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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Wow! Our March 12 Membership meeting seems like ancient history. It's been a long three weeks. I hope you are all well and stay that way.

At the March meeting we had an informative and entertaining presentation by Derek Moore, Curator, National Corvette Museum. Ron Tanner comments more on this elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We had an active April planned. HAD is the operative word. Because of the shut down status of all Village facilities, the Membership Meeting, the Blessing, the Lake Sumpter Landing Cruise-in and all other activities for the month have been canceled or postponed by your Board of Directors. You can go to our website for detailed information.

At this point, inspite of great weather, we are all overshadowed by clouds of uncertainty. Your Board is monitoring the situation so that events can be scheduled as appropriate. On the positive side, Past President and current Director Tom Swiers has taken delivery of his Torch Red C-8. If we have the still scheduled May Member Meeting, Tom has agreed to show up at Eisenhower at 5:15 to showcase the car. Plan on bringing a chair and beverage.

To all of you, STAY SAFE!

*Charlie Tagman*  
*President, 2020*

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# ***“BLESSING OF THE VETTES” HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!***

The 7th Annual “Blessing Of The Vettes” event at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership until further notice!!.

We anticipate that the event will be RESCHEDULED on a date to be determined once the virus threat has been neutralized. When it occurs it will be a non-denominational blessing officiated by Minister 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. Memberships are encouraged to register via the club’s web site, [www.villagevettes.com](http://www.villagevettes.com)



# THERE IS A NEW C8 IN TOWN



I have driven my 2020 Torch Red Corvette approximately 130 miles (almost all within The Villages) since taking delivery on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Following are some of my initial observations formulated during this short driving time:

- The car is extremely quiet. I literally can not hear any engine noise even with the radio off.

- Driving around the roundabouts is effortless. The car has excellent cornering characteristics.

- Most of my driving has been on "Tour" mode. However, I prefer a loud exhaust sound that is not programmed into this driving mode. Using the "My Mode" setting, which allows for engine sound, steering, suspension and braking responses to be customized, I programmed all settings as "Tour" except for the

engine (exhaust) sound which I programmed as "Sport". It accomplished my objective! Note – I can only faintly hear the loud exhaust sound when driving with the windows closed.

- I have been using the rear-view camera mode which allows for excellent rear view visibility.
- Transmission shifting is barely noticeable and extremely quick. In approaching a stop light from approximately 35MPH, the transmission automatically downshifts 3 to 4 times as speed is being reduced, resulting in barely any need to apply the brake.
- MPG is ranging from 15 to 17 while driving in The Villages.
- Learning all of the options for the Driver Information Center and the Infotainment Screen is still a "work-in-process". Lots of options!
- I just loaded a 64GB SD card into the Performance Data Recorder. I am planning on using it as a built-in Dashcam.
- The Front Lift System works great! I have stored the location of our driveway and the car automatically lifts 2" when I am approximately 50' from the driveway. No more scraping the front end of the car!
- Ingress and egress is much easier compared to previous generation Corvettes.
- The car is a Z51 with the 3LT package that includes a custom interior trim and seat combination package consisting of an Adrenaline Red lower dash and trim, Jet Black seats with red stitching and red seat belts. It sure looks great!
- Finally, I sure get a lot of looks! The C8 certainly attracts a lot of attention.



## **VILLAGE 'VETTES CLUB HOSTED THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE**



The Village 'Vettes Corvette Club was honored to host Derek Moore, NCM director of Collections & Museum Curator, at its March 12, 2020 meeting. Derek is a member of the museum's leadership team, and functions practically as the museum's chief operating officer. Derek has been with NCM for 2-1/2 years, and formerly was employed at the Crawford aviation museum and Henry Ford Museum.

Derek gave our club an hour long slide show, and fielded questions throughout, on his areas of responsibility at NCM – which are broad, far reaching and “behind the scenes” including documenting, restoring, preserving, managing and storing artifacts; acquisition and removal of artifacts; maintenance of the library; certification of the museum; and museum exhibits.

Recent developments at the museum include acquisition of the F.O.P. building on the south end of the property for storage of small and medium artifacts, as well as housing a video recording studio; expansion of the self building where the museum's 130-140 owned, loaner, and gm cars are stored along with old assembly line equipment; ongoing work on 5 museum accreditation applications; acquisition of an entombed 1954 Corvette; acquisition of an GM experimental 2 rotor Corvette; and working with gm to restore the original 2 rotor engine to be put back into the car.

