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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

The beat goes on!! Seems of late, nothing much changes but the date.

Your Board continues to focus on what happens if things open up?. And, what happens if they don't ?

Financials, as reported by Treasurer Ron Cullum, are in good shape. Cash in excess of \$10,000.00 is on hand. Financials are available on the member website.

Tom Swiers reports that there are a number of activities happening in September and also in the fourth quarter. Again, see our web site.

As you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter, we now have a full slate of proposed officers to vote on as soon as our membership meetings can resume. The existing slate of officers will stay in place until then. Its not to late to come forward , if you are a qualified member, and wish to stand for office. If you do, contact Mike White.

There will not be a September Membership Meeting as the Rec Centers are still in close down. We will have an October 8 Membership Meeting IF allowed.

A Toys 4 Tots Kick-Off is being planned for October 17th. Details are not yet finalized but a members only outdoor event at Nahas Chevrolet with live entertainment by Johnny Wilde etal with refreshments (and social distancing) is being planned. 2020 is expected to be a very difficult year for the T4T campaign. Accordingly, we are going to be asking members for a voluntary 'Toy 4 Tots 2020 \$\$\$ Pledge' Details will be forthcoming but pledging will be available at the Kick-Off and subsequent T4T events.

The One Blood event is scheduled at Moyer Rec Center on September 30. Please come even if you are unable to give blood to support this worthwhile cause. Hot Dogs with "mustard only".

*Stay healthy and stay happy!!*  
*Charlie Tagman, President 2020*

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**ARE YOU:  
BORED?**

**TIRED OF LOOKING AT THE SAME OLD FACE(S)?  
RUNNING OUT OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT?**

**ANXIOUS FOR SOME HUMAN CONTACT OTHER THAN YOUR SPOUSE, PARTNER, S/O?  
DOWN TO "3 STOOGES" MOVIES ON NET-FLIX?**

Well, it has been suggested by one member that since we can't have meetings perhaps just a "social get-together" might be appropriate so, after extensive steering committee meetings, entertainment committee meetings and a meeting of the "social get-together" committee we've decided to have a go at it. Bring your chairs, umbrellas for shade/rain, snacks etc for you and your guest and you can all sit around (6' min distancing) and have grownup conversations with adults other than the one you sleep with.

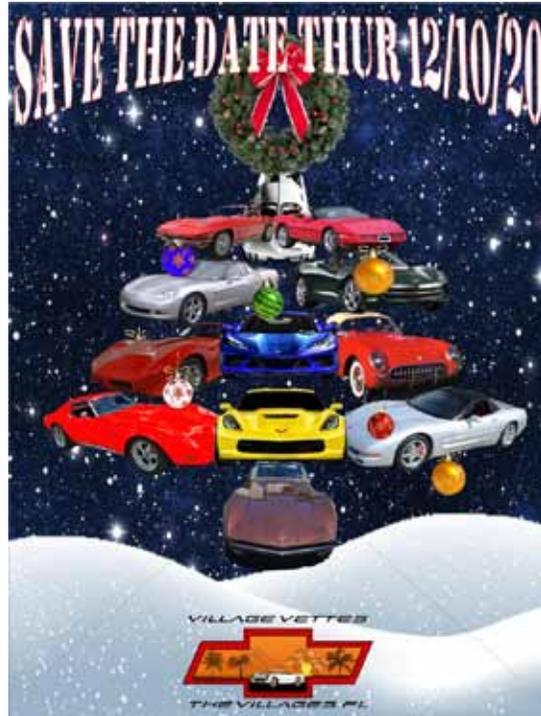
**OUT OF COURTESY FOR OTHERS, PLEASE BRING AND WEAR A MASK**

**WHERE: Eisenhower Reg. Rec Center.**

**WHEN: Thursday starting @ 6PM until ????**

It was decided that it is simply too hot right now to have it in/on the parking lot so we're going to try out the grassy area in and around the pavilion: click this link: Eisenhower Overhead Graphic.jpg

No sign-up or registration is necessary, just grab your chairs etc., show up, and relax and enjoy a couple hours with Corvette freinds.



Jingle, jingle, mark your calendars for the annual Village Vettes “Country Christmas” Dinner Party on **Thursday, 10 December ’20**. The entertainment will feature world class showman Kip Sweeny channeling country legend Garth Brooks in his production, “Garth Brooks – The Ultimate Tribute Show.” It promises to be an evening to remember.

