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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Have you made your registration for The Blessing of The Corvettes at Nahas Chevrolet, 4/7/18 @ 10:00 AM, yet? You need to make yours, if you haven't, right now. The event is an exceptional one that attracts 200 cars, complete with coffee and donuts, and different items that you can bid on at the auction. We are the host club with several surrounding clubs in attendance. I know it will be a bright, warm and sunny day, so sign up now. This event has Mike White, Jim Loguidice, Kurt & Sharon Adams, and Charlie Tagman, at the helm, so you can expect an exciting event. The Rev. Norman Lee will be there to bless all of the cars. Then prior to the Blessing, Tim Berthiaume is leading a drive and dine that includes a wine making and Japanese food outing. That event is scheduled on 4/5/18, see the web site for reservations. The people who are in charge of our Lake Sumter Square Car Show are not to be out done. They have put together an outstanding program that will put on a display that will dazzle all on 4/27/18. Don Bosch and his gang will cover all the bases and lead us down the path. Then we have several Corvette and other car shows on the calendar for the month of April. See Tom Swiers or consult our web site.

The pre-meeting dinner for April is at Cody's in Brownwood. Dinner is at 4:00 PM with the general meeting at 6:30 PM, be there. Next month we are at Guy Fieri's, near The Sumter Square. Sign up now!

Gene McConkey

Meet NCM Ambassador and His Lady

Ron and Marty Tanner built a home in The Villages in March 2010, and moved here in January 2011 from Omaha, Nebraska upon Ron's retirement. They were both raised in a small town west of Dayton, Ohio and began their life journey together as high school sweethearts.

Ron has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked his entire 40 year career in the energy industry. He began his career at Dayton Power & Light Company designing coal fired power plants in the mechanical engineering department, and later was named to run the fuel department responsible for purchasing all coal and oil for the company's power plants. Ron then went to work for one of his coal suppliers responsible for marketing and sales, and eventually became responsible for all international marketing and sales. The last 16 years of his career was spent with Tenaska, Inc in Omaha, NE where he served as VP of International Marketing & Sales, and later as VP of Business Development & Project Coordination.

Marty has a degree in Dental Hygiene and worked as a RDH in various dental offices for 10 years until our twin sons were born in 1981, after which her full time job was raising the kids and managing the household.

Ron & Marty joined the Village Vettes Corvette Club in 2013. Ron served as VVCC's first car show coordinator during 2014, has been active in the Club's "Toys for Tots" collection efforts, and is currently serving as the Club's National Corvette Club Ambassador. Their first Corvette was a 2004 Z06 and subsequently owned a 2006 Z06 which they brought to The Villages in 2011. Ron & Marty have since become Corvette collectors of sorts by now owning four Corvettes. Ron bought Marty a 2013 GS convertible as a 40th wedding anniversary gift; Ron won a NCM Raffle 2013 60th Anniversary 427 Convertible two days after taking delivery of Marty's GS; Ron bought a 2015 Z06 "JST BCZ" of his lust for more horsepower; and recently Ron bought a 1963 Sebring Silver Split Window Coupe. In order to accommodate all their vehicles, they raised the garage ceiling, installed 3 lifts, and now may have the tallest garage in The Villages.



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April 2018 Update

Here's the latest news from the NCM.

NEW NCM MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT – A new benefit of being an NCM member has been added to the growing list - \$10 off AirEvac/AirMedCare membership costs. Did you know that NCM members also receive GM SUPPLIER DISCOUNT ON NEW GM VEHICLES, a 20% DISCOUNT ON CARFAX REPORTS, a 25% DISCOUNT ON CLASSIC CARS.COM CLASSIFIED ADS, and a DISCOUNT ON NCM CAR INSURANCE?

If you are not a member, join the 36,000+ others who support your National Corvette Museum. I have membership



applications – either see me at the next Club meeting, or contact me at the above email address or cell number.

NEW CORVETTE RAFFLE TICKETS – you have two chances to win a new Corvette.

Chance # 1: Visit this website to buy a ticket <https://corvettestore.com/2019-torch-red-corvette-convertible-raffle-4-12-18-raf-100-041218>

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 2 pm CT is your chance to win a **2019 Torch Red Corvette Convertible**. Tickets are **\$100** each and limited to **1500** tickets.



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Chance # 2: Visit this website to buy a ticket <https://corvettestore.com/2019-black-corvette-convertible-raffle-4-28-18-raf-10-042818>.

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 3 pm CT is your chance to win a **2019 Black Corvette Convertible**. Tickets are **\$10** each and the raffle has **unlimited** tickets.

I have tickets available to purchase for this raffle - either see me at the next Club meeting, or contact me at the above email address or cell number.

REMINDER – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining, renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, shopping for insurance, visiting the museum, buying build sheets or window stickers, etc., please remember to contact me at either the above email address or cell phone to insure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since March 1, 2018:

Dennis and Gretchen Brinks

originally from Michigan live in the Village of Pinellas. They drive a 2001 Red C5 convertible.

Donald and Christine Chaffer

live in the Village of Osceola Hills. They drive a 2017 Red C7 convertible.

Stanley Cohen

lives in the Village of Dunedin. Stan drives a 2007 Lemans Blue C6 convertible.

Frank Gatto

originally from Florida lives in The Village of St. James and drives a 2018 Black C7 coupe.

Irvin and Victoria Privott

originally from Va. Beach, VA live in the Village of Gilchrist. They drive a 2008 White C6 convertible.

CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

One of the rarest collector models is a 1969 Corvette with the ZL-1 all aluminum 427 engine, because only two units were sold in 1969 with that particular engine.

The Corvette was named after a small, maneuverable warship of the same name. Myron Scott, the creator of the All-American Soap Box Derby, is credited with naming the Corvette.



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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member must logon to our website
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- 4/5 – **Thursday (Sign-up Required)**- Wine Making and Asian Food
2:30 PM Corkscrew 1171 Main Street, Spanish Springs followed by dinner at Sakura
- 4/7 – **Saturday (Sign-up Required)**
5th Annual Blessing of the Corvettes
- 4/11 – **Wednesday (Sign-up Required)**- Wine Making and Asian Food
2:30 PM Corkscrew 1171 Main Street, Spanish Springs followed by dinner at Sakura
- 4/12 - **Thursday (Sign-up Required)** – pre-meeting dinner at Cody’s Brownwood
- 4/14 – ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – Cape Kennedy Corvette Club “Vettes in Viera”
- 4/19 – ****Thursday – Leesburg,**
Cool Cars Under the Stars.
- 4/21 – ****Saturday (Registration Recommended)**
- 4th Annual Tom Muff Memorial car show
- 4/21 – ****Saturday – 2018 Trains, Planes and BBQ**
at Wooton Park in Tavares, FL
- 4/22 – ****Sunday (Registration Recommended)** – Stuart Corvette Club car show in Ft. Pierce, FL
- 4/27 – **Friday (Sign-up Required & being selected via a lottery)** – Annual Lake Sumter Landing Car Show
4:00 PM (N.L.T. (No Later Than) pre-staging behind Sonny’s BBQ in Lake Sumter Landing)
4:30 PM (cars leave staging area for the square in order of Corvette Generation)
- 5/5 – ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – Skyway Corvette Club “Corvettes on the Circle - 2018”
St. Armond’s Circle, Sarasota, FL
- 5/5 - ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – Vettes at the Light XI, Ponce Inlet, FL
- ** - See our webpage for details and other car related events.**