Preston joins the NCM, effective July 1, from Portland, OR where he served as President of a non-profit independent school. He succeeds 23-year NCM CEO/ Executive Director Wendell Strode, who announced his retirement May 2018.

“When Wendell announced his retirement, we knew it was a huge drivers’ seat to fill,” said NCM Board and Search Committee Chair Lon Helton. “The NCM Search Committee teamed with Chicago-based Kittleman & Associates to conduct a thorough nationwide search to find the best possible candidates – and there were many. Sean possesses the leadership skills, diverse qualities, relationships and unique skill sets necessary to collaborate with NCM Board of Directors to expand the mission and strategic objective of the NCM while being mindful of the unique legacy and spirit of the organization. His skills as an innovative leader are proven and we look forward to the NCM’s next chapter with Sean leading the way for the staff, management, volunteers and members. The icing on the cake: Sean is a car guy with a 1954 Corvette and 1972 Corvette in his collection!”

Though his move to Kentucky is more than 2,300 miles from his current home, Dr. Preston is truly a southerner, having lived in Atlanta for most of his life. “The

QUICK LINKS

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Facebook

Please be sure to add yourself to our Facebook group if you have not.

This is our primary source of communication.

Cafe Table Tops

Cafe Table Tops are still available for \$3,000 donation. Table tops stay in place for 3 years.

At the end of the display period, they are available for the club to take home. More information is available here.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, con't

National Corvette Museum is a one-of-a-kind organization. There are thousands of museums across the globe, but none other dedicated to Corvette,” said Sean. “I’m head over heels in love with all things car-related, and specifically Corvette. It is an honor to have been named President and CEO.”

With 12-years of experience as a non-profit president, Dr. Preston is looking forward to putting his repertoire to good use. The academic nature of the Museum, and infinite possibilities with exhibits were a major factor that attracted Sean to the position. “I’m excited to look at the Museum and the exhibits from an outsider’s lens and partner with the team to create new and exciting exhibits. I also think it’s important that we focus on preservation of the collection. We want to expand the membership base, welcome a new generation of Corvette enthusiasts and become one of the most attended and supported car museums in the world.”

Dr. Preston is a career educator, having previously served as Founding Foreign Consulting President of the American School of Zhengzhou in Zhengzhou, Henan, China; Founding President of John Crosland School in Charlotte, NC; and Executive Director of Cypress Heights Academy in Baton Rouge, LA. He has a BS in Social Science Education from the University of Georgia, a Master of Educational Leadership from Troy University, and earned his Doctorate in Educational and Non-Profit Leadership from Liberty University.

Dr. Preston will assume full CEO duties on July 1 and Strode will remain with the Museum through January 3, 2020.

Club Competition

Earn recognition from the National Corvette Museum for your Corvette Club! Each year the Museum awards clubs in a series of categories. Online entry is easy. Clubs must be business members of the Museum to enter. For tips and score sheets, please visit the Ambassador page of our website here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/ambassadors/>.

Club Website

Submit your club’s website online at: <https://forms.gle/aFB1V1FoGcVvaouK9>

Club Social Media

Submit your club’s social media channels: <https://forms.gle/tEuk83ov6CFU4f7Y9>

Club Newsletter

Only digital copies of newsletters will be accepted. Please no printed newsletters. PDF files are preferred. To enter, simply drag and drop your newsletter file to: http://bit.ly/NCM2019_ClubNews

Have a Word, Powerpoint or Publisher file? Convert it to PDF simply by going to “Print” and on the drop down menu for the printer, select Save to PDF.

Ind everything that you do for the NCM!

Ambassador Convention

We will host our 3rd annual convention November. 5-6.

To register, click here. Registration is free to Ambassadors

More information on the convention and hotel rooms will follow soon.

Plant Tours

Plant tours are not available at this time.

Please continue to watch NCM eNews and your Ambassador emails/Facebook for updates.

Ambassador Meeting

The Ambassador Meeting for the 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held Friday morning, August 30 at 8:00am.

Breakfast will be served and the meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police building south of the NCM on Corvette Drive.



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

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

ATTENTION VVCC VETERANS – A GREAT EVENT UPCOMING !



NOVEMBER 7TH – NOVEMBER 9TH, 2019

In 2008 NCM began a tradition of honoring our veterans, with a new event, Vets 'n Vettes. The event now includes American Warrior Recognition, a way of providing our returning warriors with a special Corvette Experience. Thursday kicks off with local Veterans enjoying a day at the Corvette Museum, rides in participants' Corvettes at the NCM Motorsports Park as well free tours of the Museum, and a complimentary lunch to all Veterans. With a Meet n' Greet, road tours, seminars and participation in the Bowling Green Veterans' Day Parade with lunch afterwards at the local VFW, the event offers veterans, servicemen and women and those who want to support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences.

NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES SEPTEMBER 19 & NOVEMBER 21



2019 Elkhart Lake Stingray Corvette Convertible Raffle

Drawing Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$100 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets

Car Features include:

- 6.2 Liter V8 460 HP Engine
- 8-speed Paddle-Shift Automatic Transmission
- Magnetic Selective Ride Control
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- Z51-Style 5-Split Spoke Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Gray-Painted Calipers
- Power-Folding Black Convertible Top with Remote Control
- 2LT Equipment Group with Jet Back leather interior including head-up display, heated and ventilated seats, Bose 10-speaker audio system, universal home remote, and remote vehicle starter system
- Chevrolet Infotainment Audio System with Navigation
- Performance Data and Video Recorder
- Curb-View Front Cameras

- Chrome Badge Package
- Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe
- Battery Protection Package
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Corvette Museum Delivery



2019 Shadow Gray Corvette ZR1 Coupe Raffle
Drawing Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$300 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets
 Car Features include:

- 6.2 Liter V8 Supercharged 755 HP Engine
- 8-speed Paddle-Shift Automatic Transmission
- ZTK Track Performance Package including High-Wing Spoiler
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- ZR1 Carbon-Flash Painted Aluminum Wheels with Blue-Painted Calipers
- 3ZR Equipment Group with Jet Black leather interior including head-up display, heated and ventilated seats, Bose 10-speaker audio system, universal home remote, and remote vehicle starter system
- Custom Leather Blue Stitch
- Competition Sport Seats
- Visible Carbon Fiber with Body-Color Surround Removable Roof Panel
- Visible Carbon Fiber Hood Insert
- Visible Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package
- Carbon Fiber Leather-Wrapped Steering Wheel
- Ceramic Brake Rotors
- Black Badge Package
- Performance Data and Video Recorder with Navigation
- Curb-View Front Cameras
- Battery Protection Package
- Corvette Museum Delivery

NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Attached is a PDF of the NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE ORDER FORM – print it, complete and submit to NCM per the instructions shown thereon. **Please include your NCM Ambassador's name (Ronald R Tanner – VVCC NCM Ambassador) on the order form.**

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, August 29, 2019

2019 Shadow Gray Corvette GS Coupe
Tickets \$150, Limited to 1500 Tickets

Saturday, August 31, 2019

2020 Next Gen Corvette VIN 25
Tickets \$25, Unlimited Tickets

Thursday, September 19, 2019

2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Convertible
Tickets \$100, Limited to 1500 Tickets

Thursday, November 21, 2019

2019 Shadow Gray ZR1 Coupe
Tickets \$300, Limited to 1500 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 9/19 ____@\$150/tkt 8/29 ____@\$300/tkt 11/21

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

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

9/12 - **Thursday – Pre-meeting Dinner at Bonefish (4 PM) – Sign-up Required

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

12/4 - **Wednesday – Toys-4-Tots 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?

Roy Orbison was a Corvette owner. Roy had a 1967 C2 Red Convertible with a White top and interior. It was a Big-Block with a white stinger hood. According to his wife who donated the car “on loan” to the Museum, Roy used this car as his daily driver. The car was well presented “as-is” with just a light wash and no special detailing. It did survive the famous sinkhole disaster.

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since July 1, 2019:

Lew and Patti Allen

live in the Village of Bridgeport. They drive a 2019 White C7 Convertible. They are from Michigan.

Harry and Lova Ballsack

live in the Village of Belle Aire. They drive a 2011 Red C6 Coupe. They are from Slobvia.

Jay and Debbie Bookbinder

live in the Village of Duval. They drive a 2014 C7 Convertible. They are from Miami, Florida.

Charlie Burga

lives in the Village of Pine Ridge. He drives a 1965 Nassau Blue C2 Convertible and a 1965 Blade Silver C2 Coupe. Charlie is from Fort Lauderdale.

John and Eileen Ferdinand

live in the Village of Fenny. They drive a 2010 Black C6 Convertible. They are from Port Richey, Florida.

Tom and Linda Gorgorian

live in the Village of McClure. They drive a 2019 White C7 Coupe. They are from the State of New York.

David and Suzanne Kane

live in the Village of Alhambra. They drive a 1998 Red C5 Convertible. They are from Michigan.

Daniel Kifner

lives in the Village of Fenny and drives a 2017 Watkins Gray C7 Coupe. Daniel is from Whippany, New Jersey.

Robert and Ione Kenz

live in the Village of LaBelle. They drive a 2014 Artic White C7 Coupe. They are from Costa Rica.

Michael and Nancy

Lane live in the Village of Hillsborough. They drive a 2009 Cyber Gray Z51 Coupe. They are from Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

Paul and Gail Nittel

live in the Village of Fernandina. They drive a 2015 C7 Night Race Blue Coupe. They are from St. Louis, Missouri

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



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The process for the election/installation of a new Board Of Directors has commenced.

With this announcement, the 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 (Jim LOGUIDICE or Mike WHITE)