The event will be catered by the Oakwood Smokehouse Grill. As noted, it will be a “country” themed event; so, members are encouraged to don their western garb (jeans/slacks boots/spurs/cowboy hat/bandana). Cost is \$75.00/couple (\$37.50/person).

So, mosey-on down and be ready to “slip on down to the oasis - where you have friends in low places.”

Watch the club’s web site (<https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com>) for further details or check out

“Garth Brooks - The Ultimate Tribut Show” (Click on link) <https://youtu.be/jeJH5vNSCao>



## **BLOOD DRIVE**



**SPONSORED BY THE  
VILLAGE VETTES  
VILLAGE NOMADS and  
FRUITLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
8:30 AM to 3 PM  
MOYER RECREATIONAL CENTER  
MOYER LOOP ROAD**

**They are looking for some Corvette's and Motorcycle's to display**

**Call Bob Kerfin**

**(847) 366-7888**

**By giving blood you get a free tee shirt and the The NOMADS will be supplying hot dogs and condiments (mustard) to all our attendees. So bring yourself and significant other, your sweet ride, chairs, your own beverage AND YOUR APPETITE.**

**We also recommend you bring your own, cooler, umbrella for shade, etc. Thanks to member Bob Kerfin, a Village Vettes member and Nomads president, and OneBlood director Larry Fish. The Cruise-In will be a display of magnificent motorcycles and gorgeous Corvettes, all for the enjoyment of our members and the public. And it will be an opportunity for members to voluntarily donate blood as well.**



**They will also test for  
Covid 19 antibodies.**

**By appointment only call**

**Phone: 352-732-0175**

**Cell: 352-266-1020**

**Fax: 352-732-6251**

**This is a Rain or Shine event**



The current slating for the forthcoming Board elections is as follows:

#### Tentative 2021 Board Slating

<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE</u></b>
President	Charlie TAGMAN (01 May '17)
Vice President	Rich ROSE (11 Sept '14)
Secretary	Marcus SHERRILL (12 Sept '13)
Treasurer	Art DONNELLY (10 Aug '15)
Acitvities	Tom SWIERS (13 Sept '12)

For variety we sometimes bring you articles of interest to “Car People” that are not solely focused on Corvettes. Chapter 3 - John Shamblin (2016 Blade Silver Z06 Convertible). John has been building model cars since he was a kid growing up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has expanded his model car hobby into automotive dioramas, some of which actually tell a story. This month we bring you Chapter 3 of his most recent project. " <https://www.shamblesmodels.com/>



## Chapter 4 *And the plot moistens*

I’ve gotta feeling that Connie’s gonna be trouble. There seems to be some sparks between of Frank and Connie. And it seems like Connie does more flirtn’ than sellin’ or secretaryin’ so this giving me second thoughts.

I just learn’t that Eddie Ray is really pissed, and may be stalking Connie (that’s him beside the rollback drivers door). Bubba said he’d seen a mean-lookin’ bald headed dude in sun glasses skulking around all afternoon.

Connie’s flirting with a young guy in a varsity football jacket who’s at his folks’ place down here over the holidays, saw the yellow ’57 convertible, and got daddy-big-bucks to buy it for him. The guys are getting loaded for transport back up to Jr’s school in Geogia. Frank’s watching everything through the dealership window. He’s the jealous type, and don’t look too happy.





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

## ***DO THIS BEFORE RENEWING YOUR CORVETTE AUTO INSURANCE***

The next time your Corvette auto insurance policy comes up for renewal, check out the Collector Car insurance offered by NCM. Collector Car insurance doesn't necessarily mean classic car insurance or antique car insurance. In fact, NCM insures new Corvettes as well as classics. Following are several reasons you will like NCM insurance:

