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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

MAYBE some light at the end of this tunnel!!!

Your Board of Directors met on October 1st to go over plans for next several months. The big news is that we will resume general membership meetings starting with the October 8th meeting at 6:30 PM at Eisenhower. The room will accommodate 128 (at 50% guideline) members so seating should not be a problem. Masks are required to enter the building and to use the rest room but in our meeting room it is at your discretion. No refreshments, so bring your own.

Our intent is to bring members up to date on what the club has been doing and to go over upcoming plans.

WE cannot have our Toys 4 Tots kick-off at Grand Oaks this year as they are still shut down. We hope and expect to be back there next year.

But...our member's only Grand Gala T4T kick-off will happen on Saturday October 17th at 12 noon at Nahas Chevrolet. Bring toys, checks or come and make a pledge. Entertainment will be provided by Johnny Wild, hot dogs and soft drinks by Nahas, bring your own beer and wine. Bring chairs. We will be outside under the roof. Registration is necessary but it's FREE. The Marine's expect a difficult and demanding year for T4T because of Covid. This is year they really need our support.

VVCC has been asked to judge a Camaro car show at Nahas on October 24. I've signed up to be a judge but we need more. There is no cost to judges and a separate showing area for our Corvettes is being planned. Should be fun. Contact Jim Loguidice to sign up.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 10th. Mike White and his committee have put together a great evening. A Garth Brooks tribute band will provide entertainment,

Oakwood Grill will cater. Wear your Western duds and let your hair down. But... only 25 have registered for the event. We need 90 or so to cover costs. Your reservation can be cancelled up to November 15th. Sign up on the web.

I understand the Color Run is fully booked. Good work Gene.

See you all on the 8th.

Charlie Tagman, President 2020



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

**AS A RESULT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAST NIGHT, OUR CLUB'S MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 AT
EISENHOWER RECREATION CENTER,**

WILL DEFINITELY TAKE PLACE

Members should be aware of the following guidelines concerning the pandemic restrictions:

- Attendance at the meeting does not require registration
- There will not be a check-off list of members attending
- Protective masks are required in the recreation center but in our meeting room it is at the members discretion
- There will not be 50/50 sales, a membership table, a table for badges/hats or sale item tables.
- There will not be any refreshments, i.e. water, coffee, or cookies supplied
- Members may bring their own snacks and refreshments
- There will be 32 circular tables of eight set up with 4 chairs per table. Tables/chairs must remain in place, as placed.

This meeting is scheduled with the intent of renewing our clubs activities in a safe and practical manner. We encourage all members who are comfortable with the opening of the recreation centers to attend.

The agenda for this meeting will include discussion of recent events such as informal parking lot gatherings during the pandemic, "cruising of the squares" and the Baker House gathering, "First Responders Cavalcade" and our recent partnership with The Nomads motorcycle club for the "OneBlood" donation event at Moyer Rec Center on September 30.

Important upcoming items to be discussed include:

- Election of 2021 club officers in November
- Toys for Tots kick-off event on October 17 at George Nahas Chevrolet
- Our members "judging" the Camaro Club show at George Nahas Chevrolet on October 24
- The "Color Run" in October
- Christmas Party on December 10, 2020

for Charlie Tagman and our BOD

The 9th **Annual Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots**
Campaign will commence with the
17 October '20 “Halloween Spooktacular” Event.



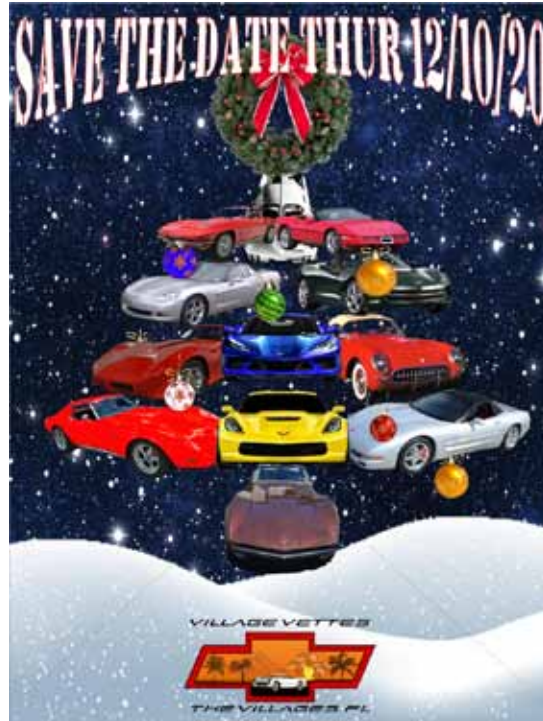
Event will occur on Saturday, 17 October '20 (12:00 PM – 04:00 PM) at the Nahas Chevrolet Dealership. Johnny Wild will be providing the event's entertainment. CDC Corvid-19 protocols will be in effect. There will be food, games, prizes, and a 50-50 raffle.