Likewise, many projects are underway and planned for the museum exhibit area. Examples of these are rebuilding of the performance gallery which will house 11 vehicles and be designed as an interactive exhibit with kiosks; the big daddy Roth artist exhibit and exhibition of Ed Roth vehicles; the Damsell's of design exhibit; the 60 years of mid-engine corvette design exhibit; the fully vetted video series on the NCM website; and the Vette Academy video series which member George Borke recently announced via a member email.

Lastly, the NCM has recently started exhibition of vehicles at select car shows and competitions, as well as loaned a Corvette to the National Air & Space Museum in Washington dc for a one-year exhibition.

At the conclusion of Derek's remarks, he was presented with an official Village 'Vettes club shirt and ball cap as a showing of our appreciation. Thanks to all those Village 'Vettes members who attended the March 12, 2020 meeting!

*-- Ron Tanner, Village 'Vettes NCM Master Ambassador*

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# CONVERTIBLE TOP CARE

By Charlie Taylor

For our members that have a Rag Top, here are a few tips for care that I have researched from the Corvette Owner's Manual and Haartz Corporation, the company that makes the fabric for the convertible tops.

First : Wash with a good quality car wash. I like Griot's, Mother's, and McGuire's. DO NOT USE DISH DETERGENT.

Between washings, I use a lint roller or vacuum cleaner to clean dust and dirt. If you get a bird dropping on your top, and you have a hose with nozzle available, rinse it off immediately, otherwise, wait till it dries, then vacuum to remove. Do not try to rub off with a towel if moist, it will just make it worse.

General Motors does not recommend a CAR WASH for convertible tops. Haartz recommends Ragg Topp products that are available from Autogeek.com, Corvette Museum, Zips, and other Corvette vendors.

Stubborn soiled spots or the entire top can be cleaned with Ragg Topp Cleaner and a soft brush.

After the top has dried, apply Ragg Topp Protectant as directed. I apply it in the garage, and I always cover the entire car with a plastic drop cover when applying the protectant.

When the car is in the garage or parked in the driveway/street, keep the top up to protect the interior from the sun. Leaving the top up when in the garage will also avoid the top from getting wrinkles in the fabric.

Below are some of the resources used for this article.

Corvette C7 and C6 Owner's Manual

[www.HAARTZ.com](http://www.HAARTZ.com)

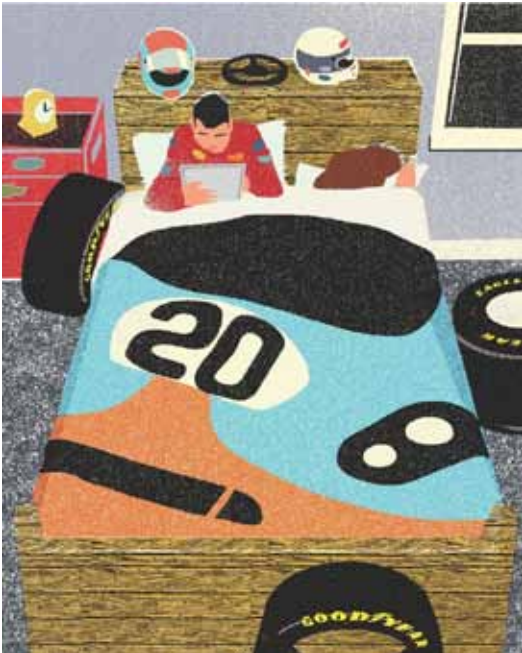
[www.WOLFSTEINS.COM](http://www.WOLFSTEINS.COM) for Ragg Topp

[www.Griotsgarage.com](http://www.Griotsgarage.com)



# The One Thing You Need to Become a Race Car Driver

Luck and money are helpful, but they won't get you there. You have to want it more than anything.



MAR 20, 2020

"I've always wanted to be a race-car driver."

I've heard this comment more times than I've raced a car myself, usually from the person sitting next to me on a plane, after they find out what I do for a living. And each time, the first thing through my mind is, "No you haven't." (I don't actually say that—I try to be polite.) See, if they really did want to be a racer, they would have become one. But they didn't want it bad enough. To race, at any level, requires sacrifice and commitment.

