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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2021

## ***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE***

The February General Membership Meeting was a lot of fun and was well attended. We had about 110 members there to enjoy the Garth Brooks Tribute performance. The show was so well received that we are in discussion to bring them back for this years Christmas Party. Stay tuned for more on this.

Our March 11th Membership Meeting will be preceeded by an informal Eisenhower Cruise-In (hopefully featuring some our members 18 C-8"s) that will start at 5PM and run until the meeting starts at 6:30. Bring your own chairs and refreshments. At our General Meeting, Ron Tanner will recognize and make a presentation to each Member of The National Corvette Museum. So....If you are a NCM member, please try to attend.

The Blessing of The Vettes which we were trying to hold in April has been indefinitely postponed. It will be rescheduled when circumstances permit as this has been one of our most attended events.

We are scheduling another Corvette Cavalcade in connection with our May 13th meeting to express our thanks and support to Covid Caregivers and Responders. We again will be presenting checks to The Villages Hospital Pandemic Fund and this year to local Police. We will assemble at St. Timothy's parking lot at 4:30, proceed to the Hospital for the presentation and then move South to Eisenhower for the Police presentation. We are asking for a \$35 per car contribution. See our website.

Plans are proceeding for the Flags Across America at Memorial Day and the Driving the Squares hot dog social on July 3rd.

Stay Safe and get your Covid shots if you can.

***Charlie Tagman***  
***President 2020/21***

# Bill Malstrom from the Village of Collier and a Corvette Club member makes first two Holes-in-One in the same round in Caroline.

## Despite Breeze, Villager Lands Pair of Holes-in-One

MALSTROM MAKES FIRST TWO ACES IN SAME ROUND ON CAROLINE LAYOUT.



Photo by John DeClerk / Daily Item

Bill Malstrom, of the Village of Collier, poses with his scorecard earlier this month. Malstrom landed a pair of aces on Jan. 19 at Mallory Hill's Caroline layout within an hour of each other.

By JEFF SHAIN  
Daily Item Senior Writer

A grievous error prevented Bill Malstrom from seeing his first hole-in-one.

"I took my eye off it after it landed on the green," the Village of Collier golfer admitted in regard to his Jan. 19 ace on the third hole of Mallory Hill's Caroline layout. "Then the fellow standing next to me says, 'I think it just rolled into the hole.'"

Opportunity lost. What kind of wait must players endure to get a second bite of hole-in-one fortune?

Months? Years? Decades? In Malstrom's case, five holes — about an hour.

On Caroline's eighth hole — the next par-3 on the course — Malstrom managed to duplicate the feat. This time, he didn't look away.

"This one I saw go in," he marveled. "I couldn't believe it, but I saw that one go in."

According to the National Hole-In-One Registry, the odds of a golfer making two aces in a round are 67 million to 1, though The Villages tends to produce a higher frequency. For Malstrom, those were his first two aces since picking up the game 20 years ago in Maryland.

"I can be done now," he quipped. "I don't have to play with that pressure."

Though both aces went into the books at 125 yards, a slight breeze that day led to a different club selection. Malstrom used a 7-iron at the third hole, which requires about 100 yards of carry over



Malstrom stands next to one of the holes he landed a hole-in-one at Mallory Hill Country Club.

water to an elevated green. "I walked out to the green with my putter, expecting the ball to be anywhere but in the hole," he said. "But there it was."

With almost no breeze at

No. 8, Malstrom clubbed down to an 8-iron and produced another perfect baby draw.

"I guess 125 yards was a pretty good distance that day," he said.

"I generally don't scare the

pin," Malstrom elaborated. "I really don't. It's not like I can even remember having a good shot bounce off the flagstick. On any given day, I can play some pretty good golf. But I don't take lessons or practice a lot."

One other oddity from the round: It was the first time Malstrom had ever played Caroline, invited that day by a neighborhood golf group. Malstrom, 71, and wife Carol split their year between The Villages and Baltimore, where he still runs an electrical contracting business.

"We get down here for two months at a time, once or twice a year," he said.

