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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2021

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Congratulations are in order for all of VVCC. Toys 4 Tots had a very successful year in Sumpter County. Ed Lloyd (our favorite Marine) reports that the Marines were able to distribute 82,000 gifts to 28,000 children from 6,000 families in 2020. That compares to 32,000 gifts and 2,900 families in 2019. The VVCC collected 1,400 gifts and \$25,600.00 in cash played an important part in this effort. The generosity and work effort of our members is something we all can be proud of. THANK YOU !!!

We all can now look at the year 2020 in the rearview mirror of our Corvettes. It's not all over yet but here's hoping the light at the end of the tunnel shines more brightly as 2021 progresses.

We are cautiously planning events. We will have a general membership meeting on January 14th at Eisenhower. Bring refreshments if you like. We will keep it short and sweet so there will be plenty of time to socialize with your fellow members. I and the Board will be looking for ideas for upcoming meetings.

The C1 to C8 Daily Sun feature is moving forward with the photo shoot to occur in mid-January. The Valentine Social with the Garth Brooks Tribute band is scheduled for February 11th. Again, plan to bring your own refreshments. Don Cheney is planning the "Corvette Day" Cruise and hot dog social for July. Tom Swiers has multiple monthly events planned throughout 2021. Our web site has all the info.

So, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Charlie Tagman, President 2021



***VALENTINE PARTY
Thursday
February 11, 2021
Garth Brooks -
"Ultimate Tribute Show"***



The planned holiday musical entertainment has been rescheduled to occur at the General Membership Meeting of 11 February '21. World class showman Kip Sweeny will be channeling country legendary Garth Brooks in his production, "Garth Brooks – The Ultimate Tribute Show." BYO FOOD, SNACKS, HOLIDAY SPIRIT & REFRESHMENTS



It will be a "country" themed event; so, members are urged to don their western garb (jeans/slacks boots/spurs/cowboy hat/bandana). CDC Corvid-19 protocols will be in effect.

Registration is necessary and limited to 128 people. Visit/register for the event at the Village Vettes website (www.villagevettes.com)

Tuesday December 15, 2020

The Villages® DAILY SUN

Villager Creates Automotive Man Cave of His Dreams

Chuck Culver proudly displays his car, trophies and other memorabilia in his Village of Pine Ridge garage.

By SHERRI CONER
Daily Sun Staff Writer

While Chuck Culver was quarantined with his wife of 52 years, Lynn, he found the garage of his dreams.

Thankfully, a beautiful house and pool were included with that three-car extended space in the Village of Pine Ridge.

Although they enjoyed the golf course-view just outside the sliding doors, Chuck was experiencing some withdrawal.

After retiring, the car lover built a large garage behind their home in Lumberton, New Jersey, and filled it with automotive projects.

Their previous garage allowed space for only two cars, so the discovery of the large garage was like striking gold.

After moving in, Chuck immediately went to work, creating the man cave of his dreams.

His car show trophies finally had a forever home the moment they were placed on floating shelves. His vast collection of model cars were encased on a half wall behind perfectly polished glass.

Finishing touches on every wall included automotive memorabilia bought around the world during travels with Lynn and their granddaughter, Mallory.

"When we visited California, we tried to go to every classic car museum," Chuck said. "A lot of my posters I bought in those different museums."

On top of a cabinet, Chuck added a brick from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Then he tackled the double-decker, hydraulic-powered



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Chuck Culver, of the Village Pine Ridge, stands amidst his collection of cars in his man cave garage while at his home in The Villages. Cars included are a 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe, 1960 Chevrolet Corvette, a 1957 MG MGA and a 1964 Jaguar E Type.

lifts — all for his babies on wheels.

Chuck is likely the only one who has only fond memories of how his fantasy garage took shape.

Lynn easily recalls the day

her spouse requested her bravery. She ended up in the driver's seat of the sharp, black 1957 MGA Roadster on the top lift.

The reason for this predicament was measuring inches of available space between the ceiling and the windshield and roll bar.

Other beauties parked in the garage include a 1960 Chevrolet Corvette C1, a 1965 Ford Mustang coupe and a 1964 Jaguar XKE. And Chuck has done nearly all of the restoration work for all of these cars

and a long list of others.