This story originally appeared in the February 2020 issue of Road & Track.

A friend recently commented that he could have been a good club racer, but didn't want it bad enough. Let's hear it for honesty!

Racing is more accessible than many sports. If you're five-eight and 150 pounds, I don't care how badly you want to play in the NFL, you're probably not going to make it. But almost anyone can physically drive a race car. What separates those who make it from those who don't? Desire. Commitment. Discipline. Sacrifice. Hard work. In another word: want.

This year we've had two major motion pictures featuring auto racing: The Art of Racing in the Rain and Ford v Ferrari. There's one common theme: Denny Swift and Carroll Shelby wanted in, and badly. Driver or team owner, they each sacrificed a lot. And it's the same in real life. People say it just takes money. If so, why are there so many drivers at the very top who made it without a silver spoon? Lewis Hamilton didn't come from a wealthy family. Neither did Scott Dixon.

At one time, I had a "real" job. My day gig now involves race cars and a lot of interesting travel. It's hard work, but it's different. My old job was a means to an end, a way to pay for what I really wanted. I'd heard of a woman from a wealthy family who sponsored some drivers in the Formula Atlantic series, so I knew I needed to meet her. I jumped in my car on a Friday after work and drove 13 hours to Sonoma Raceway (it was called Sears Point back then), arriving early on Saturday morning. After freshening up as much as I could, I searched the paddock for my target and found her just after noon.

My initial contact was rewarded with an invite to sit down the following morning to talk. I positioned my car in the back corner of the parking lot, so I could sleep that night in as much comfort as possible. After a 20-minute conversation the next morning that ultimately led nowhere (but did fuel some of my hopes), I watched the Formula Atlantic race (the one I wanted to be in).

Then I drove 13 hours north so I could shower and get back to work on Monday morning.

While this was far from the biggest sacrifice I made in my career, I don't know of a driver who doesn't have dozens of stories like it. Homes, marriages, careers, and bank accounts are common sacrifices. This magazine's

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## The One Thing You Need to Become a Race Car Driver

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editor at large, Sam Smith, recently told me that, when he was younger, he sold his couch to pay for more race tires. Sleeping and sitting on furniture are low priorities in a racer's life.

The best drivers at all levels have one common trait: They're a cross between stupidly optimistic and actively pessimistic. It's the stupid optimism that triggers the commitment, and the active pessimism that gets them off the couch and doing what it takes—honing their craft on a daily basis, whether in the car or at the gym, preparing mentally, understanding technical nuance, or working the sport's business end. As with any great craftsman, the product is never quite good enough. That last lap could have been even better, I could train just a little harder, I could commit just a bit more, I'm never quite satisfied.

If you're unwilling to do what it takes to reach glory, that's fine. There's nothing wrong with admitting it. But don't fool yourself into thinking you can chase a dream without commitment.

Whether you want to be a pro driver or simply drive your car at a track day, don't just say you want it. Do it. A bonus? When we run into each other on a plane some day, the conversation will be that much more fun.

Ross Bentley is the author of the Speed Secrets book series, a former IndyCar 'shoe, and R&T's chief driving sage. He lives in Washington State.

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH DRIVE AND DINE WENT TO BLACKWATER INN WITH THE "NOMADS"



## Corvette Museum Launches Educational Video Series For Chevy Fans Stuck At Home



The National Corvette Museum has launched a new online educational video series to help keep Chevrolet fans informed and entertained while at home during the coronavirus pandemic.

The free video series, dubbed Vetteacademy, will offer educational, Corvette-related content for all ages. A new video will be released each weekday via the Corvette Museum's Facebook page and YouTube channel, providing a consistent stream of content for those who have been banished to their living rooms.

So far, topics for Vetteacademy episodes have included Corvette Generations, the Museum's Sinkhole and Mechanics: How to Change a Tire. The series is geared toward school-aged children, providing basic background info on a variety of subjects, but adults are also encouraged to tune in to the videos as well.

"Many museums across the country are offering free virtual content to stay engaged with their audience while attracting new fans," said Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the Corvette Museum. "As a nonprofit foundation, our mission is to educate the public. We developed these videos to not only provide educational content, but also be entertaining and engaging."

