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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Our next General meeting will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be very brief as this is our Annual Christmas Party.

At the November General Membership meeting, we elected our new board members including President Charlie Tagman, Vice-President Rich Rose, Treasurer Ron Cullum, Secretary Marcus Sherill, and Director of Activities Tom Swiers. Let's welcome your new Board of Directors for 2020.

We owe much success to our Toys-4-Tots campaign to the leadership past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice plus a cast of others that went over and beyond. This year we collected and delivered 1,547 toys and \$20,050 in cash. I want to say a special "Thank You" for all who participated and gave their time and resources to make this a very special event. Our club truly went over and beyond to make this event the success that it was. I would also like to "Thank" our member and President of the Village Nomads, Bob Kerfin, for their support. It was Bob that organized our special Police Escort from George Nahas Chevrolet to the Marine Corp staging facility. The police actually blocked every intersection so that our caravan of Corvettes and the Bikers could pass in a single line without be interrupted by traffic and stoplights.

Ron Tanner, our National Corvette Museum Ambassador, is making a push to get 100% of our membership signed up as NCM members. Go to [www.CorvetteMuseum.org](http://www.CorvetteMuseum.org) to check out their benefits and consider becoming a member. After returning from the NCM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ambassadors meeting in Bowling Green, Ron was amazed how many Corvette clubs had 100% of their members enrolled.

Our 3rd Annual "Grand Oaks Classic Car Cruise-In" is Sunday, 19 January '20 at the Grand Oaks Horse Winter Horse Festival, featuring the Horse Trials for the Extreme Jumping Competition. Make sure you mark your calendar for this fun filled event.

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. I will see that it gets published in our next newsletter.

Again, as my year as your President draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to Thank All of You for your support of me and our Board of Directors. This is your club to enjoy but most of all be a part of it and continue to be active.

**Don Chaney**  
**President 2019**



In all, a record year for contributions to this worthy cause through the efforts of our creative and generous club members and the generosity of our families, friends and neighbors.

<b><u>Village Vettes</u></b> <b><u>Annual Toys-For Tots Campaign</u></b>			
<b><u>Campaign Year</u></b>	<b><u>Cash Donations</u></b>	<b><u>Toy Donations</u></b>	<b><u>Participating Vettes</u></b>
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
<b>2019</b>	<b>\$ 20,050.00</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>40 Vettes/ 23 Motorbikes</b>

The Village Vettes 7th Annual Toys-For-Tots Campaign celebrated another year's success. The membership exhibited the "Joy-Of-The-Season" and surpassed the previous years' achievements. A cash donation of \$20,050.00 and 1,547 collected toys were donated to local Marine Corps League's Colonel Phillip C. Delong Detachment serving the tri-county area. Well done Villages Vettes, well done!



Forty Vettes and 23 motorbikes (The Village Nomads & The Legion Riders) departed the dealership for the Marine Corps Collection/Storage Warehouse (Phillips Dodge Collision Center) for presentation of the collected toys and funds. Members were invited to tour the facility, observe the process for toy distribution and meet the staff. The Mariner Corps League was waiting for the caravan with fresh grilled lunches for everyone.

Members continued to come up with imaginative ways to assure success of the campaign. Bottom line, a heartfelt message of hope was sent to many less fortunate children within the tri-county area to experience the joy that is the Christmas season.

Member Vettes rallied at the Caravan event sponsor, George Nahas Chevrolet, to drop-off donations, collect, segregate, and bag toys collected over the campaign period, and enjoy some coffee and pastries. Nahas Chevrolet generously supplied a box truck and driver for the transportation of toys. Fruitland Park Police Chief Erik Luce and Village Vettes club member Bob Kerfin were instrumental in organizing the caravan escorts.





**TOYS FOR TOTS - DECEMBER 4, 2019**

## SUNDAY RIDE TO BLACK WATER INN

# John and Mary Boehmer

live in the Village of Fenney. They are from Palm Coast, Florida and drive a 2016 C7 Blade Silver Metallic Convertible.

## Kenneth and Cindy Buzek

live in the Village of Chatham. They are from Strongsville, Oio and drive a 2020 C7 Blade Silver Metallic Coupe.

## Paul and Tory Palivoda

live in the Village of Sanibel. They are from Columbus, Ohio and drive a 2017 C7 coupoe in Watkins Glen Gray Metallic.

