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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

We kicked off 2020 with our January 9th Membership Meeting where Don Chaney Passed the gavel to me to begin my term as President. A big Thank You to Don for a great 2019 year as President and to Don Schultz for his service as Secretary.

Your other 2020 Officers are Vice President Rich Rose, Treasurer Ron Cullum, Secretary Marcus Sherrill and Director of Activities Tom Swiers.

Our highlight event for January was the third “Annual” Grand Oaks Classic Cruise In” on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

A lot of great events coming up in February with the Membership Meeting/Valentine’s Party on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the renowned Petrina entertaining. This event is free and no need to register. BYOB!! Go to our website for details of other planned events.

We are working to step up the activities at our monthly Membership Meetings. In March, we will have a guest from Bowling Green and in April we are arranging a food truck cruise-in at Eisenhower before the Membership Meeting. More to come on future meetings.

A quick word about VVCC dues. Please pay if you have not already done so.

If you have not done so, please consider joining the National Corvette Museum (NCM) as we striving for 100% membership participation. Our NCM Ambassador Ron Tanner has additional information included in this newsletter.

Looking forward to a great 2020 for the VVCC.

*Charlie Tagman*  
*President 2020*

**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.



The 7th Annual “Blessing Of The Vettes” event will be occurring on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM, at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership. There will be a non-denominational blessing officiated by Minster Clark Barrios, Universal Life Church. The event includes a commemorative dash plaque to the first 200 Vettes, an auction of auto related items, a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, refreshments, vendors, a stirring tribute performed by The Villages Twirlers/ Drum Corps, as well as a high energy/inspiring musical performance by the personable Clark Barrios. This is a “rain or shine” event. The entry fee is a recommended donation of \$5.00/ vehicle. Membership are encouraged to register via the club’s web site, [www.villagevettes.com](http://www.villagevettes.com)



# Welcome New Members

## List of New Members Since Jan 1, 2020:

### Frank and Kay Colby

live in Osceola Hills at Soaring Eagle.  
They are from New Iberia, LA and drive a  
2003 C5, Anniversary Red, Convertible.

### Edward and Mary Costa

live in Mallory. They are from  
Massachusetts and drive a 1994 C4  
Targa Red

### Dan and Judy Fischer

live in Osceola Hills at Soaring Eagle.  
They are from Iowa and have a 1998 C5  
Silver Convertible.

### Bart and Nancy Juliano

live in Hemingway. They are from the  
Bronx, NY and have a 2007 C6 Torch  
Red, Targa.

### Roger and Donmna Kraus

live in the Tamarind Grove and have a  
2007 C6 in Black.

### John Shamblin

live in the Piedmont. They are from  
Tuscaloosa, AL and have a 2016 C7  
Blade Silver Z06 Convertible.

### Fred and Linda Whicker

live in De La Vista South and have a  
2005 C6 Red Convertible.

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

## Membership Data

TOTAL MEMBERS	360
FAMILIES	158
SINGLES	44

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C8	0	0%
C7	78	36%
C6	47	22%
C5	43	20%
C4	14	6%
C3	19	9%
C2	10	5%
C1	6	3%
TOTAL VETTES	217	

Qty	GEN	% Tot
119	RagTop	55%
81	Targa	37%
3	FRC	1%
9	T-Top	4%
5	Coupe	2%
217	TOTAL	

FullTime	-280	79%
PartTime	-80	21%

01/24/20

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GILCHRIST	21
FERNANDINA	20
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## A Special Bottle of Wine



A special bottle of wine dedicated to Purple Heart Recipients was donated to the club by the father of Rich Tabot, a friend of club member Bob Kerfin. Rich's father fought in the Battle of The Bulge and his wish was for the bottle to go to someone who had received a Purple Heart.

A very deserving Bob Navigato, club member and recipient of three Purple Hearts, was presented the bottle by Jim Loguidice at our January meeting.