For those adults who want a more intensive deep dive into the history of the Corvette and the National Corvette Museum, the organization has also launched an adjacent series called Fully Vetted. Debuting on Tuesday, the videos will feature Museum Director of Collections and Curator Derek E. Moore and Museum Historical Media Coordinator Bob Bubnis, who will work to "decode Corvette history," for viewers and provide an in-depth look at the origins of the iconic sports coupe.

The Corvette Museum had originally planned to launch Fully Vetted as a paid series online to support its usual revenue streams from museum admission, but with the coronavirus pandemic keeping folks at home for the coming weeks or even months, it wanted to give Chevy fans a fun way to pass the time.

"Our Fully Vetted series is designed to provide a digital touch-point to Corvette fans worldwide while also offering educational and entertaining content for those wanting to soak up as much Corvette information as possible," added Preston. "Derek and Bob will share in-depth stories, the lore behind the brand, and a behind-the-scenes view of America's Sports Car."

Preston also said the museum is welcoming "tax-deductible donations to help us continue providing educational content through these challenging times." The museum remains closed amid the pandemic and it is currently not clear when it will be able to reopen.

You can view episode one of the Vetteacademy kids' series embedded below, or visit the [dedicated Vetteacademy landing page](#) for more information on the series.  
[Vettecademy Video, Episode #1](#)



## R-U-BOARD???? ON-LINE CORVETTE SHOW \$10



With spring car shows, races, and other automotive events having been cancelled or rescheduled, the National Corvette Museum has pulled together resources to offer then next best thing – an online car show.

“Being a 501c3 nonprofit foundation we started brainstorming ways to keep our audience engaged and the idea of an online car show emerged,” said Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the Museum. “We’ve created a number of categories that people can enter including the opportunity to share a little extra about their car – so rather than have judging like a typical car show, it’s fun, celebrity choice awards.”

Corvette elite through the generations were quick to jump on board with the idea. Joining the line-up of celebrity judges include retired Engineers and Chief Engineers Gib Hufstader, Dave McLellan, Dave Hill and Tom Wallace, Designers Peter Brock, Jerry Palmer and Tom Peters, racers Tony DeLorenzo,

John Heinricy, Andy Pilgrim and Johnny O’Connell as well as Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan, past and present GM Corvette Plant Managers Kai Spande, Jeff Lamarche, Dave Tatman, Wil Cooksey and Paul Schnoes, Corvette Hall of Fame inductees Reeves Callaway and Mike Yager, Corvettes at Carlisle’s Lance Miller, and Museum President Sean Preston.

A total of 24 awards will be given, including for each Corvette Generation, Corvette Race Cars, Best Story, Most Unique/Personalized, Plant Manager’s Choice, President’s Choice, People’s Choice and a Club Participation Award to the Corvette Club with the highest percentage of participation. For the C8 award, Ralph White has donated two Next Generation Corvette Counter Stools with backs. Honorable mention certificates will also be awarded.

“We wanted to encourage all enthusiasts to enter, even if they don’t normally enter their car in shows. We created categories that give everyone a fair shot at walking away with some recognition,” shared Sean. “One category focuses solely on the story behind the car and we can’t wait to read the submissions!”

Corvette enthusiasts can enter the show on the Museum’s website ([corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org)) from April 6 – 12. The cost to enter is \$10 per car, with the option to add on additional judged categories for \$10 each. Enthusiasts can enter more than one Corvette by using a separate online entry form per car. Each household that enters will receive a commemorative dash plaque.

All entries will be posted on the Museum’s website, and judging will occur the week of April 12. The Museum will post a video announcing the winners on Thursday, April 23. Awards will be mailed to each winner or can be held for pickup at the Michelin NCM Bash, slated for May 28-30.

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## R-U-BOARD???? ON-LINE CORVETTE SHOW \$10, (con't)

“During these uncertain times the Museum has worked hard to keep as many of our staff employed as possible. The car show is not only a fun way for people to get involved in the car hobby at a ‘social distance’ but will hopefully generate a little revenue for the Museum while we are closed. We are excited for everyone to fill our website’s pages with images on their beautiful Corvettes!” added Sean.