Malstrom didn't get into golf until about 20 years ago when they joined Hunt Valley Country Club, about a half-hour north of Baltimore.

"I had always kidded people that I'd take up golf when I got too old to play lacrosse," said Malstrom, who stayed active in senior lacrosse into his 50s. "Well, I finally got too old to play lacrosse."

Malstrom took up lacrosse as an adult, too, learning the game to help coach his sons in youth leagues.

"Unlike golf, lacrosse came to me pretty easily," he said.

"Golf has been a tremendous challenge because it's such a game of opposites," he continued. "It's difficult for me to get my head around — less is more, easy is long, hit down to get the ball up. All those challenging concepts."

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# Memorial Day Flag Placement



The club is planning on supporting the placement of flags at the graves of veterans for Memorial day at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

We would like to have a large turnout of club members and their cars for this event. Placement is scheduled for May 30. We meet at Eisenhower R.C. at 8am and caravan to Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Immediately following this event we will travel to Pudgee's in Floral City, FL for the Best Foot Long hotdogs, plus burgers, fried bologna sandwiches

Removal is scheduled for June 6th. You will be able to sign up for either placement, removal or both. Details on removal will be provided at a later date.

The placement involves placing flags at the graves of fallen veterans, reciting their name and thanking them for their service. Total time involved in the activity is approximately 90 minutes. The more volunteers the quicker it will go.



Removal involves removing the flag, wiping the stick and checking for cracked, ripped or otherwise damaged flags. The flags are then bundled in rolls of 20 and placed in bins for storage. This activity takes approximately 2 hours depending on the number of volunteers.

Both activities are worthwhile and an excellent way to show our gratitude for our veterans. We will be providing updates and specifics in future newsletters.





# DON GARLITS

## MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING





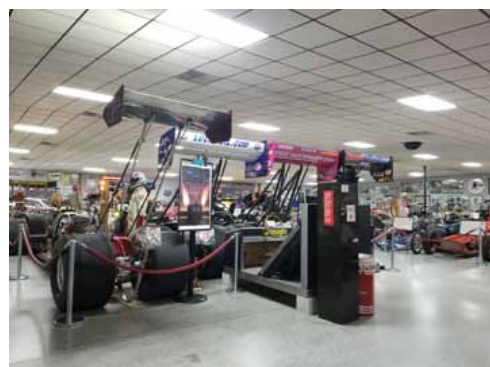
# DON GARLITS MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING

20 members of the club made the short trip to Don Garlits museum of Drag Racing. The “Big Daddy” himself led us on a tour of his life and his beloved museum. We saw and heard his cars (yes he started many including his Swamp Rat 12, fuel dragster)

The cars were facinating but Don himself was the star as he spun his tales of life, love and faith. You couldn’t help but be impressed by this 89 year old’s life accomplishments.

After the tour we made a short trip to Terry’s Place in Ocala, a roadside bar with outstanding food. All in all a memorable adventure.

*Paul Bova*



# ROAD & TRACK

## **CHUCK YEAGER WAS A HERO TO SPEED DEMONS EVERYWHERE**

**If your heart runs quicker at the thought of ultimate speed, you owe a debt to General Yeager.**

BY KYLE KINARD

DEC 8, 2020



What good does it do to be afraid? It doesn't help anything. You better try and figure out what's happening and correct it.

Brigadier General Charles "Chuck" Yeager passed away last night at a California hospital. He was 97 years old. Yeager will be remembered best as the man who broke the sound barrier, a widely publicized achievement that he chased bravely. While Yeager's achievements brought him notoriety, we admire a different Yeager—the speed freak who chased his passions, including cars and motorcycles, without an ounce of pretension.

You might not suspect that from a man whose life reads like action-movie fiction. Yeager's prodigious talent behind the yoke of a fighter plane (plus his keen eyesight) landed him a seat in the U.S. Air Force 363rd Fighter Squadron. Yeager flew P-51 Mustangs, mostly, and remains one of just a handful of pilots to become an ace in a single encounter, scoring five kills in the fray. Later in the war, Yeager was shot down over Europe, only to become a member of the French resistance, cross the Pyrenees, return to base, and keep flying fighter missions.



