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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2021

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

There is a LOT goin on!

A quick look back, The July 3 Hot Dog Social which was moved to <<under the Canopy>> at Nahas was a lot of fun. We had about 60 members enjoying an old fashioned type 4th of July celebration, avoiding the rain. Thank you to Don Cheney We received a nice note of Thanks from Angela at Baker House acknowledging our \$500 contribution even though we moved the venue because of the rain. She invited us to use the facility on a later date.

Moving forward. We have an August 12th pre-meeting Cruise-In at Eisenhower at 4:45 pm. Mark the Shark will be providing the entertainment. (Rain or Shine) We will go inside if the weather requires. If you are so inclined, bring some school supplies for the local schools. Cash is always accepted.

Our August membership meeting will begin at 6:30pm. On the agenda:

Ron Tanner has announced he is stepping down as NCM Ambassador after serving in this role with distinction. If you have interest in being the Ambassador make your interest known to Mike White.

Any member interested in serving as an officer/director of VVCC should also let Mike White know

Susan Feinberg has graciously designated a portion of financial proceeds from Smash Productions Play, Rhapsody in Rhythm, taking place November 3-5, 2021 at Savannah Center.

Susan has asked for 2 or 3 volunteers each show night to staff a table to collect T4T donations. We also have agreed to encourage members to buy tickets. Let Jim Loguidice know if you want to volunteer. Complimentary show tickets will be provided to volunteers.

Plans are proceeding for our Toys 4 Tots Kick-Off on October 9th featuring Johnny Wild & The Delights. A lot more to come but save the date.

CHRISTMAS! Really? Yep, it's time to plan. Go on line and sign up for the Garth Brooks Tribute Show and Dinner on December 9th.

Last thought. Hope you saw the spread on Linda and Mike White in The Villages Magazine, August 2021 Edition. Real nice story.

Be safe!

Charlie Tagman. President 2020/21



***** UPDATE - UPDATE *****

MORE INFO REGARDING
"VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB"

PRE-MEETING CRUISE-IN

Thursday AUGUST 12, 2021 from 4:45 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.
EISENHOWER RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT WITH

MARK "THE SHARK" WOODLAND ENTERTAINING

****** IT'S A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT! ******
WE'LL BE MOVING INSIDE IF THE WEATHER IS BAD.

AND....

YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY PLANNED TO CONTRIBUTE,
WE WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES OR IF YOU PREFER A CASH DONATION
FOR AREA SCHOOLS



OOGLE THE CARS, SHOOT THE BALONEY, LISTEN TO
"Mark the Shark"

AND DONATE A SCHOOL SUPPLY OF CHOICE, I.E.
PENS, PENCILS, PAPER HIGHLIGHTERS, ERASERS, BACKPACKS, ETC



Charlie Tagman
President

Save The Date

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Save The Date - The 10th Annual Village Vettes Toys-For-Tots Campaign Kick-Off event will occur on

Saturday, 9 October '21. (11:00 AM – 03:00 PM)

Venue will be the Nahas Chevrolet dealership. (11:00 PM – 03:00 PM)

Johnny Wild and The Delights will be providing the event's entertainment.

“Nomads Motorcycle Club”,
“Village Camaro Club” and Tri-County Corvette Clubs will be Invited

There will be food, games, prizes, auction items, and a 50-50 raffle.

Price of admission is a cash donation and/or unwrapped toy.

Stay tuned to the Village Vettes web site, <https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com>,
for further details.



Village Vettes "Country Christmas"

This year's annual Village Vettes "Country Christmas" Dinner Party will occur on Thursday, 9 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." Cost is \$40.00/person.



The event will be catered by the Oakwood Smokehouse Grill. It is a "country" themed event; so, "blame it all on your roots and show up in your boots."

Visit the club's web site (<https://villagevettes.clubexpress.com>) for further details/registration.



The process has commenced to establish a new slating for a new Board Of Directors for the coming year.

The requirement/qualification for office is simple, be a "tenured, member-in-good-standing" and demonstrate an interest in facilitating the direction of the club for the coming year. Elected Directors will serve a one (1) year term with a term of office extending from 01 January '22 thru 31 December '22. The new Board Of Directors will be elected by ballot casted by the attending membership at the 11 November '21 General Membership Meeting.