"I have another four cars up north," he said. "It's an unbelievable challenge to do these restorations. Four of these cars were completely apart in boxes of parts when I got them."

The dark red 2000 Corvette parked in New Jersey is promised to Mallory.

"That's the year Mallory was born," Lynn said.

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The Villages DAILY SUN

Friday Dec 04, 2020

Villages Clubs Deliver Annual Toys for Tots Donation

Members of the Village Vettes and The Village Nomads made a large donation Wednesday.

By **SHERRI CONER**
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Led by police escorts, a colorful line of corvettes and roaring motorcycles snaked its way Wednesday from Wildwood to Fruitland Park, honking horns and waving.

Santa's helpers — 30 members of the Village Vettes Corvette Club, 12 members of The Village Nomads motorcycle club and two members of the Villages Camaro Club — gathered at George Nahas Chevrolet in Wildwood with cash and toys they had collected. The crowd then made its way to the Toys for Tots warehouse at the Phillips Buick GMC Collision Center in Fruitland Park for its annual donation.

The warehouse was already packed with large, labeled bags.

"Each one of these bags represents a family, and we have 900 bags in here," said Ed Lloyd, a Village of Pine Ridge



George Horsford | Daily Sun

Donald Crawford, of the Village De La Vista North, along with members of The Village Nomads, Villages Camaro Club and the Village Vettes Corvette Club, helps unload a truck load of toys.

resident and Toys For Tots coordinator for Lake and Sumter counties.

But Lloyd, along with 14 other members of the Col. Phillip C. DeLong Marine Corps League Detachment 1267, made space for more donations.

When the caravan arrived, they presented this year's haul.

"We had \$11,000 more dollars show up this morning," said Village Vettes president Charlie Tagman as he handed a check to Lloyd.

Tagman, of the Village of Fenney, was visibly elated. Although cash donations were still being collected, the groups had cleared \$23,798. It was about \$3,500 more than what was raised in 2019.

"Can you believe that? Even in a pandemic, we raised more money," said Jim Loguidice, a Village Vettes member and resident of the Village of Sabal Chase.

In the warehouse, Marine Corps League members unpack and stage toy donations so other volunteers can "shop" to fill children's wish lists.

In past years, staff with the Florida Department of Children and Families helped people make Christmas lists for their children. But the COVID-19 pandemic made this year a bit more difficult.

Marine Corps League volunteers had to step forward to make sure some jobs normally performed by DCF were covered.



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JANUARY 2021 UPDATE - Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.

During the period November 24 – December 31, 2020 the following 11 VVCC members took advantage of the new easy way to become an NCM member via our club website:

New Individual NCM Members

Nick Bella

Richard Ford

Tom Madeo

New Family NCM Members

Tony & Penny Badolato

Dominick & Myndy Catinella

David & Lorraine Flowers

New Lifetime NCM Members

David & Donna Halverson

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

As of December 31, our Club has 106 members who are also members of NCM --- 23.8% of our Club's 446 members. **If you are one of the 340 Club members who do not belong to NCM, you are encouraged to become an NCM member for the 25% discounted new member first year price of \$37.50 (or \$75.00 for 2 person Family membership).** It's easy to join NCM (or renew your NCM membership) at any time via the Club website by doing the following:

Join NCM or Renew NCM Membership at Any Time:

- 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**
- Click on the desired **New** or **Renew** button as desired and follow the prompts and pay via credit card or check

Participate in a 2021 NCM Museum in Motion Trip



Museum in Motion Tours

bring Corvette enthusiasts

together to enjoy driving their Corvettes and visiting new, unique, interesting and exciting venues. All arrangements are made on participant's behalf by the NCM! Here is the list of 2021 MIM offerings:

- Tail of the Dragon / Biltmore Estates April 25-28, 2021
- Branson Experience June TBA, 2021
- Colorado Springs Area July 11-16, 2021



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- Northeast Ohio Area August 1-6, 2021
- National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) September 19-25, 2021

Space is limited on all MiM tours, so get your name on the reservation list early. Contact Bryce at 270/777-4506 or Maci at 270/467-8804 at NCM to get your name on the list. Feel free to contact Ron Tanner, NCM Ambassador at 402/651-0474 if you have questions about MiM tours.