Registration for the event is mandatory. Please visit/register for the event at the Village Vettes web site. <https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com> Members are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy and/or cash donation.

Given the current pandemic, the dire need for the coming holiday portends to be much more significant than previous years. In addition to supporting a heartfelt message of hope to many less fortunate children within the tri-county area to experience the joy of the Christmas season, this is an excellent opportunity to re-energize and rekindle the camaraderie with your fellow members.





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 Tribute Show” (Click on link) <https://youtu.be/jeJH5vNSCao>

ROAD & TRACK

This Experimental V-12 Corvette Was Chevy's Answer to the Viper

This one-off C4, built by Chevy in the Nineties, is packing 600 cubic inches of fury under the hood.



The original Dodge Viper was a game-changer. With its outrageous proportions and massive 8.0-liter V-10 engine, it outclassed pretty much anything else out of Detroit at the time. Except maybe this one-off V-12-powered Corvette.

Chevy built this experimental Corvette in the early Nineties as its answer to the Viper, and it's a beast. Called the ZR-12, nicknamed the CONAN it uses the C4-generation ZR-1 as a base. The entire nose was stretched to accommodate the 600 cubic-inch V-12, built by Ryan Falconer Racing Engines. The all-aluminum engine was rated at 686 hp and 680 lb-ft of torque when new—far more than the then-new Viper's output of 400 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque.

Of course, the ZR-12 never made it to production. The sole example languished at GM's Heritage center for a number of years before being moved to the Corvette Museum, where it currently resides, according to *LSX Magazine*. The car used to have side-pipes and a different set of wheels, but has since been converted into a more subtle specification.

The DtRockstar1 YouTube channel was lucky enough to get insider access to the Museum while the ZR-12 was started and driven around, giving us a chance to listen to the unique engine note (above). Unsurprisingly, it doesn't sound like your average Corvette. <https://youtu.be/QNfFOMQgsjQ>

Do you think Chevy should've produced this V-12-powered Corvette to face off against the Viper?



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

Tentative 2021 Board Slating

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
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 5

Gone Fishin' (for SOMething...)

Y'all may remember the college kid who was flirtin' with Connie last Christmas after his daddy bought him that yella '57 Chevy convertible? Well, I think the kid musta had himself a little fling with Connie back then.

Anyway, he showed back up to check out this like-new bass boat we got in the other day, and I'll be damned if Connie didn't sell it to him! Of course, he wanted to show off to Connie, so he pulledd out a wad of cash, peeled off \$100 bills for a little while, then invited her to go "fishing". I'm thinking he's thinking maybe he'll get lucky again (on a bass boat?).

I had a feeling from the start that Connie was gonna be trouble. Her ex, Eddie Ray is out on bail (again) and is stalking her (again). That kid better keep looking over his shoulder and working out. Eddie Ray is a little unhinged, and still pissed about the Hemi Cuda.





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

ATTENTION VVCC MEMBERS WHO BELONG TO NCM

All VVCC members who are also NCM members are encouraged to attend the October 17, 2020 Toys 4 Tots Kickoff Event at Nahas Chevrolet which will include a special recognition of NCM members shortly after NOON. Please contact the VVCC NCM Ambassador (Ron Tanner) if you cannot attend or have questions.

JOIN OR RENEW NCM MEMBERSHIP ON OUR WEBSITE

We have made it easier than ever to join NCM (or to renew your membership to NCM). You can now do this by simply clicking a button when you pay your Corvette Club annual dues for next year. New members can also join the club and NCM at the same time.

What can be easier? But if you do have questions our NCM Ambassador (Ron Tanner) or our Web Master (George Borke) are always ready to help.

RED MIST DEBUTS FOR 2021



NCM received some photos from GM of the new Red Mist color on a freshly painted 2021 test fleet Corvette.

The color replaces Long Beach Red, which debuted for the 2016 model year. Production of the 2021 Corvette is anticipated to start sometime in November with an exact date being fluid as production of the current 2020 model year continues.

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UPCOMING NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES



2021 Silver Flare Coupe

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



2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Coupe

Drawing Date: 11/5/2020 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$150.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



2021 Arctic White Coupe

Drawing Date: 4/24/2021 @ 3 PM CDT; Price: \$20.00 Each; Tickets: Unlimited

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 the VVCC NCM Ambassador (Ron Tanner) a call or send an email or text if you have any questions, and let the Ambassador know if you purchase a ticket(s).