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



Bob Kerfin organizing the next ride on ***Sunday, December 22***, to Cracker's Bar & Grill Restaurant 502 NW 6th St, Crystal River. Everyone should meet at Eisenhower Recreation Center and be ready to ride at 2 pm

## Membership Data

TOTAL MEMBERS		473	GEN	Qty	%	BOODY	Qty	% Tot	TOP 10 VILLAGES		FastTime	-363 75%
FAMILIES		207	C8	0	0%	RegTn	190	53%	VILLAGE		PartTime	>104 21%
SINGLES		59	C7	108	33%	Targa	112	39%	GLOBEST	25		
CORPORATE		233	C6	94	22%	1-3 Group	19	5%	CHARLOTTE	24		
			C5	61	23%	Group	9	3%	BERNARDINA	22		
			G4	18	7%	PRC	4	1%	FRENCAMP	21		
			C3	21	7%	TOTAL	285		PINE HILLS	21		
			C2	14	6%				LABELLE	18		
			C1	7	2%				COLLIER	17		
TOTAL VETTES		285							DURBIN	16		
									TAMARING GROVE	15		
									PEVELLS	15		
										40%		

## Did you know?

Recently a collection of 36 Corvettes were found tucked away in a New York warehouse collecting dust. That is one model from each year from 1953 through 1989. Each car has its own story and is being restored to nearly drivable new condition and will be raffled off after April 30, 2020. The History Channel is showing the restoration process on each Corvette. They can be viewed using Comcast “On Demand” and under the website [TheLostCorvettes.com](http://TheLostCorvettes.com).



## Marion County Corvette Show

Saturday, November 16th, was an unusual chilly day in Ocala for the annual Marion County Corvette Show. It was overcast and the temps were in the low 50's. It was so cold that Stan Cohen started the day in shorts but decided to walk over to Dillard's and purchase a pair of long pants. All-in-all, the Villages Vettes Corvette Club had 4 trophy winners, Charlie Burga with 3, and David LeBlanc, Robert Navigato, and Dennis Carroll each with 1. VVCC won the Category of "the most cars from a single club money and trophy". The \$100 was turned over to Mike White to add to Toys-4-Tots and the Trophy will be given to George Nahas Chevrolet for their display case.

Jim Loguidice did not win a trophy but picked it up for Dennis Carroll who left before the awards were announced. Jim just looked so proud holding that trophy. We reframed from receiving the trophy because our hands were freezing in the cold temperature.



## The Villages Honor Flight Chapter held a “Flightless Honor Flight”

On Saturday November 23, The Villages Honor Flight chapter held a “Flightless Honor Flight” event for approximately 29 Armed Forces Veterans who were otherwise unable to fly to Washington D.C. to view the war monuments.

After hours of celebration and recognition, the veterans were greeted by a gauntlet of well-wishers, friends and bagpipers playing the Armed Forces themes.

Waiting outside were thirty-one Corvettes from the Village Vettes Corvette Club and as many motorcycles from The Villages “Nomads” and “Legion Riders” motorcycle clubs. They escorted the 2 busloads of veterans and guardians from Colony Cottage to the American Legion Post in Lady Lake. Local law enforcement from all jurisdictions ran interference to ensure the caravan made it through all intersections uninterrupted.



At the legion post, hundreds of people welcomed the veterans back including family members, friends, Villages Twirlers, Cheerleaders, Honor Flight and Legion staff, and the American Legion Honor Guard.

Flight Director Liza Walters welcomed the veterans back and thanked all volunteers who made the event possible. After each veteran was recognized by name, guests greeted each one individually and thanked them for their service.





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

## ***I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT THE NCM.....DID YOU?***

On November 5 and 6, 2019, I had the pleasure of attending and participating in my second National Corvette Museum's Annual Ambassador's Convention held at the Museum in Bowling Green. It was two days packed full of presentations covering the full scope of what the Museum was, is, and will be doing, sprinkled with some great meals in the evenings and a few side trips with other Ambassadors. Once again, it was well attended by Ambassadors from all over the country including Hawaii.

Each year, I learn some interesting, little known, "stuff" about the Museum. Here is just a few that I would like to share with our VVCC members.

