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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are alive again.....KINDA!! Finally we had a membership meeting on October 9th. We maintained social distancing and facemasks were worn by all. Since we had not met since March, membership was brought up to date on 2020 activities of the Club, new members and new rides were introduced and Ron Cullum proudly showed his then 3 and 1/2 hour old 2020 yellow C-8 convertible. The room was set up for 128 people and about 70 attended.

The highlight of October was the Toys4Tots kick-off at Nahas Chevrolet on October 17th. The event was fully subscribed with 100 attendees. Refreshments (including hot dogs and hamburgers) were provided by Nahas and entertainment was provided by Johnny Wild. It was a lovely day.

Toys4Tots current status:

CASH AND PLEDGES \$9,486

TOTAL TOYS TO DATE 258

What about the Christmas Party? Details of the December 10th event are shown below. But....as of today we have 31 registered. We need close to 90 to cover cost. Registration fees are refundable so if you want to see this event happen in December, please sign up. We will decide by the November membership meeting if the event is a "go".

Seven VVCC members responded and participated in Judging at the Camaro Club Cruise-In at Nahas on October 24th. We were invited by the Camaro Club and our participation was appreciated.

The November 12th membership meeting will be at 6:30 pm at Eisenhower. We will again require masks and social distancing. Toys and monetary contributions will be collected for T4T.

Importantly we do plan to hold our annual election of officers. Bring your spouses or proxy if he or she is not attending.

Understand our members are enjoying the Color Run at St. Simons Island.

A couple of member Toys4Tots Driveway Parties are planned in November.

Tim and Terri Berthiaume
November 2nd @ 3pm
1514 Gifford Court

Charlie Tagman
November 17th @ 5:30 pm
2693 Atamasco Lily Loop (Village of Fenney)

Be Safe. See you all at the November 10th membership meeting.

Charlie Tagman, President 2020



TOY'S FOR TOT'S DRIVEWAY PARTY

GET UP...

GET OUTTA THE HOUSE...

SEE SOME REAL PEOPLE...

HELP OUR CLUB'S TOYS-FOR-TOTS 2020 CAMPAIGN.

Enjoy some LIVE entertainment by

The Villages own Tony Brown

singing songs from the 50's to the present AND taking requests (and tips).

When:Monday, November 2, 2020, 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM

Where:Tim & Terri Berthiaume

1514 Gifford Court

The Villages, FL 32162-6017

586-945-8201

**Golf cart
accessible**

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- 1. Bring an unwrapped toy for admittance**
- 2. Bring your own chairs**
- 3. Bring lotsa CA\$H for the CA\$H BAR being provided by our hosts, Tim & Terri.**
ALL proceeds from the cash bar will go towards this year's club
Toys-4-Tots donations.
- 4. Bring a smile and a laugh to enjoy with others**
- 5. GOLF CART ACCESSIBLE**
- 6. Bring your "dancin shoes"**





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>

Halloween Spooktacular

George Nahas Chevrolet, Rt 44 Wilwood
9th Annual Toy's for Tot's

On Saturday, October 17 our club hosted a "Toys for Tots *Spooktacular*" kick-off event for the kids at George Nahas Chevrolet in Wildwood. Co-Chairs Mike White and Jim Loguidice arranged for entertainment by Johnny Wild and the Delights. The dealership, led by sales rep Jon Cohan and General Sales Manager Rick Collins generously supplied souvenir items, a continental breakfast, beverages and freshly grilled burgers and franks for the 125 participants and dealership staff.



There was a Corn Toss game, a 50/50 drawing, auction and sale items and a donations table manned by our twenty-two volunteer club members. Participants had the opportunity to either donate a toy, donate cash or commit to a pledge. Each person was given a ticket on the way in for a random drawing of door prizes in addition to the other giveaways. Over 50 cars from our club participated.



In all, the event raised \$5,301 in cash and another \$3,500 in pledges totaling \$8,801 along with, 134 toys that were turned over to the four Marine Corps



League members who attended.

This event was a major break "out of the gate" for our Toys for Tots initiative and there are still weeks to go before our caravan in early December. The Village Vettes Corvette club has once again shown its metal for charitable giving.

Thank you to all who volunteered and all who donated time, energy, money or toys

Respectfully,

Mike White, Co-Chair
Jim Loguidice, Co-Chair



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**Great Halloween
Decorations plus collecting
for Toy's for Tot's**

**Kelsea Villa's
992 Nuthatch Avenue**

Groups Come Together to Host Blood Drive to Help Community

Wed 09-30-2020

The Village Nomads partnered with The Village Vettes Corvette Club and the Fruitland Park police.