- **Broad Usage:** The National Corvette Museum and NCM Insurance Agency love to see the cars they insure driven. NCM highly encourages you to take your car out on a nice day and enjoy it!
- **Mileage Options:** NCM has several mileage plans to meet your needs. Pick the best plan that fits your vehicle and save money. Plus, NCM offers rollover miles.
- **Agreed Value:** NCM only writes collector car insurance policies on an Agreed Value basis. Once NCM agrees on a value for your vehicle, that's what you'll get in the event of a total loss. NCM will not depreciate or question the vehicle's value.
- **Claims:** If you were to have a claim you can take your car to the repair shop of your choice. You know who will do the best job on your prized possession!
- **Lower Cost:** NCM's collector car insurance will often be cheaper than your standard auto insurance companies. Plus, with the Agreed Value coverage, you know you'll be fairly compensated.
- **One Liability Charge:** With the NCM Insurance Agency, you will pay for liability coverage only one time, while most standard auto companies charge for each vehicle.
- **Spare Parts:** NCM automatically includes \$2,000 for lost or stolen parts, plus NCM includes \$75 to cover towing costs. If you want additional towing coverage you can purchase our Expanded Towing coverage for \$10.
- **Optional 9-5:** NCM offers "Nine-to-Five Driver" that allows you to drive your vehicle to work up to a couple times a week!
- **New Car?** Any new addition to your collection is covered for 30 days and up to \$50,000!
- **Trip Interruption Coverage:** If your vehicle ever breaks down while you are on a trip more than 50 miles from home NCM will pay up to \$600 for transportation, lodging and expenses.
- **Broad Deductible Options:** From \$0 to \$10,000 on all vehicle types.
- **Optional Full Safety Glass:** NCM waives the deductible if a windshield requires replacement and there is no other vehicle damage.
- **Pet Coverage:** NCM provides coverage if a pet is injured during an accident.

Contact NCM Insurance Agency at 877.678.7626 or [info@ncminsurance.com](mailto:info@ncminsurance.com) for a free quotation.

### ***ATTENTION VVCC MEMBERS WHO BELONG TO NCM***

**Plan to attend the October 8, 2020 monthly VVCC membership meeting (assuming there is a meeting) to participate in a special recognition of NCM members.**



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**UPCOMING NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES**

**2021 BYO Corvette or \$65,000 Cash**

**Drawing Date: 9/24/2020 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$250.00 Each; Tickets: 1,50**



**2021 Silver Flare Coupe**

**Drawing Date: 10/15/2020 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$100.00 Each; Tickets: 2,000**



Below is a Raffle Ticket request form for the above raffles – simply clip it, complete, and send 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, and let me know if you purchase a ticket(s).

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.

**PAYMENT TO:**  
Attn: Raffle  
National Corvette Museum  
350 Corvette Drive  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

**Corvette Raffle Ticket Request Form—NOT A TICKET**

NO. OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$100/tkt 8/20/20 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$200/tkt 9/4/20 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20/tkt 9/5/20

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET(S) SOLD BY: Ron Tanner - Ambassador Village 'Vettes Corvette Club

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TICKET FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: Attn: Raffle, National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101



## **One-Owner C2 Corvette Racks up an Astounding 582K Miles** By Brett Foote - July 20, 2020

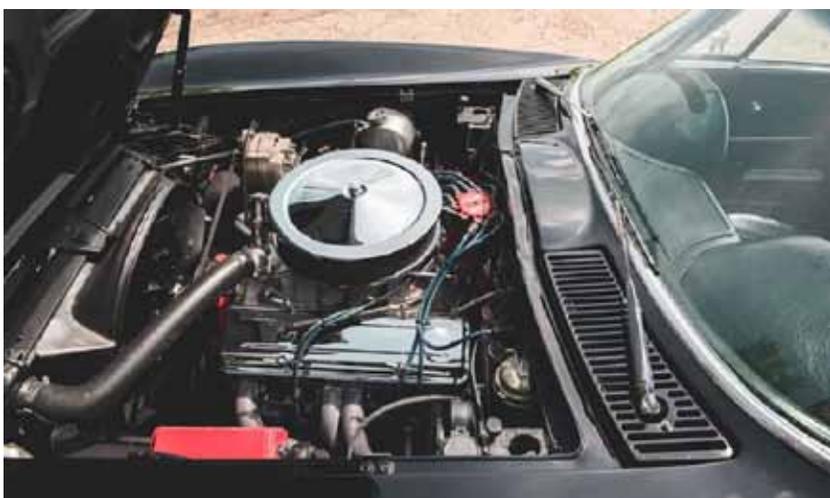


### **1963 C2 Corvette**

Over the last 50+ years, this well-traveled C2 Corvette has remained the only constant in its owner's life.

The Corvette, at its very core, is a sports car. A vehicle that most owners over the years have used as a fun, second vehicle, not necessarily a daily driver. There are exceptions, of course, but for the most part, you rarely see any Corvette of any vintage with a significant number of miles on the odometer. Certainly none with over a half-million clicks, which is how far this amazing C2 Corvette has traveled.