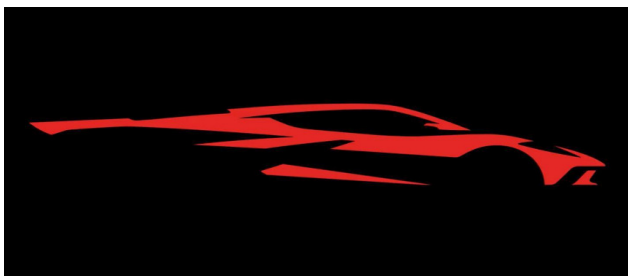
All office positions are open. If interested, please contact a member of the Nomination/Election Committee. (Mike White or Jim LOGUIDICE).



C8 Corvette Production

By: V.P. Rich Rose

For the past 9 months I have been sending out a daily group email to members that have been on the waiting list to purchase a C8. It started back on October 19, 2020 with the creation of a spreadsheet that displayed the Bowling Green Corvette production of the previous day. It continued until September 29, 2021 when the last member on the list received their car.



If there are any members currently waiting for a C8 (either a 2021 or 2022) and would like to be added to the list you can send an email to ra_rose@hotmail.com. In the subject line you should specify C8 Corvette Production. I will then reach out to you for additional information and include you on the group.





VETS IN 'VETTES IN THE VILLAGES

**MIKE AND LINDA WHITE'S SHARED
INTEREST IN CORVETTES LED TO LOVE
BOTH ON AND OFF THE TRACK**

STORY BY MARK ANDERSON | PHOTOS BY ROB WILKERSON

For Mike and Linda White, owning Corvettes led to more than just social opportunities and track days. Both members of the Village Vettes Club, the pair met and fell in love through the club and their mutual interest in Corvettes.

Mike moved to the area in 2006, and he joined the Village Vettes shortly after.

"When I got here, I was still working and I needed a break, so I joined the club," he said. "I did all kinds of stuff and I was pretty active, and in 2008, the club sponsored a Daytona trip. I had seen Linda at meetings before — she said I was leering at her, but I wasn't (laughs)."

While on the trip, the club went to dinner after spending the day on the Daytona International Speedway, and Linda jokingly told the waiter to send her bill over to Mike.

"I said OK and just paid it," Mike said, laughing. "That's how we met, and we were married less than a year later. That's our story."

"He just couldn't wait," Linda added with a laugh.

Speaking of "leering," Mike said he had previously seen Linda at club meetings but had never talked to her much.

"I'd see her at the club and all that, but I never approached her,"

Mike said. "Every once in a while we would talk, but it was always about something military. We went to some activity (with the club), and she said, 'You said you were going to call me!' I told her I would, and she said, 'Well when? Two years from now?' So I asked her to breakfast and the rest is history."

Both Mike and Linda are retired Army veterans, and that shared military experience often was a topic they talked about at club meets.

"She's a retired sergeant major and I'm a retired colonel," Mike said. "And she still doesn't listen to me (laughs)."

Linda says owning a Corvette helped her forge her own path in the Army — people knew who she was and they respected the woman driving the red Corvette.

"It was good back then when I had my little red 'Vette," Linda said.

"When I was in the military, the big shots were like, 'Who is that?' And I'd wave hi and just keep on going. It was a lot of fun, it helped me roll around in the military."





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— Mike White

Behind the Wheel

The pair previously owned separate Corvettes, but after getting married, they decided to trade in the other cars for a single Corvette — a C6 Corvette, or the sixth generation of the legendary American car. Eventually though, they traded up to a C7 — a 2016 Corvette Stingray convertible with the Z51 Performance Package, their current car.

New Corvette owners can register for the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School in Las Vegas, and after purchasing the 2016 Corvette, Mike and Linda enrolled in the school.

There, they had a blast on the track, learning the ins and outs of their new car.

"You're on the track 80% of the time," Mike said. "(The instructors are) professional drivers, and they're on the radio telling you you didn't hit your apex or to speed it up or go down a gear. Over the speaker, I hear, 'Hey! Get over there!' It was Linda on the radio. That was all I needed."

While Mike was driving, Linda rode with the pro drivers at the front of the pack and she was able to use the radio to talk to Mike.

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"(The driver) said, 'Do you see him back there?' And I said, 'I know, he's not doing very well,'" Linda recalled. "He handed me the radio and said, 'There, say something to him.' Those guys were so nice, and we had the best time there."