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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.

RETURN TICKET FORM BELOW WITH PAYMENT TO:

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

Corvette Raffle Ticket Request Form—NOT A TICKET

TICKETS: N/A @\$250/tkt 9/24/20 ____ @\$100/tkt 10/15/20 ____ @\$150/tkt 11/5/20 ____ @\$20/tkt 4/24/21
TOTAL: \$ _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TICKET(S) SOLD BY: Ron Tanner - VVCC NCM Ambassador

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

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



As of September 10, 2020, the VVCC has 432 members of which 79 (18.3%) are members of the National Corvette Museum. The 79 VVCC members who are also members of NCM have the following NCM membership types: 54 family; 14 individual; 1 senior individual; and 10 lifetime.

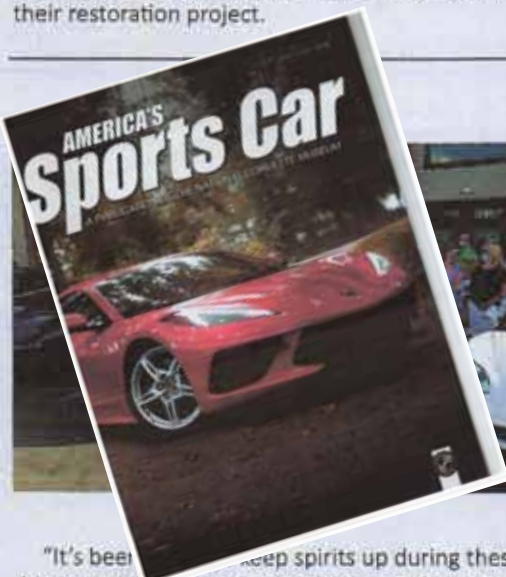
Thanks to all those Club members who have renewed their NCM membership, and to those new Club Members who have joined the NCM !

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

CLUBS DURING COVID-19

VILLAGE VETTES CELEBRATE 'DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE TO WORK' DAY

Neither the fact that all the club members are retired, nor a pandemic, could stop Village Vettes Corvette Club of Florida from celebrating 'Drive Your Corvette to Work' day. The group of 63 Corvettes drove around each of the three town squares with American flags waving – calling their parade 'Cruising the Squares in Your Corvette.' After driving the squares, the group met at the Baker House, a Historic Landmark in Wildwood, Florida, for an old fashion picnic complete with hot dog vendor as a pre-4th of July gathering. The group then presented the Baker House with a \$500 donation to aide in their restoration project.



"It's been a challenge to keep spirits up during these trying times, but QCCC has been very busy giving members opportunities to drive our cars and see each other, even though it may be just a wave through the window," shared Paul Mitchell, Club President. "After 52 years, QCCC is strong and healthy, and looking forward to another 50+ years. Stay healthy Corvette World!"

STAYING BUSY IN QUEEN CITY

The Queen City Corvette Club of Charlotte, NC has worked hard to keep the spirit alive during the pandemic. Cruises have been a staple for the group, including a drive through Lake Norman State Park followed by a trip to a member's ice cream shop for an evening treat. They also held a cruise in at the VFW in Indian Trail where hot dogs and BBQ were available for purchase in support of the VFW as well as a 50/50 raffle. The group held a food drive for the Mooresville Food Bank, where members drove through the bank and dropped off food, then cruised by Lake Norman Hospital to show their appreciation to the medical professionals that are working to protect their community. The club held a 52nd Anniversary Event in the parking lot of a local bowling alley, celebrating with music and free ice cream.

SOCIALLY DISTANCING ON-TRACK

For many enthusiasts, racing season came to a screeching halt in mid-March due to COVID-19. From IMSA, to NASCAR to HPDE events – all pushed pause on their season while working to develop ways they could continue the sport in a safe manner. At the forefront in helping tracks reopen was Chin Track Days, the largest single provider of track days with over 100 each year.

"In order to be able to do track days, we had to overcome many obstacles, even over and above the usual social distancing and wearing masks," shared Pat Roney, Chief Instructor for Chin. "Masks are required in the car, under the helmet, if there is another person in the car. In car communicators have to be wiped down with alcohol every session and the student keeps their communicator for the event. The car interior is wiped down every session as well. Morning drivers' meetings are streamed to the drivers' computers and phones. Classrooms are either streamed or are outside, which can provide a real challenge with the elements and noise. We have had events where we had to move the classroom three times in a half hour. Thank goodness management is great at adapting!"