# GRAND OAKS CAR SHOW

## Event Leaders Jim Loguidice and Mike White

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> was a very successful event for the Village Vettes Corvette Club with a lot of friends and mutual car lovers from the central Florida area. We had about 70 cars, having lost at least that number to the threat of weather. We actually had a club committed to bring 24 cars and wound up with only a handful.

You may have noticed we packed up early. The weather and horizon kept changing from better to worse and back. A cool breeze without sun did not help. After many participants asked if we could «move the award ceremony» up, we decided it was best to shorten the day in everyone's best interest and had the awards/prize drawing just before 12:30 p.m.

We still consider the day a success, and the camaraderie was evident. The «whimsical» award ceremony was quite funny and the top awards (directors chairs) for the two outstanding cars were received with surprise and real enthusiasm by the winners.

There was a woman who was absolutely giddy at receiving an award because she had never entered a car show before and didn't know why she won. Whimsical awards are like that...no rules; just fun.



Our thanks to the Grand Oaks staff for your accommodation and generosity. Morning coffee and pastry was welcome. We really missed the day-long equestrian jumping event, but what we saw was very entertaining. The casual horse traffic around the track added to the experience.





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## **Jewel in the Vette's Ring**

**Designers, engineers had to learn each other's language to create exposed V-8**

**By Hannah Lutz**

**CRAIN Automotive News December 2, 2019 – autonews.com**

On Chevrolet's upcoming midengine Corvette, there's no need to ask what's under the hood. Its engine is visible through a clear hatch in the body. That meant engineers not only had to put up impressive horse power and torque numbers, they also had to make sure the looks of the V-8 matched its performance. If the Corvette were a ring, its designers said, the engine would be its jewel.

"The engine really was intended all along to be a king of showpiece of the car", said Mike Kociba, General Motors assistant chief engineer for small block engines. "There is now a window. You can see into our world directly for the first time."

A polycarbonate insert in the engine compartment cover behind the driver exposes the 490 hp. 6.2 liter V-8, which means every part that can be seen had to be painted and finished." Kociba said. "Now you want to take that extra step and say it not just has a function, it has a style. That really takes us out of our comfort zone."

### **Design and performance**

The engineers and designers went back and forth for about a year before finalizing an engine that achieved their design and performance goals. At times, the two teams had to break through a language barrier of sorts before making progress.

"The first time I tried to explain beautification (to the engineers), beautification (to the engineers), they looked at me like I had three eyes," said Paul Arnone, lead creative designer for performance interiors.

Designers would say, for example, that the black shade on certain components wasn't "warm enough."

"It's almost a whole different language that they use. As an engineer, I have no idea what temperature has to do with color," Kociba said.

"As you start working with them and they show you different examples, it absolutely makes sense."

The team wanted the 2020 Corvette engine to be on par with that of a Ferrari or Lamborghini". Even though we didn't have the same price point, we still need to execute just as well," Arnone said.

Designers pored over the finishes on each component and made sure everything was in "color Harmony," he said. For parts that are less attractive, they toned down the finish and made the colors less eye-grabbing.

The red engine cover is aggressive and looks high-tech, said Kirk Bennion, the Corvette's exterior design manager. "It has a little bit of spinal quality in the veins going down the middle. It sets a different tone of the car. It's not timid or anything like that. It's a provocative part."

But it isn't just for show. It also keeps components in place and is "integrated into the working of the engine," Arnone said.



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GM plans to start building the 2020 Corvette in February in Bowling Green, Ky. The automaker has invested \$439 million over the past four years to ready the factory with new production equipment, a new paint shop and a low volume engine production facility called the Performance Build Center.

### **No baseline**

With the move to a midengine layout, engineers and designers faced a unique challenge with the Corvette: no benchmark to start from.

“We were creating a baseline for this rather than looking at previous designs as a benchmark. There was a steep learning curve,” said Guy Samuels, GM’s creative designer for performance interiors.

They worked through several concurrent proposals over more than a year.

Designers touched nearly every component under the hood and hatch “just to make sure the car was truly and wholly designed and it just wasn’t piecemealed together,” Arnone said.