Any one-owner 1963 Corvette is worthy of a story, but this one is extra special, and thus scored a recent feature at Hot Rod. The one and only owner, Steve Stone of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, purchased the car new when he was a mere 18-years-old. Most of us would have wound up in a ditch somewhere in the first couple of days of ownership, but Stone just wanted to drive his fancy new ride as much as possible.



### **1963 C2 Corvette**

And that's precisely what he did from the very start. Stone used up his car's 24,000-mile warranty in just eight months on his way to recording 33,575 miles in his first year of ownership. He then proceeded to rack up another 30k the second year. But in May of 1965, he was drafted, which almost ended this relationship prematurely. Thankfully, however, Stone didn't get sent to Vietnam. And though he had put his car up for sale, it didn't sell.

Decades went by, and the miles just kept piling on. Like most, Stone got married, had kids, got divorced, got married again, and worked a career. The one and only constant in his life has been this C2 Corvette. He's taken it on road trips up the coast, drag raced and autocrossed it, attended shows like Corvettes at Carlisle, and even recorded a few laps at the Indy 500.

## One-Owner C2 Corvette Racks up an Astounding 582K Miles (con't.)

By Brett Foote - July 20, 2020



### 1963 C2 Corvette

To date, this C2 Corvette has traveled an astounding 582,000 miles. Which is far enough to drive around the entire circumference of the earth over 23 times. It isn't every day you see a car with over a half-million miles on it. No matter the make or model. But '60s Corvette? Virtually never.



### 1963 C2 Corvette

This car is quite literally the antithesis of those ultra low-mile, concours-quality Corvettes that get all the attention. And we admit, we love to see preserved pieces of history like those. But at the same time, cars are built to be driven. And this amazing '63 drop top Corvette is proof that they're more than capable of holding up to that sort of thing.

Photos: Hot Rod

Brett Foote has been covering the automotive industry for over five years and is a longtime contributor to Internet Brands' Auto Group sites, including Chevrolet Forum, Rennlist, and Ford Truck Enthusiasts, among other popular sites.

He has been an automotive enthusiast since the day he came into this world and rode home from the hospital in a first-gen Mustang, and he's been wrenching on them nearly as long.

In addition to his expertise writing about cars, trucks, motorcycles, and every other type of automobile, Brett had spent several years running parts for local auto dealerships.

You can follow along with his builds and various automotive shenanigans on Instagram: [@bfoote](#).

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## Future Of Corvette C8.R Under Consideration As GTE Regulations Look Set For Shake Up

BY SAM MCEACHERN — AUG 25, 2020



**#3 Corvette Racing Corvette C8.R, GTLM: Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor**

The Corvette C8.R is carrying Corvette Racing to one of its strongest seasons ever in 2020. The new mid-engine racer has taken four wins in five races in the IMSA WeatherTech Championship's GTLM class and has received an abundance of praise from the team's experienced roster of drivers – but the future of the sports car program is currently being called into question.



There's no denying that a big part of the reason the Corvette C8.R has been doing so well this year is due to the lack of competition in the GTLM field. With the two Chip Ganassi Racing-prepared Ford GTs now gone from the series, only Corvette, Porsche and BMW are left in GTLM. Porsche has already confirmed it will be pulling out of IMSA at the end of this season and BMW is believed to be reevaluating its sports car racing efforts, too, which would leave only the two Corvettes in the class for 2021 and effectively spell the end of the GTE/GTLM format in North America.

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BY SAM MCEACHERN — AUG 25, 2020

One potential solution would be to create a new class within IMSA that would see pro drivers like Corvette Racing's Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia compete in the slightly slower GT3 machinery that currently makes up the series' GT Daytona class. The problem with this plan, though, is that the Corvette C8.R was designed as a faster GTLM/GTE car and pegging it back to adhere to the vastly different GT3 rules would be a big challenge, Corvette Racing manager Ben Johnson told SportsCar365 in an interview this week.



“As far as changing it, it’s a relatively large task to make sure you’re changing the car, if we were to do that, to the GT3 rulebook,” Johnson said. “It’s not something simple that can be done in a relatively short amount of time.”

“To change a car from GTE to GT3 is not as simple as changing homologation stickers, unfortunately,” Johnson added. “There’s quite a bit of work to make sure you’re meeting all of the technical regulations for the GT3 platform.”