Chin returned to hosting track events in late May and has remained busy ever since. "All of our track enthusiasts are focused on following the rules so that we don't have to go through another couple of months being deprived of enjoying time at the track." Pictured: Corvette Club of America's Bob Couse with a mask on while working on his car at a track event.





Corvette Racing won again in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship on August 22 as Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor drove the No. 3 Corvette C8.R to victory in the Michelin GT Challenge at Virginia International Raceway.

It's the second win in a row for the Garcia/Taylor combo, their third of the season and the fourth consecutive win for Corvette Racing – the first time that's happened for the team since 2014. Garcia and Taylor extended their lead in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver's Championship, as did Chevrolet in the Manufacturer's standings.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed fourth in the No. 4 Corvette C8.R, just missing making the podium again with their teammates. The result was enough to keep Gavin and Milner third in GTLM points heading to Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta in two weeks.

Taylor started the race fifth but worked his way up to second in the first 30 minutes before making his first stop at the 30-minute mark. An error in the pitlane sent the No. 3 Corvette back to fifth, but an inspired drive and bad luck for his fellow competitors meant he pitted from the lead with less than 55 minutes to make the hand-off to Garcia.

One of those unlucky cars was the No. 4 Corvette, which went off-track shortly after a restart when Gavin picked up debris on his tires prior to the race's third and final restart after full-course caution just an hour into the race. Try as he might to clean off the pick-up and easing his way through VIR's final corner, the Corvette still went wide and onto the grass across from pit entry.

In a race filled with uncertainty, there was still a little left for the No. 3 Corvette. Garcia reported a vibration at the rear of the car from a damaged diffuser, just as Tandy went into the pitlane. It impacted the balance and handling of the Corvette, but Garcia held on to take a 3.521-second margin of victory.

For more details you can go to CorvetteRacing.com

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CORVETTE RACING AT ATLANTA: Runner-Up Finish for Gavin & Milner



Corvette Racing's Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner completed a stellar comeback to finish second in GTLM class on September 4 in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's Grand Prix at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. Unfortunately, this ended Corvette's 4 race winning streak.

The duo's second-place finish happened despite the No. 4 C8.R falling nearly a lap down during the

six-hour endurance race. The team persevered through another highly competitive GT Le Mans (GTLM) class battle to achieve this podium finish. Their success at this race advances Gavin and Milner to second place in the GTLM Drivers' Championship standings, and it means Chevrolet maintains its advantage in the category's Manufacturers' standings.

Unfortunately, class favorites Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor finished in fifth place behind the wheel of the No. 3 Corvette. Despite the disappointing finish, the pair retain their lead in the Drivers' Championship with five races remaining. They hold a 14-point advantage to their No. 4 Corvette teammates.

Both Corvettes started this six-hour race in good shape. Milner took the class lead just past the 30-minute mark and the race's second restart following a full-course caution. He held the position until suffering an unexpected flat tire just 64 minutes into the race

After limping the Corvette back to the pits to get fresh tires, Milner returned to the field sixth in class. As the field returned to green-flag racing, Milner and Gavin fought to maintain position for the next two hours in hopes of remaining on the lead lap – at most times gaining anywhere from two to five seconds per lap ahead of the class leaders.

The race came back to the No. 4 with just two hours to go when the race entered its fourth full-course caution. After the final yellow-flag period, Milner was back on the tail of the GTLM field. The last 51 minutes saw Milner advance his car back to second-position – and ahead of two GTLM cars he had been running behind before the final stop sequence. He remained in second for the duration of the final stretch of the race. Had the race run longer, he Corvette could have won the race, but that is not how racing works.

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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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10/10-Saturday- at 4:15 PM DOWNTOWN
LEESBURG COMMUNITY COLLISION Cruise-In
Community Collision of Leesburg
Downtown Leesburg
105 W. Magnolia Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

10/14 - Wednesday at 11:15 AM - Dine & Drive
Gator Joes, 12431 SE 135 Ave. Oklawaha, FL 32179
Contact Scott Davis. 860-299-6406 or 860-299-6406
sebago9751@gmail.com

10/17 - Saturday from 12 - 4 PM - George Nahas
Chevrolet, Rt. 44 in Wildwood. 9th Annual Toy's for
Tot's **Halloween Spooktacular** Event

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 Sept.1, 2020:

Brian Hanlon

live in Alden Bungalows
He is from South Florida and drives a
2006 C6 Torch Red, Targa

Ed Henry and Lina White

live in the Village of Fernandina
They are from Jacksonville, FL. They
drive a 2016 C7 Long Beach Red, Vert

Lee and Robin Norton

live in the Village of Pennecamp.
They are from California. They
drive a 1966 C2 Silver/Black, Coupe

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