By ANDREA DAVIS
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Nothing brings a community together more than sharing a common goal.

Knowing the demand for blood is high, three groups partnered together to see how they could help.

On Wednesday, The Village Nomads Motorcycle Club partnered with The Villages Vettes Corvette Club and the Fruitland Park Police Department for a blood drive held at Moyer Recreation Center. In addition to the single Big Red Bus, provided by OneBlood, numerous Corvettes and motorcycles were on display as part of a cruise-in.

About 25 people, including Bob Kerfin, president of The Village Nomads, made appointments to give blood, while residents and members of The Village Nomads, the Village Vettes Corvette Club and the police department came in waves to adhere to social distancing guidelines to give blood, dine on hot dogs and check out cars and bikes.

"It was a club decision to hold a blood drive as it gave us a chance to meet while adhering to small groups at a time," said Kerfin, of the Village of Pine Hills. "It seemed like a nice thing to do and it brings us all together, plus we get to show off our cars and bikes with a little cruise-in."

Kerfin said they limited the appointments to four people within an hour so people wouldn't crowd around.

"We want to make sure we follow all the rules so we can continue to have meetings like this," he said. "But we also knew we wanted to help out the community and what a better way than a blood drive?"

Kerfin was one of the first to give blood during the drive as he wanted to set an example for the rest of his club members.



Photos by Cindy Skop | Daily Sun

Richard Frost, of the Village of Gilchrist, rests as phlebotomist Mary Sullivan prepares to take his blood on the OneBlood bus Wednesday near Moyer Recreation Center.

"We discussed the drive with our board members and it has gone over so well that we will probably start holding two a year to help all those in need."

As residents made their way to the Big Red Bus, members of the Fruitland Park Police Department helped man the grill. They made sure everyone received a hot dog, chips and a bottle of water.

"Having this blood drive with all of us together gives us, at the police department, the opportunity to get out and mingle with the citizens," said Chief of Fruitland Park Police Department, Erik Luce. "The Villages is a great community and we enjoy getting out and being a part of their activities when we can while also bettering our relationship with each other."

The partnership between the police department, The Villages Vettes and The Villages Nomads club goes further back than just community events as they all come together to help escort those participating in The Villages Honor Flights, a nonprofit organization that organizes and brings World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans from all over The

Villages to Washington D.C. to tour their respective war monuments at no cost to the veterans.

"We wanted to do more for the community and we know there is a high demand for blood right now," said Jim Loguidice, a member of The Villages Vettes Corvette

Club. "It feels good when you can do something for someone and continue the gift of giving. Blood drives are perfect for that because they help to provide those in need with something that can be life-saving."

For more information about The Village Nomads



Members of The Village Nomads club, from left, Don Courte, of the Village of Sanibel; Victoria Rathgeber, of the Village of Dunedin; and Ron Fortier, of the Village of Marsh Bend, mingle near the OneBlood bus Wednesday.

Motorcycle Club, visit their website at thevillagenomads.com or call Bob Kerfin at 847-366-7888. For more information about The Villages Vettes Corvette Club, visit their website at villagesvettes.com

clubexpress.com or call Charlie Tagman at 407-375-9179.

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For variety we sometimes bring you articles of interest to "Car People" that are not solely focused on Corvettes.

Chapter 6 - John Shamblin. 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 6 of his most recent project. " <https://www.shamblesmodels.com/>



Shambles Motors is drawing a lot of attention from buyers, sellers and job-seekers. We've had about a dozen applications just this week for sales, mechanic, massage therapist, security guard, gardener, janitor and CEO.

Frank and Connie are screening 'em out based on how they look and smell. One particularly interesting fella named Ox Moran (seen here leaning on the oil drum, checking out Connie) was applying for a mechanic job but only had one arm! I mean, come on... a one-armed mechanic? I discussed with Frank and Connie and we decided to offer Ox a part time security guard job. He looked a little insulted. Said he couldn't draw no side arm with his left hand, and stormed off.

Oh well, we had people standing in line including twin brothers, Luke and Lester Leadfoot. They ain't much to look at, and don't smell none too good, but I gotta admit, I'm impressed with their confidence. They showed up for the interview, tool (and tool box) in hand, ready to get to work. HIRED!





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

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB'S NEWEST NCM MEMBERS !