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### ***Welcome to Our Club's Newest NCM Members!***

During the period February 1 - 28, 2021 the following VVCC members became NCM members:

#### **New Family NCM Members**

Earl & Gale Crawford

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

### ***Become an NCM Member and Get the Benefits***

- Free Admission to Museum Exhibits
- Discount on NCM Sponsored On-Site Events
- Discount on NCM Sponsored MIM Events
- 10% Discount on Corvette Store Apparel, Car Parts & Accessories
- Discount on NCM Auto Insurance
- Discount on Car Rentals
- Discount on Hotels
- 20% Discount on Carfax Reports
- 10% Discount on Air Evac/AirMedCare Membership
- Discount on Museum Bricks & Tiles
- Discount on Build Sheets & Window Stickers
- Tax Deductibility of Dues, Donations, Raffle Tickets, Bricks & Tiles
- Reduce All or Part of IRA RMD Income by Gifting to NCM
- Annual Subscription to America's Sports Car Magazine
- Weekly NCM Email News Updates
- Access to Member Only NCM Website Section

If you are one of the VVCC Club members who do not belong to NCM, please join now to become part of the 38,000 or so fellow Corvette owners, including many VVCC members, who are NCM members. The first year price of becoming an NCM Individual member is only \$37.50 (or \$75.00 for 2 person Family membership) which is a 25% discount for VVCC members --- that's only **72 cents per week** for a person to become an NCM member. Annual renewal dues for Individual and Family memberships cost \$50, and all dues payments are tax deductible.





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## **JOINING NCM/RENEWING NCM MEMBERSHIPS VIA VVCC WEBSITE**

It's easy to join NCM (or renew your NCM membership) via the VVCC website as follows:

- Go to our website at [www.villagevettes.com](http://www.villagevettes.com)
- Log onto the website by clicking on **Member Login** in the upper right corner of your screen - have your User Name & Password ready.
- Click on the menu tab at the far right end of the menu bar.
- Scroll down the page to this selection of buttons.

<b>NEW MEMBERSHIP HERE</b>				<b>RENEW EXISTING NCM MEMBERSHIPS HERE</b>			
NEW NCM Individual \$37.50 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	NEW NCM Family \$75.00 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	NEW NCM LIFETIME \$1,500.00	NEW NCM SENIOR Individual \$500.00 - 20 Years	ReNew NCM Family \$200.00 - 5 Years	ReNew NCM Family \$50.00 - 1 Year	ReNew NCM Individual \$200.00 - 5 Years	ReNew NCM Individual \$50.00 - 1 Year

- Click the desired **NEW** or **ReNEW** button and follow the prompts.
- Pay via credit card on our secure on-line system.

### **How can I determine if I'm an NCM member?**

Easy – when you are **Logged in** as a VVCC member on the VVCC website, push the **MEMBERS ONLY** tab on the home page; scroll down to and open the **Xcel Membership Roster**. NCM membership information is listed for each NCM member in the far right three columns of the Roster.

## **National Corvette Museum Announces Leadership Change**

**Preston Leaves NCM; Matukas Named Interim CEO**



Jack Matukas, former NCM Board of Directors Chairman, to serve as interim CEO





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This news is somewhat dated (I mentioned it at the January 2021 monthly Club meeting), but still noteworthy in case you missed it. The NCM Board of Directors announced on January 13, 2021 that Dr. Sean Preston left the NCM where he served as President/CEO since July 2019. No other information was provided on his sudden departure, or where he was going. Former NCM Board of Directors Chairman, and Bowling Green retired Real Estate executive Jack Matukas will serve as Interim CEO of NCM. The Board has engaged a search firm to conduct a nation-wide search for a new CEO.

### *Looking for an All-Season Super Tire?*

It was recently reported by NCM that the Michelin Pilot Sport All Season 4 tire has been "super car" certified and approved for use on Corvettes. It's reported to offer improved handling in wet conditions and 30% more tread life than the OEM tires.