Upcoming NCM Corvette Raffles



2021 Build Your Own Corvette

or Take \$65,000

Drawing Date: 1/14/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$250.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



2021 Red Mist Convertible

Drawing Date: 2/4/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$150.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



2021 Black Coupe

Drawing Date: 2/25/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$100.00 Each; Tickets: 2,000



2021 Arctic White Coupe

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



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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 him 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: _____ @\$250/tkt 1/14/21 _____ @\$150/tkt 2/4/21 _____ @\$100/tkt 2/25/21 _____ @\$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.**

ROAD & TRACK

YOU CAN OWN THE COOLEST C7 CORVETTE IN EXISTENCE

The Pratt & Miller C7.R race car that won the Daytona 24 and Sebring 12-hour in 2015 can be yours... if you have **nearly \$1 million to spend.**

BY BRIAN SILVESTRO

DEC 17, 2020

If you're a Corvette lover with some cash to spare, you're going to want to see this. One of the Pratt & Miller-built Corvette C7.R factory competition cars has come up for sale in race-ready condition for the eye-watering sum of \$950,000. It might be your only chance to own the ultimate front-engine Corvette.



This very C7.R was campaigned by Chevy throughout 2014 and 2015, taking victory at the 2015 Rolex 24 at Daytona and the 2015 Sebring 12 Hour. It's also seen action at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and tracks such as Laguna Seca, Road America, Watkins Glen, Virginia International Raceway, and Road Atlanta. It's safe to say this car has pedigree.

While it might look like a normal C7 with some extra aero, this C7.R is dramatically different up close. The roofline is over three inches shorter, while the car is over seven inches wider. All of the panels are carbon fiber, and the interior is totally stripped out, save for a roll cage and a single bucket seat.

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The engine is based on Chevy's tried-and-true LS7 V-8, debored to 5.5 liters from 7.0 to abide by race regulations. Thanks to custom internals, it's still able to make over 500 horsepower, sending torque to the rear wheels via a six-speed sequential transmission. With an unmistakably deep bellow, it was often a fan favorite at events worldwide.

Seeing as how the new C8.R has taken over factory racing duties for Chevrolet, it only makes sense the old models get sold off—though the recent sale of Pratt & Miller to the Oshkosh Corporation might also have something to do with it. Either way, this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for a well-off Corvette collector.

Whoever ends up buying this thing: Please, get out and drive it once in a while. We absolutely love hearing it on the move.



Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since Dec 1, 2020:

Tom Madeo

live in the Village of Collier.
He is from Staten Island, NY and has
a 2020 C8, Long Beach Red
a 2015 C7 Velocity Yellow and
a 2008 C6 Jetstream Blue

Jerry and Wanda Lovitz

live in the Village of Marsh Bend.
They are from Lexington, WV. They
drive a 2014 C7, Cyber Gray

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

TOTAL MEMBERS 446						TOP 10 VILLAGES	
FAMILIES	196		Body	Qty	% Tot	VILLAGE	#
SINGLES	54		RagTop	135	48%	PENNECAMP	23
NCM MEMBERS	102	23%	Targa	118	42%	FERNANDINA	22
GEN	Qty	% Tot	FRC	3	1%	GILCHRIST	22
C8	13	5%	T-Top	10	4%	LABELLE	19
C7	107	38%	Coupe	9	3%	FENNEY	18
C6	56	23%	HTC	4	1%	COLLIER	17
C5	41	17%	TOTAL	279		PINE HILLS	17
C4	18	6%	FullTime	-342	79%	CHARLOTTE	16
C3	20	8%	PartTime	-100	21%	DUNEDIN	14
C2	16	6%	?????	4		PINELLAS	13
C1	8	3%					41% 181
TOT.VETTES	279					ALL OTHERS	265
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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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1/21-Thursday 5 PM "Cool Cars Under the Stars"

Downtown Leesburg Car & Truck Cruise Nights are back here @ the Great Chicago Fire Brewery & Tap Room, Leesburg Florida,

Registration Not Required

No Entry Fee

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2/19 at 9:00 AM Friday at Mallory Rec Center

**Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing ,
+ LUNCH @ Terry's Place, Ocala**

Don Garlits himself will be guiding the tour.

Registration Required - Any questions contact

Paul and Darry Bova

352-205-2242

2/25 at 11:15 AM Thursday

Grand Oaks Resort - The Bistro -- Lunch