Since joining the Village Vettes in 2006, Mike has held every position with the club with the exception of treasurer. He is heavily involved with the club, and he enjoys the camaraderie shared by members of the club.

"He works his butt off, I can tell you that," Linda said.

The Village Vettes meet on the second Thursday of every month at Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center, and Mike says they do several fundraising drives and charity

events throughout the year that he helps put together.

For Mike and Linda, Corvettes and the Village Vettes club have led to lasting friendships and even a new relationship. Now, cruising around The Villages with the top down and the radio on has become a way of life.

"The best way I can describe it — when I get in my 'Vette, a smile immediately comes over my face," Mike said. "Life is good. And Corvette people are great people. They're very effervescent, and they're just fun-loving people. They also have big hearts — it's a great combination."





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

Upcoming On-Site Museum Events

Don't Forget to Register for the 27th Anniversary!



Have you registered for the Museum's 27th Anniversary Celebration yet? It will be an event you don't want to miss! Guests have the option to choose between on-site and virtual registration again. Check out some of the different seminars and road tours you can experience:

- Mobil 1 will be on-site Friday
- Kai Spande will be giving an Assembly Plant Update
- Demonstration run of Museum Collection Vehicles including the Two-Rotor Corvette
- Road Tour to the Adventure Science Center for the opening of the Car Culture Exhibit and Chris Parker from the Music City Grand Prix will be giving a talk
- Paul Koerner Classroom Sessions (Pre-Registration Required) for the C5, C6, C7, and C8!
- *Special 24 at 20: Honoring Earnhardt, Corvette and the Overall Win at Daytona* exhibit and seminar with special guests Doug Fehan, Gary Claudio, Andy Pilgrim and more!
- More exciting announcements coming soon!

Register for Dinner and Discussion Small Block Power, Then and Now

Something **NEW** coming to the 27th Anniversary event on Thursday is *Dinner and Discussion Small Block Power, Then and Now* with special guests Retired Director of Design for Chevrolet / GM Europe, Dick Ruzzin, and Global Chief Engineer on Small Block Engine, Jordan Lee. This unique event will be moderated by the Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager, Kai Spande. No gearhead will want to miss this dinner!



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Corvette Team to Attend 27th Anniversary Event



The Corvette Team will be on-site at the National Corvette Museum's 27th Anniversary Celebration from September 2-4, 2021! The team from GM will have Corvettes on display and Accessories option displays just outside the Museums doors. Inside Harlan Charles will be giving a Corvette Team presentation to event registrants! This is the first time in two years that GM has been able to attend the on-site event so be sure to join us in the fun!



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Upcoming NCM Corvette Raffles



2022 Build Your Own Stingray or Take \$65,000

Drawing Date: 8/19/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$250.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500 (770 Available 8/01/21)

Car Features include:

- **Select Your Color and Options, Coupe or Convertible**
- **Factory Installed Options Only (All LPO or Dealer Installed Accessories Excluded).**
- **Stingray Corvettes Only (1LT, 2LT, or 3LT Trim Options).**
- **Excludes Customer Selectable VIN, Build Your Own Engine, Special Edition Models or Packages, any options on constraint.**
- **Corvette Museum Delivery**



2022 Elkhart Lake Blue Convertible; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Jet Black Leather Interior

Drawing Date: 9/03/2021 @ 3 PM CDT; Price: \$200.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500 (1107 Available 8/01/21)



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2021 Torch Red Coupe; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Jet Black Leather Interior
Drawing Date: 9/04/2021 @ 3 PM CDT; Price: \$20.00 Each; Tickets: Unlimited



2022 Red Mist Coupe; 2 LT Equipment Grp; Jet Black Leather Interior
Drawing Date: 9/23/2021 @ 2 PM CDT; Price: \$150.00 Each; Tickets: 1,500 (1379 Available 8/01/21)

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.

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 8/19/21 _____ @ \$200/tkt 9/3/21 _____ @ \$20/tkt 9/4/21 _____ @ \$150/tkt 9/23/21

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



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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 36,000 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
- 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.

NEW MEMBERSHIP HERE

RENEW EXISTING NCM MEMBERSHIPS HERE

NEW NCM Individual
\$37.50 1st Year

NEW NCM Family
\$75.00 1st 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.

REMINDER – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, **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.**

"Cruising The Squares"

3 July '21 - 24 Vettes - \$500.00 donation to the Baker House accepted by volunteer/supporter, Vicki Roemer - due to inclement weather, event relocated to the Nahas Chevrolet canopy - lunch from Famous Dave Horn's "Horndog" with chips and soda - great time had by all



Village Vettes Upcoming Events for August and Sept.