### *Save 10% on Tires & Wheels*

Thanks to TireBuyer.com, NCM members can now save 10% on your next online purchase!

Offer: 10% off site wide

Code: **CORVETTEMUSEUM10**

How to redeem: enter the code in the 'Coupon Code' box at checkout

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



C8 owners – check out the front inlet covers offered by C8 VetteParts Online.com.

- Patent pending design
- Easy to install from in front of the car (20 min. total time)
- No tools needed or removal of any factory parts
- Laser cut aluminum solid design - not flimsy like screens
- Won't crack & break like a plastic screen - not flimsy like an aluminum screen
- Powder coated on both sides
- Factory Look – matches the factory hexagon on the rear hatch & rear fascia
- \$349.00 plus flat rate shipping to lower 48 (applicable sales tax will be applied)
- No lift needed, grab a cushion from an outdoor chair!
- Use your favorite ceramic coating before installation for super easy cleaning!



Engine bay covers will be available during April 2021.



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**Update - 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:

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|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| • Sights & Sounds of New Orleans               | March 30 – April 3, 2021 | <b>SOLD OUT</b>  |
| • Tail of the Dragon / Biltmore Estates        | April 25-28, 2021        | <b>SOLD OUT</b>  |
| • 9-Day Caribbean Cruise                       | May 14-23, 2021          | <b>CANCELLED</b> |
| • Branson Experience                           | June TBA, 2021           |                  |
| • 24 Hours of Le Mans (London, Paris, Le Mans) | June 4 - 15, 2021        |                  |
| • Colorado Springs Area                        | July 11-16, 2021         |                  |
| • 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.

**Michelin NCM Bash – April 22-24, 2021**

**Four to Be Inducted Into the Corvette Hall of Fame**



The following four individuals will be recognized and inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame on Friday night, April 23, 2021 at the Michelin NCM Bash event: **Doug Fehan** in the category of Racing; **Henry Haga** in the category of GM/Chevrolet; **Dr. Mike McCagh** in the category of Enthusiast; and **Wendell Strode** in the category of Community Contributor. These four individuals will be recognized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.





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Nominations for Hall of Fame inductees are done annually through forms available at the NCM. Only NCM members may make nominations. Current NCM Board members and NCM employees are not eligible to be nominated.

Online registration is open at closes at 5:00 pm central time on Tuesday, April 6th. All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hard card credential, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Lifetime registration is \$20 pp, member registration is \$25 pp and non-member registration is \$35 pp.

To register for the Bash:

- Click this link [On-Site Events – National Corvette Museum](#);
- Scroll down the page and push the + expand the Michelin NCM Bash entry on the right dated April 22;
- Scroll down the expanded Bash page to **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**;
- Sign in as an NCM member on the MEMBER LOG IN PAGE that pops up;
- Push **Register Me Now!** and complete your registration.

Please advise our VVCC NCM Ambassador Ron Tanner if you are planning to attend the 2021 Bash.

### **Upcoming NCM Corvette Raffles**



**2021 Silver Flare Convertible; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Adrenline Red Interior**

Drawing Date: 3/18/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$200.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



**2021 Shadow Gray Coupe; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Jet Black Interior**

Drawing Date: 4/01/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$150.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500



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**2021 Arctic White Coupe; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Adrenline Red Interior**  
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. The cost of Corvette raffle tickets are tax deductible. **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: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$200/tkt 3/18/21 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$150/tkt 4/1/21 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$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.**





[Jay Leno](#)

04 March 2021

## **Leno: Appreciation for hard work is fading, and old cars aren't easy**



Once I had a gentleman on The Tonight Show who had climbed Mount Everest, which is an amazing feat that is nearly impossible for most people under the best of circumstances. But this guy was also blind. Imagine being 29,000 feet up, grabbing at snow, not knowing if it's night or day, with the wind howling and every breath a challenge, and you can't see anything. Anyway, he was a nice gentleman and an incredible athlete who afterward had been doing motivational speaking. I asked him how it was going and he sort of grimaced. He said the frustrating part was the meet-and-greet after, when at least one person in every audience would come up and say, "Yeah, I was going to climb Mount Everest, but, you know, the kids have soccer and work is crazy and I just haven't gotten around to it."