- The National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) conceived and promoted the idea of a Corvette Museum ideally located in Bowling Green, KY ---- not GM
- GM is not now, nor has ever, supported the NCM with monetary donations
- NCM groundbreaking was in June 1992 and the Grand Opening was Labor Day 1994
- Wendell Strobe was hired in December 1996 to become the second NCM President/CEO soon after NCM defaulted on its \$6.6 million bank loan and \$4.3 million tax free bonds. Wendell's guidance saved the NCM and he retired from NCM in 2019
- Wendell Strobe never owned or drove a Corvette – but he is Corvette's biggest enthusiast & supporter
- Motorsport Park grand opening was Labor Day 2014. In 2016 a lawsuit was filed by neighbors against the NCM over the Park operations, which was finally settled in 2018
- NCM owns 430 acres including and surrounding the Motorsport Park on the east side of the highway
- The NCM sinkhole was a great disaster for the NCM, but turned out to be one of its biggest benefits --- it generated a tremendous amount of worldwide publicity for NCM; substantially increased attendance; and generated approximately \$1 million/year additional revenue
- Today NCM has 60 full time, and 75 part time employees
- 35,687 people attended the 2019 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ---- 3,201 fewer than attended the 20<sup>th</sup> in 2014. The 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration generated \$1.7 million net revenue
- Raffle Ticket sales revenue decreased 33% as a result of changes made to comply with gambling laws
- It is illegal to send Raffle Ticket order forms to NCM via US Mail ---- private carriers such as UPS, FEDEX, etc. should be used
- Only 16% of Village Vettes Corvette Club's 470 members are NCM members – **need to increase to 50% or more!**

*"If all you do is drive fast on crooked roads, make noise, and show off, then you are not getting the full benefit from your Corvette. The Corvette facilitates lifelong friendships, comradery, and competition and the full benefit is realized through your affiliation and participation in a local Corvette club and the National Corvette Museum." -- Wendell Strobe*

To expand your circle of friendships and comradery, **BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NCM TODAY!** Simply clip the membership application below, complete, and mail to the NCM.

**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 notify me at either the above email address or cell phone to ensure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM.**



**Please enroll me in the following membership:**

☐ Bus./Club Lifetime \$2500    ☐ Renewal    ☐ Rejoin~  
~Required after 6 month lapse.

☐ Lifetime \$1500

☐ Business/Club \$250

☐ Family \$100 **75.00**

☐ Individual \$50 **37.50**

☐ Senior Individual \$500

**monthly payment plan\*\*\*\***  
(Lifetime membership only)

☐ \$500    ☐ \$200    ☐ \$100

**Method of Payment**

☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ VISA    ☐ Discover    ☐ MasterCard    ☐ AMEX

\_\_\_\_\_ credit card number    \_\_\_\_\_ expiration date

\_\_\_\_\_ signature    \_\_\_\_\_ security code

total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ name of member(s), business or club    \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_ address    \_\_\_\_\_ city    \_\_\_\_\_ state/province    \_\_\_\_\_ zip code

\_\_\_\_\_ home phone    \_\_\_\_\_ work phone    \_\_\_\_\_ birthday+    +Required for New Generation and Seniors.

**VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB, THE VILLAGES, FL 32162**  
Corvette club or organization    **VVCK AMBASSADOR**

**Recruited by: RON TANNER**    ☐ Gift Add \$15

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is a non-profit foundation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership fees and dues are tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Save time and a stamp by signing up online at [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org) or send this form (and check made payable) to:**  
National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101-9134  
All memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. Prices and benefits are subject to change.

## Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

**12/10 - \*\*Tuesday** – Nunsense Hollywood Bowl Show w/ Dinner at Glenview Country Club – with Event Leader Susan Feinberg.

**12/12 - \*\*Thursday** – Christmas Party with catering by Hacienda Caterers and music by Cactus Jack & The Cadillacs

**12/22 - \*\*Sunday** - Cracker's Bar, Grill, Tiki, Crystal River - Event Leader Bob Kerfin

## 2020...Happy New Year

**1/16 – \*\*Wednesday – Mystery Dine & Drive to Hole-in-the-Wall Seafood & Beer**

**1/19 - \*\*Saturday – Grand Oaks Horse Trials and Classic Car Show**

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





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