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NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2020

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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

At the next General meeting you attend take the opportunity to welcome your new officers including President Charlie Tagman, Vice-President Rich Rose, Treasurer Ron Cullum, Secretary Marcus Sherill, and Director of Activities Tom Swiers. Let's support our new Board of Directors for 2020.

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 to check out their benefits and consider becoming a member.

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 and plan to attend.

We have some exciting eat-n-rides coming in January including a Mystery Dine & Drive to Hole-in-the-Wall Seafood & Beer on the 16th, Sip Jazz Restaurant & Bar in Leesburg on the 22nd, and Dinner at Pisces Rising in Mt. Dora on February 5th. Go online today and register! Some may require advance payment.

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 at donchaney@comcast.net along with pictures. I will see that it gets published in our next newsletter.

This is your club to enjoy, but most of all, be a part of it and continue to be active.

If you know of a venue that club members would enjoy, then approach Activities Director Tom Swiers or email him at Tom@Swiers.com. Tom can assist you with getting it started.

Don Chaney
President 2019

MARCH 12 - SAVE THE DATE ! All VVCC members are encouraged to attend the March 12th club meeting which will feature a special guest from Bowling Green.

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since Dec. 1, 2019:

Richard and Kathy Berardino
live in the Village of Springdale

Ronald and Jayme Cordie
live in the Village of Pine Hills.

Debbie Freed

Tony and Linda Hill
live in the Village of Sunbury

Tom and Christine Hurd
live in the Village of DeSoto. They are
from St Augustine, Florida.

Joanne Simpson
live in the Village of Country Club Hills

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

Did you know?

How did we get to the mid-engine Corvette? It was the genius of Zora Duntov, a Belgian educated in Russia, who learned back in 1954 that a small block V-8 was under development for the Chevy Sedan. Zora pushed his management to install one in a Corvette and test it at the GM proving ground. This prototype was driven for 25K miles and torn down to check for weaknesses and wear. A Corvette SS was built for the 12-hours of Sebring race in 1957 but failed to complete because of handling and heat issues. This led Zora Duntov to the conclusion that the engine needed to be mounted behind the driver. Hence, in 2020 his dream finally came true.

Membership Data

12/05/19

TOTAL MEMBERS	471	GEN	Qty	%	BODY	Qty	% Tot	TOP 10 VILLAGES		FullTime	-369	79%
FAMILIES	206	C8	0	0%	RagTop	150	53%	VILLAGE	# Mem's	PartTime	-102	21%
SINGLES	59	C7	99	33%	Targa	111	39%	GILCHRIST	25			
CORVETTES	284	C6	64	22%	T-Top	10	4%	CHARLOTTE	24			
		C5	61	23%	Coupe	9	3%	FERNANDINA	22			
		C4	18	7%	FRC	4	1%	PENNECAMP	21			
		C3	21	7%	TOTAL	284		PINE HILLS	21			
		C2	14	5%				LABELLE	18			
		C1	7	2%				COLLIER	17			
		TOTAL VETTES	284					DUNEDIN	16			
								TAMARIND GROVE	15			
								PINELLAS	15			
									41%	194		

12/05/19

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019, FUN HAD BY ALL





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JANUARY 2020 UPDATE - Here's the latest news
and offerings from the NCM.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT

Here are a few interesting tidbits about the Bowling Green Assembly Plant that I learned on November 5 and 6, 2019 while attending the Annual Ambassador's Convention.

- Nora Roper is the Assistant Plant Manager and effectively the COO. She is a 40 year employee of GM, an Industrial Engineer, and in charge of all assembly operations
- The Bowling Green plant was built in 1969 as a Chrysler Assembly Plant. It was purchased by GM in 1979, and produced the first Corvette in 1981
- Since 2012, GM has invested more than \$1 Billion in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Currently, the plant has 1.7 million square feet under roof
- A second assembly shift will begin work in late February when C8 production begins – over 400 hourly jobs will be added
- Any given C8 will be on the assembly line more than 2 days; a C8 will roll off the line every 4-1/2 minutes
- The first C8 was built on the assembly line in July 2018
- The C8 features three major improvements – Weight Distribution (more weight in the rear); Driveability (driver closer to front); and Visibility (driver not blocked by hood)
- C8 body panels are made by CSP located in Indiana
- Assembly Plant tours will resume approximately 2Q2020 – the VIP tour will include the paint shop

C8 HIGH WING NOW AVAILABLE WITH R8C MUSEUM DELIVERY

The high wing spoiler kit option can now be included on your R8C Museum Delivery optioned Corvette as part of the Museum's PDI process. In addition, the Museum can now also install the ground effects and rocker panel extension options as well. A full list of options with codes, typically installed by dealers, is below:

- Ground Effects Kit in Carbon Fiber Painted Carbon Flash Metallic (5W8)
- Ground Effects Kit in Visible Carbon Fiber (5VM)
- Ground Effects Kit, Molded in Color (5V7)
- High Wing Spoiler in Arctic White, Torch Red, Black and Shadow Gray (5ZU)
- High Wing Spoiler in Carbon Flash Metallic (5ZZ)
- Rocker Panel Extensions in Carbon Fiber Painted Carbon Flash Metallic (SJI)
- Rocker Panel Extensions in Visible Carbon Fiber (S6S)
- Rocker Panel Extensions, Molded in Color (STI)

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NCM TODAY!

Simply clip the membership application below, complete, and mail to the NCM. Please give me a call or send an email or text if you have any questions.

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Bus./Club Lifetime \$2500 <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoin~ <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$1500 ~Required after 6 month lapse. <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Club \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$100 <u>75.00</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50 <u>37.50</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual \$500		Method of Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <u>VVC Ambassador</u>			
Recruited by: <u>RON TANNER</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Add \$15		Save time and a stamp by signing up online at <u>corvettemuseum.org</u> 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

2020 - ** Happy New Year

1/09 - ** Thursday – Pre-Meeting Dinner at Demshar's in Spanish Springs

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

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

1/22 – **Wednesday – Sip Jazz Restaurant & Bar in Leesburg

2/5 – **Wednesday – Dinner at Pisces Rishing in Mt Dora

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, December 14, 2019





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SUNDAY RIDE JANUARY 12TH TERRY'S PLACE

Bob Kerfin is organizing the next ride on *Sunday, January 12*, to Terry's Place 4121 NE 36th Ave, Ocala, FL 34479. Everyone should meet at Eisenhower Recreation Center at 2 pm and be ready to pull out at 2:15 pm.