Like it was so easy except, you know, soccer practice. Here this fellow had trained his whole life to do something that maybe one out of 10 million people can do, had endured incredible hardship, and had even overcome the fact that he was blind, and people were so dismissive of it.



Maybe it's because life has gotten pretty soft and we don't make anything for ourselves anymore, but we're losing respect for other people's accomplishments and hard work, for what the human hand can do instead of just the human brain. I hear this all the time from guys who have their cars restored and who have never turned a wrench in their lives: All mechanics are crooks, they'll overcharge you at every turn. They'll moan about the high cost of a paint job, for example, not realizing that the paint is \$600 a quart and somebody has to spend hours sanding it and finishing it because a good finish doesn't come out of a rattle-can of Rust-Oleum.

Our appreciation or understanding of other people's hard work is fading, and that rankles me. The last time I pulled a transmission out of something here at the garage, it took hours and my hands were bleeding and covered in grease, and I thought, "Some guy only makes a couple hundred bucks for doing that?" That's why I don't usually question a quote for something we need to get done outside the garage. Good work doesn't seem expensive when you think about how much actual effort goes into it, and that someone needs to be able to make a living doing it or else nobody will do it. Besides, I have yet to meet anyone who is getting rich by sandblasting rusty parts or re-chroming bumpers. They're not overcharging—in fact, they're probably undercharging.



Gabe Angster



Gabe Angster



Well, nowadays we watch these shows where they restore a car in a weekend, literally, and it seems so easy. The sparks are flying and guys are trying to ram a big-screen TV into the dash, and after a couple of commercial breaks and some pounding music, the car is done. It gives people an unrealistic picture of what it takes to restore a car—the thousands of hours, many of which are never billed. Just the amount of research a restorer has to do, figuring out how things go together and what is supposed to be original, is huge.





These days, Amazon will drop a package on your doorstep the same day you order it, so we're also losing touch with how long things take in the real world. A very famous country western star called me not long ago and said, "It's my husband's birthday, he's always wanted a 1953 Ford F-100, a red one, and I want to get one for his birthday. Can you get me one?" I said I couldn't promise it would be red, but I would look around. Then I asked when his birthday is. She said, "Thursday." I said, "This is Tuesday! I'm not going to find a car in two days. It takes awhile!" She didn't get it.

Next time you're walking a car show, before you judge some guy because his paint isn't perfect, think about how much of the work you do yourself. Unlike everything else we buy these days, there's nothing quick, easy, or cheap about old cars. And while few of us will ever climb Mount Everest, restoring a classic car is enough of a mountain for most people. Give them some credit.

Friday February 26, 2021

# The Villages® DAILY SUN

## Villages Couple Built Life Around, Friends, Fun and Muscle Cars

Paul and Darry Bova have always enjoyed fast cars, and their new 2020 Corvette C8 Z51 suits their shared passion.



By **SHERRI CONER**  
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Owning a C8 Z51, known as an incredibly high-performance ride, didn't concern Paul and Darry Bova when they opened their Arctic White 2020 coupe.

With great confidence, these big engine fans drove home in the first-ever Chevrolet Corvette with a mid-engine placement.

After all, the Bovas' life together has been built around friends, lots of physical activities and, of course, fun, beautiful vehicles.

But even with all those extracurricular possibilities, they always appreciate an occasional adventure.

Sixty-two years ago, when they started dating, Darry quickly observed that her new beau seemed to have a lot of interest in vehicles.

So it was no surprise at all when a strong theme involving automobiles followed them into married life.

In 1970, these native New Yorkers bought one of America's greatest sports cars — a 1964 Stingray convertible.

Through the years, they also owned keys for lots of other ignitions — from street cars, race cars and Mustangs to Ferraris.

When they started a family, Paul had a plan for all three of their children — all sons.

When each one reached age 15, Paul tackled the restoration efforts of their first cars with each son.

The family garage housed two Mustangs and one Camaro while each one was brought back to life.