August 12, (Thursday)

PRE-MEETING CRUISE-IN

Eisenhower Parking Lot 4:45 - 6:15PM

MARK THE SHARK

August 12, (Thursday)

General Membership Meeting

Eisenhower Regional Rec Center 6:30 PM

August 17 (Tuesday)

Red's Restaurant -- DRIVE & DINER Lunch

RED'S Restaurant 10:00 AM

August 21, (Saturday)

SPANISH SPRINGS MONTHLY CRUISE-IN

1953-1991 Vettes Welcome

Spanish Springs Town Center 2:00 PM

August 28, (Saturday)

VILLAGES CARS & COFFEE

Parking Lot behind Panera Sumter Landing 9:00 AM

Show up the last Saturday of each month for this casual, fun get together of fellow car guys & gals.

August 31 (Tuesday)

**Drive & Dine for lunch at JB Boondocks in
Howie-in-the Hills, FL**

Once the Palm Tree Harbor Fish Camp, "Mama B" purchased the Old Fish Camp in 1999. "Mama B" completely refurbished the bar, kitchen, docks and deck then naming the establishment "JB Boondocks Bar n' Grill". Since refurbishing JB Boondocks Bar & Grill located in Howey-in-the-Hills, the restaurant has become a favorite gathering place for both locals and visitors alike. We'll meet at Rohan Recreation Center at 12:00 Noon and will depart together at 12:15PM for a 30 minute "cruise" to the restaurant for lunch.

September 9, (Thursday)

PRE-MEETING CRUISE-IN

Eisenhower Parking Lot 4:30 PM

September 9, (Thursday)

General Membership Meeting

Eisenhower Regional Rec Center 6:30 PM

September 15, (Wednesday)

Peck's Old Port Cove

Dinner 2:45pm

September 18, (Saturday)

SPANISH SPRINGS MONTHLY CRUISE-IN

1953-1991 Vettes Welcome

Spanish Springs Town Center 2:00 PM

September 25, (Saturday)

VILLAGES CARS & COFFEE

Parking Lot behind Panera Sumter Landing 9:00 AM

Show up the last Saturday of each month for this casual, fun get together of fellow car guys & gals.

September 30 (Thursday)

Capone's Dinner and Show

**4740 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy,
Kissimmee, FL**

3:00 PM

Enjoy a 4-course meal and a show filled with singing, dancing and stand-up comedy. This is an optional overnight event however it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that registrants stay the night due as the show ends rather late.

***For more information about our
events go to www.villagevettes.com
and click on the Calendar.***

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since June 1, 2021:

Dan Lawrence

He lives in the Village of Bonita. He is from Michigan and he has a 2008 C6 Blue

Herb and Joanna Bowling

They live in the Village Pine Ridge. They are from Ohio and they have a 2019 C7 Red

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

TOTAL MEMBERS 467		
FAMILIES	205	
SINGLES	57	
GEN	Qty	% Tot
C8	39	11%
C7	103	38%
C6	55	23%
C5	41	17%
C4	18	6%
C3	23	8%
C2	15	6%
C1	10	3%
TOT.VETTES	304	

		Body	Qty	% Tot
		RagTop	142	47%
NCM MEMBERSHIP		Targa	110	36%
NCM FAMILIES	73	T-Top	15	5%
INDIVIDUAL	26	Coupe	7	2%
LIFETIME	10	HTC	15	5%
SENIOR INDIV	1	FRC	4	1%
TOTAL = 110		TBD	11	4%
		TOTAL	304	
FullTime		-367	79%	
PartTime		-97	21%	
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C8 ON ORDER???		9		

As of: 08/06/21 14:07

TOP 10 VILLAGES	
VILLAGE	#
FERNANDINA	13
PENNECAMP	12
GILCHRIST	11
COLLIER	10
PINE HILLS	10
LABELLE	9
Pine Ridge	9
PINELLAS	7
CHARLOTTE	6
CHATHAM	6
	37% 165
ALL OTHERS	168



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ARTICLES OF INTEREST WANTED

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for articles for our newsletter.

If any member has an article they think may be of interest to other club members please submit it for consideration to darrybova@gmail.com. Please include information on the source publication if you didn't write it yourself.