The awards have been made possible through the generosity of several businesses, Clubs and Corvette Store partners, including Artisan’s, Callaway, Custom LED Service LLC, Dana Forrester, Huntington Sheet Metal, Kim’s Gold Dust, Mid-America Motorworks, NCM Fighter Squadron, Ralph White, Ready Motorsports, Titan Lifts, Vince Con Corvette, Volunteer Vettes and Zip Corvette.

“We sincerely thank those businesses who jumped on board with this endeavor. We realize budgets are tight for a lot of companies, so it means a lot that they choose to support what we are doing and to help keep the car hobby alive,” said Sean.

### NCM VIRTUAL CORVETTE SHOW

#### MEDIA CONTACT:

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#### AWARD

##### CATEGORIES

C1 Generation  
C2 Generation  
C3 Generation  
C4 Generation  
C5 Generation  
C6 Generation  
C7 Generation  
C8 Generation (receives Next Gen Counter Stools)

Track Worthy C1-C2

Track Worthy C3

Track Worthy C4

Track Worthy C5

Track Worthy C6

Track Worthy C7

Best Story

Most Unique/Personalized

Plant Managers’ Choice (4 Available)\*

President/CEO’s Choice\*

Peoples’ Choice\*

Club Participation\*

#### HOW TO ENTER

Visit this web page beginning Monday, April 6.

Enter information on the car (model, year, modifications and an optional ‘story’ on your car of up to 200 words).

Select the category(ies) you wish to enter.

Enter your information including payment information.

Entries are \$10 per car, per category.

All entries are automatically entered for the ‘Choice’ Awards (Plant Managers’, President/CEO and Peoples’) as well as club participation award.

Select ONE photo per entry to upload

## Welcome New Members

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

#### Lindsay and Roz Lowe

live in the Village of Bridgeport at Miona Shores. They moved here from Atlanta, GA. They drive a 2001 C Yellow Z06

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

## Monthly Wine Quiz

The lucky winner of this month's wine quiz..  
Congratulations

Who is going to answer this months question?



IN WHAT YEAR WAS THE CORVETTE OFFERED WITH ONLY AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND KNOW MANUAL OPTION?

ANSWER - 1982

## Membership Data

TOTAL MEMBERS			406	TOP 10 VILLAGES		Qty	GEN	% Tot
FAMILIES	180			VILLAGE	#	131	RagTop	53%
SINGLES	46			GILCHRIST	22	100	Targa	40%
				PENNECAMP	21	3	FRC	1%
				PINE HILLS	19	8	T-Top	3%
				FENNEY	18	7	Coupe	3%
				FERNANDINA	18	249	TOTAL	
				LABELLE	17			
				CHARLOTTE	16			
				COLLIER	15			
				DUNEDIN	14	FullTime	-307	79%
				TAMARIND GROVE	14	PartTime	-95	21%
					43% 174	?????	4	
TOT.VETTES	249			ALL OTHERS	232			




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

## ***NCM INSURANCE NOW SERVING NEW YORK RESIDENTS***

	<p>The NCM Insurance Agency now offers collector vehicle coverage to residents of New York.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ANY year, make and model of collector vehicle (not just Corvettes)</li><li>• Agreed Value Protection</li><li>• NCM Member Discount</li><li>• Deductible options (from \$50 and up to help reduce premiums)</li><li>• One Liability Charge</li><li>• Expert Claims Service</li></ul> <p>Visit the agency online or call our office at 877-678-7626 to speak with an in-house agent for a free quote.</p>
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## ***MICHELIN NCM BASH RESCHEDULED TO MAY 2020***



The Michelin NCM Bash has been **RESCHEDULED** for May 28-30, 2020. All registration information has been transferred to the new dates. Should you need to modify or cancel your registration, please [log in to your account](#) on NCM website. New registrations and changes to existing registrations are available without penalty through May 7.

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

Build your own C8 Corvette or Take \$60,000 Cash Option will be raffled on Friday, April 24 at 3 pm CDT. Sales limited to 1500 tickets at \$250 each.

A C8 Black Coupe will be raffled on Saturday, April 25 at 3 pm CDT. Sales are unlimited tickets at \$20 each.

A C8 Torch Red Coupe will be raffled on Saturday, April 30 at 2 pm CDT. Sales limited to 1,500 tickets at \$150 each.