That doesn’t mean General Motors and Corvette Racing don’t want to make it work, though. The automaker is happy with the marketing and branding returns it has seen

with its factory-back racing efforts and wants to keep racing the Corvette C8 on the global stage, but some very major discussions with regard to converging the GTE/GT3 classes in IMSA competition and in the global FIA WEC series will likely have to happen if it wishes to keep doing so.

“The future of GT racing is obviously critical to Corvette. We’re committed to it and find a lot of value in professional-level GT racing [being] part of the Corvette product,” Johnson said. “We’ll continue to work with IMSA, the ACO and FIA to build the future of GT racing.”



One positive sign is that IMSA, the ACO and the FIA are currently working on a new set of GT3 regulations, which it may be able to work with the sanctioning bodies with to ensure the Corvette C8.R could fit within them. The new rules will be introduced for the 2023 season, though, so it will probably still be a while yet before we see any such changes made to the C8.R.

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# Corvette Racing News

## Corvette comes in 1-2 at Road America



For those who missed Sunday, August 2 race at road America, you missed an exciting race where Corvette Racing came in 1-2 for the second straight race, and the third straight win in the endurance racing season.

Not only are the cars proving to be phenomenal racing cars, Corvette Racing has some fantastic drivers as shown by their accomplishment on Sunday. Due to some electrical problems (yes, even pampered race cars have some bugs) they lost their weather mode traction control system and had to drive about a third of the race in a pounding rainstorm -- and both cars still won!

Another glitch hit the team when a “wheel gun” (used to change tires) stopped working and they needed to retrieve a replacement. That caused the No. 3 car to fall from second to sixth place, but again excellent driving, and a great car (and some errors on the Porsche team) still allowed that car to end in second place.

Upcoming races (we don’t have all the TV times yet)

Aug 21-3      Virginia International Raceway 1:40-4:20 on NBC  
Sep 25-27      Mid Ohio TBA  
Oct 1-4        Watkins Glen International TBA

For mor details you can go to [CorvetteRacing.com](http://CorvetteRacing.com)

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On the afternoon of August 6, fifteen club members headed south to tour the Lakeridge Winery located in Clermont on Highway 27, less than 25 miles from the Villages. But first the group stopped for lunch at Rodello's Italian Restaurant also on Highway 27 in Leesburg. The food was great and prices reasonable. This restaurant, only 11 miles from the Rohan Rec Ctr, would be a great destination for a club dinner. After lunch, the group headed to the winery. The self guided tour started with a 10 minute movie, narrated by the founder, tracing the winery's beginnings, types of grapes, and processes used in wine making. After the film the group proceeded, via an elevated platform, to view equipment used to process grapes, fermenting tanks and bottling equipment. For a small winery, they produce approximately 1.7 million bottles per year of a variety of wines, many less than \$10 per bottle. The walking tour ended in the tasting room where five wines were sampled. In the lower level there was plenty of wine for sale along with everything else that goes with wine. Everyone had a good time and left the winery sober.



Tony DiSalvo  
Dine and Drive





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## Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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**8/15-Saturday-** Corvette and GM Show, 8 am to 4 pm  
Held at Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant  
10400 49th Street N., Pinellas Park, FL

**10/24 - Saturday** at 10 am - Ultimate Corvette Show -  
Tampa Bay Vettes & Stingray Chevy, 2002 North  
Frontage Road, Plant City, FL 33563

## Welcome New Members

### List of New Members Since August 1 2020:

#### Gary and Maureen Pennifill

live in the Village of Hadley.  
They are from Maryland. They  
drive a 2018 C7 Artic White, Targa

#### Frank and Suzanne Walters

live in the Village of Calumet Grove.  
They are from Ft Myers, FL. They  
drive a 1982 C3 White/Gray Interior

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

## Donation From Member

In July 2020 Ms. Lexie DiBattista donated \$100 to the club which we in-turn donated to our CHILDREN IN THE FOREST charity, one of the many we, as a club, support. This donation was made in memory of her brother-in-law, Joe Mincone, a Corvette driver, owner & lover. Joe's children also extend their thanks. We sincerely appreciate community members helping us further our local charity efforts. Our thanks goes out to Lexie for honoring us with this donation. For more info on this worthy charity please type in the link <https://www.lakeandsummerstyle.com/its-all-about-the-children-the-children-of-the-forest/>

Additionally, the Charity webpage from the Village Vettes includes the above plus this link: [https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=214221&module\\_id=200122](https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=214221&module_id=200122)