“The design team even created a bolt style for the Corvette because it didn’t like any of GM’s preapproved bolts. Designers were part of the engineering conversation, which “lends itself to us having creative opportunity firsthand,” Bennion said.

When designing the bolts, the team drew inspiration from Ducati motorcycles. “All their bolts are internal drive, and they have a nice finish to them. They don’t scratch or mark,” Arnone said.

Some of GM’s engineering criteria prohibited bolts with an internal drive, so the team created a dual-drive bolt, which has a cleaner, more stylized look.

“It’s unique to the Corvette right now. It was definitely a different aspect of my job,” Arnone said. “I’ve been doing this for a while, and I’ve never develop a bolt.”



## Exclusive! C8.R Corvette 5.5L DOHC V-8 Pic and How the Flat-Plane Crank Alters Its Iconic Sound

Steven Rupp of Hot Rod Magazine

1/28/2020

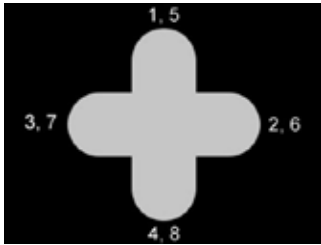
**There's a new engine in the C8.R Corvette, and it sounds nothing like its predecessor.**

They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and although that's true, it can also be in the ear of the listener.

Since the Corvette first hit the streets back in the 1950s, it was imbued with the beautiful and nearly magical sound of V-8 performance. It was a deep, bass-filled rumble that just oozed a feeling of power. Over the years, the sound emanating from Corvettes, [both on the street and at the track](#), had a distinctive note that became synonymous with the car. When the Corvette moved to the LS1 in 1997, the firing order was tweaked a bit, and although the sound did change, it still had that deep rumble that we all love.

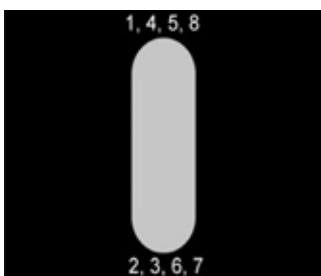
In terms of racing, it was even more apparent. When a C6.R Corvette was running, it sounded unique among its peers. You could tell a [C7.R Corvette](#) was coming around the corner or over the hill based on that distinctive pushrod V-8 sound.

But the only thing constant in the world is change. For the C8.R, Chevrolet Racing really changed things up with its new [mid-engine marvel](#), but it wasn't the engine placement that ended the car's iconic sound signature. It was the engine itself. Gone is the deep baritone exhaust note, replaced instead with a high-pitched Ferrari-like sound. Think puberty in reverse. And although we love the sound of a wound-out Ferrari or other Italian supercars, having that pitch emanate from the back of a Corvette is something that will be hard to get used to. We're not saying the sound is bad—it's actually pretty badass—but it's not even close to the sound signature we've come to associate with Corvettes.



© Hot Rod Network Staff A cross-plane crank has two consecutive exhaust firings on one bank, which is what helps give the rumble associated with American V-8s, though it makes exhaust scavenging less efficient. It also means cross-plane crankshafts have to use large counterweights to properly balance the engine, helping to keep it from rocking up and down but keeping rotational mass high, making for a slower-revving engine.

The real culprit here isn't the new 5.5L DOHC V-8 that Chevrolet moved to. Instead, it was the choice to go with a high-revving [flat-plane crank](#). This drastically changed the firing order of the engine and eliminated the classic American V-8 sound that's typical with the firing sequence of a traditional cross-plane crank. But we know what you're thinking: "Well, this is just the race car, so I'm going to be able to get my V-8 rumble fix from the production car!" Well, yeah, for now. You see, for Chevrolet Racing to run this new DOHC flat-plane crank mill in the C8.R, it has to, according to the rules, run a similar engine in at least 300 production cars. So, does this mean that an eventual C8 Z06 variant will lose its iconic exhaust note? Only time will tell, but that sound that we've all grown to love is gone from the C8.R Corvette.