"I took pictures and documented the restoration for them," Darry said of the right-of-passage moments for each of her boys. "Cars have always been a family thing."

As their children got closer to young adulthood, Paul's passion for cars developed into an interest in racing vintage sports cars.

By 1999, Paul decided to move right past the interest in racing.

Instead, the interest turned into a hobby. He started climbing behind the steering wheels and watching for racing flags to drop on road courses.

Watching Paul put the pedal to the metal made Darry realize something.

"He looked like he was having too much fun," she said with a laugh.

Three years later, this high-spirited woman decided to stop making racing a spectator sport.

In 2002, she joined her husband on the racing circuit.

### 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 Z51



**Engine:**  
6.2 liter LT1



**Base Price:**  
\$59,999



**Miles per Gallon:**  
26



**Transmission:**  
8-speed dual clutch

"We had a truck to haul the race cars and a motor home to sleep," Darry said. "We traveled all over the place, all over the Northeast."

After a five-year run, Darry was involved in a rollover. Thankful that she climbed out of the car without injuries, she retired from racing in 2007.

Paul continued to race until 2014.

One year later, the Bovas moved to the Village of Dunedin from Stamford, Connecticut.

In 2017, they bought a C7 Stingray coupe and joined The Village Vettes Corvette Club.

"I now do the layout design and production of the club newsletter," Darry said. "My husband and I help out with the membership duties for the club."

When they aren't enjoying the C8, the Bovas might be difficult to find. They are committed to lap swimming. They conduct weekly exercise classes. They volunteer with Operation Shoebox and belong to a bonsai club.

"Paul drives the C8 more than I do, but I really do like to drive it," Darry said.

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Photos by George Horsford | Daily Sun

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**TIME FOR ANOTHER CRUISE-IN  
"BLOOD DONATION"  
EVENT AT MOYER LOOP RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT**



**Wednesday, 4/21/2021;**

**8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
at the Moyer Rec. Center.**



As announced at our meeting on Feb. 11,  
the Village Nomads Motorcycle Club and  
the Village Vettes Corvette Club  
have teamed up to sponsor another combination

"Cruise-In and Blood Drive"

at the Moyer Recreation Center on Moyer Loop in The Villages  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Members of both clubs may come at anytime and stay as long as they wish.

AND....

As they did last year, The NOMADS and Fruitland Park Police Dept.  
will be supplying hot dogs and condiments to all cruise-in participants and blood donors. So bring yourself,  
your significant other, your 'sweet' ride, your own beverage and your appetite

You may bring your own chair, cooler, umbrella for shade, etc.

A special thanks to Village Vettes member and Nomads president Bob Kerfin 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.

Donation is voluntary.

We encourage members to come and display their gorgeous rides whether they plan to donate or not.

Registration on our club website is not necessary  
Appointments to donate should be made on One Blood's web site:

<http://oneblood.org>

Click on: DONATE  
Enter Zip code: 32163  
Enter Date: April 21 to April 21  
Enter: 10 mile distance  
Select: MOBILE DRIVE  
Click on: SEARCH....  
Result: Moyer Rec Center Event is Displayed

Click on: RED ARROW (>) and select your preferred  
appointment time

In case of difficulties registering for a time slot,  
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# Village Vettes Upcoming Events for March and April

## **March 10 (Wednesday) - Drive & Dine for dinner to Mesa de Nottte in Ocala, FL**

We'll meet at Mulberry Recreation Center at 4:15PM and will depart together at 4:30PM for a leisurely "cruise" to Ocala. You will enjoy the uniqueness of this restaurant and will be pleasantly surprised with this dining experience. Sign up by clicking on the following link that takes you directly to the web page for this event.