During the period October 1 – 21, 2020 the following 14 VVCC members took advantage of the new easy way to become an NCM member or renew their NCM membership via our club website:

New Individual NCM Members

- Carolyn Dooley
- Bob Branca
- Delton Parks
- George Borke
- Steve Henderson
- Chuck Culver
- Steve Letus

New Family NCM Members

- Robert & Helene Aisenstat
- Frank & Suzanne Walters
- Michael & Brooke Grinder

NCM Membership Renewals

- John Shamblin

Many thanks to each of you who elected to support NCM by becoming a new NCM member or renewing your existing NCM membership!

HERE'S HOW: JOIN NCM OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE

There are two easy ways for existing VVCC members to either become an NCM member, or renew their existing NCM membership, via the club website:

VVCC Members Who Have Not Yet Renewed 2021 VVCC Dues:

- Go to the VVCC website www.villagevettes.com; Log in as a member
- A "Renew VVCC Club Dues" reminder will pop up on the home page
- Click **Renew VVCC Club Dues** and proceed to renew your 2021 Club Dues, and Click **New or Renew NCM Membership** button when prompted as desired, and follow the prompts
- If you elect not to **Renew VVCC Club Dues**, the reminder will disappear and re-appear the next time you log into the VVCC website

VVCC Members Who Have Renewed 2021 VVCC Dues and Later Want to Join or Renew NCM:

- Go to the VVCC website www.villagevettes.com; Log in as a member
- Click **NCM** menu tab on the right side of the tool bar; scroll down to **NEW NCM MEMBERSHIPS HERE** and **RENEW EXISTING NCM MEMBERSHIPS HERE**



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- Click on the desired New or Renew button as desired and follow the prompts

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

RENEWING YOUR NCM MEMBERSHIP – NOW OR LATER?

If you are either an Individual or Family Member of NCM, you are encouraged to renew your NCM membership while renewing your 2021 VVCC club dues, and during subsequent years when you are renewing your VVCC club dues. You might ask, Why? There are several reasons:

- most NCM memberships in our club expire between November 1 and October 1 of the following year;
- renewal via the VVCC website is convenient and easy;
- reminder notices from NCM, extra paperwork, and mailing of renewals are avoided;
- your membership expiration date will be extended from the current expiration date; and
- unintentional expiration of your NCM membership will be avoided.

If you have questions, contact our NCM Ambassador Ron Tanner.

UPCOMING NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES



2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Coupe

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



2021 Artic White Convertible

Drawing Date: 12/3/2020 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$200.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



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2021 Arctic White Coupe

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

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 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).

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: _____ @ \$150/tkt 11/5/20 _____ @ \$200/tkt 12/3/20 _____ @ \$20/tkt 4/24/21

TOTAL: \$ _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

SOLD BY RON TANNER, VVCC AMBASSADOR

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 (Ron Tanner) at either the above email address or cell phone to ensure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM.**

Ahh...a New Corvette C8... What Should I Buy?

The new Corvette C8 for 2020. Like its predecessors offers a plethora of options: the Base Model, Z51 and soon to be Z06 and Grand Sport along with 1LT, 2LT, and 3LT accessory packages. For this article the focus will be on the Base Model and Z51 packages because they are readily available.

For starters, the Base Model (non-Z51 and 1LT) starts around \$59K but for another \$7,500 you may opt for a 2LT accessory package with added features like: Front Cameras, Heads-up Display, Blind Spot Detection (located in the side Mirrors), Heated/Vented Seats with Lumbar Support, Painted Calibers (a \$595) option, Front-end Lift (was \$1,495 but now \$1,995), NPP Exhaust (included with the Z51 package) and Painter Engine Color (a \$495 option)

Now, do I want or shall I ask, do you really need the Z51 package? Most say for the average Corvette owner who never plans to 'track' their car, this is not a viable option being that it adds approximately \$5K to the window sticker. The Z51 package does offer items like Performance Suspension, Electronic Limited Slip Differential, Performance Ration Rear Axle, Brembo Anti-Lock Brakes, along with a Performance Exhaust (NPP), Front & Rear Splitters, Michelin Pilot Run-Flat Summer Tires, and the Engine Appearance package for an added \$995. I believe the engine package includes Carbon-Fiber close-out panels on each side of the engine and LED lighting to illuminate the engine compartment. But what about Magnetic Ride Control? As for the Base Model, the experts say there is no need for this option but if you opt for the Z51 package, you may want to consider this option for a smoother ride. This is a 2021 option that is available without the Z51 package. And what about the Black wheels for an added \$1K? Again, the experts say this is a personal choice.