On Wednesday, January 22nd, Larry and Nancy Hynes led about 24 members of the Village Vettes to Sip on Main Restaurant Jazz and Wine Bar in downtown Leesburg. The food and drinks were outstanding along with the live entertainment. If you have not been to Sip on Main in Leesburg, I suggest that you add it to your next evening outside of The Villages.





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

## ***MUSEUM IN MOTION EVENTS***

I've often read about the Museum in Motion (MiM) events in the NCM monthly newsletters but didn't pay much attention until the MiM Dayton Rolex 24 Hr Race event caught my eye. My wife Marty & I, along with Barb & Chris Vinson, were among the 26 couples that participated in January 22-27 event. We had a great trip to Daytona and of course witnessed the C8s make their racing debut. Pictures of our venture are posted on the Club website if you are interested in taking a look.

There are 12 MiM events scheduled at various venues around the country during 2020. Henceforth, I will post them on the Club website denoted on the Club calendar in a "pinkish" color. The next MiM event available for registration is a trip to Branson, MO during May 26-30. MiM events are all inclusive, very popular and sell out quickly ----- act immediately after they are announced if you are interested. I will be happy to speak with anyone who may be curious about the MiM events.

## ***UPCOMING NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES***

The last C7 Grand Sport Convertible will be raffled on Thursday, February 20. Sales limited to 1500 tickets at \$150 each.

A C8 Artic White Coupe will be raffled on Thursday, March 26. Sales limited to 2000 tickets at \$150 each.

A C8 Black Coupe will be raffled on Saturday, April 25. Sales are unlimited tickets at \$20 each.

I have order forms available – give me a call or stop by the NCM display at the February 13 Club meeting.

## ***RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NCM TODAY!***

Thanks to all those Club members who have renewed their NCM membership, and to those new Club Members who have joined the NCM ! If you haven't yet renewed, or joined NCM, please do so today --- your ongoing support of the Museum is critical ! **NCM Special - New Family Memberships cost \$50 during February 2020 only – enter VALDAY 20 in the discount code box (normally \$75 for VVCC members)!** 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.**

<b>Please enroll me in the following membership:</b> <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 <b>75.00</b> <b>monthly payment plan****</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50 <b>37.50</b> (Lifetime membership only) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100		<b>Method of Payment</b> <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 _____	
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Recruited by: <b>RON TANNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Add \$15		Save time and a stamp by signing up online at <b>corvettemuseum.org</b> 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 sign up member  
must logon to our website  
VILLAGEVETTES.COM

**2/13 Thursday** - Pre-meeting Club Dinner - MEZZA LUNA(all are welcome please register)

**2/13 Thursday** - General Membership Meeting & ♥♥♥Valentine's Party ♥♥♥ with "Petrina"-

**2/16 Sunday** - "LOVE RIDE" with The Village's NOMADS to Ichiban

**2/17 Monday** - Drive & Dine @ HORSE & HOUNDS, Ocala

**2/21-22 Friday/Saturday** - 42nd Annual NCRS Winter Regional meet in Lakeland, FL

**2/22 - Saturday** - TVCAC Car Show meet at Market of Marion

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





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## SUNDAY DRIVE AND DINE "LOVE RIDE" TO ICHIBAN RESTAURANT WITH THE "NOMADS"

Village Vettes member Bob Kerfin is soliciting interested Corvette club members to partner with The Villages "Nomads" motorcycle club for a "Love Ride" to Ichiban's Restaurant in Leesburg, FL. The restaurant specializes in buffet-style Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Parties will **meet at Colony Cottage recreation center at 2:45 pm and leave at 3 pm** for a scenic ride to Ichiban. Participants also have the option to drive directly to the restaurant on their own. Reservations are for 4 p.m. Registration on club web site is recommended for an accurate count.

To reserve your spot at Ichiban,  
text Pam Townsend from the Nomads (519-532-0707)  
or Bob Kerfin from the Village Vettes (847-366-7888  
only)

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Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Where: Ichiban's Restaurant  
10301 US Highway 441  
Leesburg, FL 34788

352-728-6669