Below is a Raffle Ticket application form for the above raffles – simply clip it, complete, and mail to the NCM at least 7 days prior to the raffle selected. Please give me a call or send an email or text if you have any questions.





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## 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 !

As of March 8, 2020, the VVCC has 404 members of which 88 (21.8%) are members of the National Corvette Museum. 10 of our 88 NCM members are Lifetime Members!

If you haven't yet renewed, or joined NCM, please do so today --- your ongoing membership fees support of the Museum is critical! 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*</b> <b>monthly payment plan****</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50 <b>37*</b> (Lifetime membership only) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <b>*1st YEAR NEW MEMBER</b>		<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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home phone _____	work phone _____	birthday+ +Required for New Generation and Seniors.	
<b>VILLAGE 'VETTES CORVETTE CLUB (FLORIDA)</b> Corvette club or organization _____			
Recruited by: <b>RON TANNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Add \$15 <small>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.</small>		Save time and a stamp by signing up online at <a href="http://corvettemuseum.org">corvettemuseum.org</a> 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.	

## Stephanie Morrill - Admin

Hello Ambassador friends! We hope this message finds everyone well! We have an awesome way to help break the boredom and continue to build our Corvette fellowship.

Former Board Chair, Leslie Gardner, is hosting a bi-weekly telecom with some of our favorite Corvette Celebrities. Below is the information on how you can participate.

Hello Corvette Enthusiasts!

I hope all are doing well. If you need an hour break from isolation, please join me on a bi-weekly telecom.

I started this initially for the West Coast Corvette Clubs. Our first VIP speaker was Dr. Sean Preston, NCM President and CEO. I'm now thinking why limit this to the west coast and open this to any corvette club and enthusiasts.

I host this telecom every other week. I have the dates listed further down. Please add to your calendars. A calendar notice won't be provided.

This is a simple call in. Not zoom, WebEx. No charts or visuals. To me it's like the old days ... sitting around the radio. Feeling more nostalgic as time goes on during our pandemic. I think you can relate.

Our next telecom is scheduled for:

**Thursday April 9th at 12pm pacific time**

VIP guest speaker is **Kai Spande**, Corvette Assembly Plant Manager!

I have the following speakers lined up for future telecom dates.

**Harlan Charles**, Chevrolet Corvette & Camaro Product Manager

**Doug Fehan**, Corvette Racing Program Manager

**Ray Battaglini**, Founder, First President and Chairman of the National Corvette Museum (he has stories you have not heard. How the museum was established and the challenges and triumphs etc. Very enlightening!)

Please invite all club members and enthusiasts you know. They do not need to be a NCM member. More the better to share. Even if they are interested in the museum or not, love the C8 or prefer front engine corvettes, Corvette Racing fans or not. This telecom is to give those interested an hour break during our coronavirus isolation. It's good to socialize as much as we can! ☺

If we need to go beyond May 21st, I can certainly schedule more. If isolation ends prior, I can cancel the telecom.

**Here's the call in information -**

**Date: Thursday April 9th, April 23rd, May 7th & May 21st**

**Time: 12pm to 1pm pacific time**

**Call in number: 425-436-6383**

**Access code: 777462#**

Dick Bottis, Past President of Corvettes of So Cal and present Treasurer, has offered to help me during the telecom by providing his cell number for call in questions. I will provide his number at the beginning of the April 9th call. Participants can text him with a question or comment to be read during the hour.

Prior to the meeting I welcome questions from NCM Ambassadors and club leaders. I will send questions collected to the guest speaker prior to the telecom. I think that worked well.

I do have to warn from freeconferencecall.com (service provider I use) that the system may overload and callers may get the busy signal or dropped calls. Just try again. Millions and millions of people are making calls during this pandemic. Please take care, be safe and if anyone needs to reach out for help or want to chat between telecoms, let me know. So remember ... same day, same time and same call in info ... every two weeks.

***Thanks! Leslie***

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## Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member  
must logon to our website  
[VILLAGEVETTES.COM](http://VILLAGEVETTES.COM)

**4/14 - Thursday** - Pre-meeting Club Dinner TBD

**4/14 - Thursday** - General Membership Meeting.  
Eisenhower Regional Rec Center 6:30