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## **March 20 (Saturday) - Chris Cruz Artistry (auto and motorcycle graphic artist) in Deland, FL followed by lunch at The Table in Deland**

We'll meet at Mulberry Recreation Center at 8:45PAM and will depart together at 9:00AM for our drive to Deland, FL where we will visit with one of the leading automotive airbrush artist, Chris Cruz. In business for over 30 years, this custom paint shop has produced a countless variety of «Art on Wheels». With his long history of talent, Chris Cruz has developed a very versatile custom paint shop that continues to provide outstanding custom paint, graphic art, pinstriping and designs for cars (especially Corvettes) and motorcycles. Numerous Village Vettes members have cars that have beautiful graphics done by Chris Cruz. As a bonus, he will actually be working on my C8 During our 1.5 hour visit, during which time he will also do a demo of pinstriping or airbrushing. Most folks love to see him in action which is pretty amazing to watch! The demo art he will be working on will be the «1st» place door prize that will give away to one of the lucky Village Vettes members. Chris Cruz will also have a few other door prizes of T-shirts and a CCA gift certificate to give away. Chris will gladly talk to anyone who has questions or concerns with their own car paint issues, and/or information on paint, pinstriping, graphics, lettering, etc.

We will depart at approximately 11:30 for a short drive to downtown Deland for lunch at The Table, a rather new and elegant restaurant that all should enjoy.

Sign up by copying the link below and paste it that takes you directly to the web page for this event.

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## **April 16 (Friday) - Drive & Dine to Hollerbachs Willow Tree German Restaurant in Sanford, FL**

We'll meet at Rohan Recreation Center at 3:45PM and will depart together at 4:00PM for a 90 minute "cruise" to Sanford, FL.

A fun and very entertaining evening dining on authentic GERMAN CUSINE, singing, dancing, and laughing with the band, and making new friends. Sign up by clicking on the following link that takes you directly to the web page for this event.

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## **National Parts Depot (NPD) - Private tour of a fabulous collection of 200+ cars located in Ocala followed by lunch at the Braised Onion**

Don't miss out on this unique and exciting event!! You are registering for a unique and exclusive experience to view one of the most extensive & interesting private collections of automobiles here in Central Florida, the NPD PRIVATE MUSEUM. We'll meet at Mulberry Recreation Center at 8:45PAM and will depart together at 9:00AM for our short drive to Ocala, FL. The "walk around" tour, hosted by one of the owners of NPD and who actually purchased a majority of the cars, can take anywhere from 1.5 to 2+ hours so wear comfortable shoes and bring your cameras/cell-phones to take lots of pictures. Following the museum tour, we will enjoy lunch at The Braised Onion where we will order from their menu. Sign up by clicking on the following link that takes you directly to the web page for this event.

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# Welcome New Members

## List of New Members Since February 1, 2021:

### Jeff and Phyllis Geagan

live in the Village of Desoto

They are from Maine and have a 2007 C6 Red Z06/Black

### Les and Cindy Nordhagen

**They** live in the Village of Collier @ Alden Bungalows

They are from Colorado and they have a 2013 C6 ZR1 White/Blue

### Gary Wilde and Patricia McLellan

**They** live in the Village of Glenbrook

They are from Upstate New York and has a 2003 C5 50th Anniversary Red/Shale Targa

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

TOTAL MEMBERS 403			TOP 10 VILLAGES		
FAMILIES 178			VILLAGE	#	
SINGLES 47			FERNANDINA	23	
GEN	Qty	% Tot	GILCHRIST	22	
C8	17	7%	PENNECAMP	22	
C7	93	38%	COLLIER	19	
C6	49	23%	PINE HILLS	19	
C5	36	17%	FENNEY	18	
C4	18	6%	LABELLE	18	
C3	21	8%	CHARLOTTE	14	
C2	13	6%	DUNEDIN	14	
C1	8	3%	HEMINGWAY	12	
TOT.VETTES	255		45% 181		
As of: 03/01/21 17:01			ALL OTHERS 222		

NCM MEMBERSHIP			Body	Qty	% Tot
NCM FAMILIES 36			RagTop	125	49%
INDIVIDUAL 25			Targa	103	40%
LIFETIME 10			T-Top	12	5%
SENIOR INDIV 1			Coupe	7	3%
TOTAL = 72			HTC	4	2%
			FRC	4	2%
TOTAL			TOTAL	255	
FullTime -307 79%					
PartTime -94 21%					
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## Garth Brooks Tribute February Meeting