Personally, I purchased a 2016 Z51 2LT back in October of 2015. I did not order it but just so happened to be at the dealership the day it rolled off the car carrier. I have not and have no plans to 'track' my car. So, what

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows) VILLAGEVETTES.COM

11/2 Monday - DRIVEWAY PARTY - 3 - 5 PM -
VVCC TOYS FOR TOTS
Tim & Terri Berthiaume
1514 Gifford Court
The Villages, FL

11/14-Saturday- at 4:15 PM DOWNTOWN
LEESBURG COMMUNITY COLLISION Cruise-In
Community Collision of Leesburg
Downtown Leesburg (Second Tuesday Every Month)
105 W. Magnolia Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

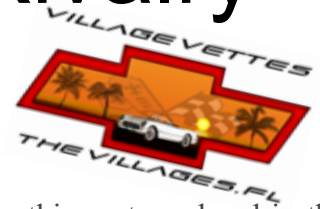
11/19 - Thursday at 4 PM Drive & Dine
O'KEEFE'S IRISH PUB
115 S Rockingham Ave
Tavares, FL 32778
Registration is required
Meet at Eisenhower Reg. Rec. Center
Contact - Douglas Conti 352-343-2157

I have is a very nice option that adds more value to my car at trade-in time and most likely far less than what I paid for it. Although I value the well equipped 2LT accessory package, if and when I decide to go forth with a new C8 it will most likely be a non-Z51 with a 2LT accessory package plus a few extra goodies like the optional transparent top.

Let's wait and see what I drive away from the dealership in 2022 after the C8 have been on the road a few years and worked out most of the engineering issues.

Don Chaney

Corvette Racing: Sibling Rivalry at Mid-Ohio



Chevrolet's C8.R Corvettes went head to head with some of the world's best drivers this past weekend in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class during the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, part of the Weathertech Sportscar Championship.

We say "some" of the world's best because members of the Porsche GT Team, normally a two-car entry in GTLM, bypassed the Mid-Ohio weekend out of caution after members of its 24 Hours of Le Mans program tested positive for COVID-19.. As such, it was a four-car race between the C8.Rs and the two BMWs

Corvettes led the entire two hours and 40 minutes of the race – 110 laps in all. "The #3 Corvette was particularly strong all weekend," said driver Jordan Taylor. "We led all four sessions – both practice sessions, qualifying, and race. I think we just had a little bit more speed on everyone else all weekend."



Jordan Taylor began from the pole, but Gavin got the jump early and led the first 17 laps before going slightly wide at the end of the back straight. At that point, Taylor seized the opportunity and put the #3 C8.R back into first place. From then on, it was a battle between brothers for the rest of the race. Three full-course cautions would reel the Corvettes back to the rest of the GTLM field.

The #3 Corvette ruled the racetrack in GTLM, which left both Milner and Garcia staring at the

#3's taillights at every turn. Milner stopped again for fuel, tires, and a final adjustment to try and match the pace of the sister Corvette. The move worked as the #4 C8.R remained almost glued to the back of the leading Corvette. "Fundamentally, we were just that little step behind the #3 car," explained Gavin. "We could never get the balance where Tommy and I were comfortable. It really only came-in during that last stint; it was maybe a little bit of the track conditions and a little bit of us working on the car and figuring out a few things."

In the absence of team orders, both Corvettes were vying for the top spot. At times, the #4 Corvette was less than a half-second behind the leading Corvette. In the end, both Corvette C8.Rs held off the BMWs and brought home those most valuable championship points. The #3 Corvette taking top honors thanks to Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia. The #4 Corvette crossed the finish line less than 1.5-seconds behind, bringing Second-Place to both Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin.

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Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since Oct. 1, 2020:

Bob and Linda Olivo

live in the Village of Hemmingway.
They are from Hyde Park, NY and they
have a 2021 on order - Torch Red, Targa

Lee and Kay Peltier

live in the Village of McClure
They are from Tyler, TX. They
drive a 2014 C7 Lime Rock Green, Targa

Raymond and Sherrie Douglas

live in the Village of LaBelle
They are from Miss/Ohio. They
drive a 2016 C7 Silver/Red, Targa

Eric Fox

lives in the Village of Bradford
He is from East Coast. He
drives a 2018 C7 GS Matrix Gray/Black,
Targa

Alan Luthi and Jill Schultz

live in the Village of Fenney
They are from Woodstock, Ill. They
have a 2021 C8, Sebring Orange, Conv.

Michael and Ann Pelle

live in the Village of Briar Meadow
They are from Maryland. They
drive a 2020 C8 Elkhart Lake Blue.Gray,
Targa

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