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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

How about the Cruise-In at The Grand Oaks? After several light rain showers, the sun came out, the tops went down, and the horses started jumping. We do not have an exact count of the attendance, but Jim Loguidice said it was “somewhere around 135”, but the developer estimated it at 165 / 170. It was a great day, any day when the top is down or off is a great day.

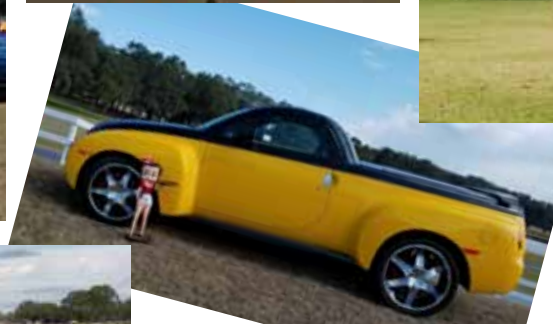
Mike White, Jim Loguidice, Charlie Tagman and Roger Stokes were the organizers and worked hard to stage this event. The Club thanks you for your work. Coming up at the February general business meeting, we will celebrate Valentine’s Day. Due to a severely shortened business meeting, we have entertainment on stage. “Remember When“ will do a guest appearance. Don’t miss it. Roses for the gals, cupcakes for the “Old Man” will be the order of the day. See you there!

The sign up for the annual Lake Sumpter Landing (LSL) Car Show, 04/27/18, is available on line and we will have a lottery to determine who will be in the final 54 on the square. In charge of this car show is Don Bosch, any questions or comments, contact Don. This year’s charity will be the National Corvette Museum. See you there. Don’t miss the Village Vettes picnic to be held at The Rohan Rec Center on Saturday March 31st, Marcus Sherrill in charge. Sign up on line.

I was asked about apparel that has our logo embroidered on it. This is available at Custom Apparel, 3451 Wedgewood Lane, almost next door to Giovanni’s Italian in Southern Trace Shopping Center. Our official uniform for club functions is a white shirt with our logo on the left, your name on the right. You can either purchase your shirts from them or present them with a shirt and they will complete it.

Gene McConkey

GRAND OAKS JANUARY 21, 2018



Meet Past President and His Lady

Mike and Linda White are both retired military. He, a retired US Army Colonel, and she, a retired US Army SGM. Mike served many years with units on the US Army's Rapid Deployment Force (RDF). His last assignment was with the US Central Command (USCENTCOM) where he was on the General Staff for General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander of all the coalition forces for the "Operation Desert Storm" Gulf War. He retired from the military in June '94. He subsequently had employment with the State Of Florida Attorney General's Office, and the Progressive and Mercury Insurance companies as a Senior Medical Fraud Investigator. He formally retired in February '09. Mike ultimately settled in The Villages in 2005 where he lived in the Village of Mallory Square.

Linda previously resided in Virginia and came to the Villages in 2002 (Piedmont Village) where she worked for The Villages' as a contract processor. In 2005, Linda was a reservists activated to serve on a command staff responsible for the "war training" of soldiers supporting the Afghanistan War and America's Global War On Terrorism.

Prior to their meeting, Mike and Linda both owned Corvettes. Linda, a 2007 Monterey Red Metallic Corvette, Mike, a 2001 black convertible. Their marital journey began with a chance meeting at a Village Vettes Corvette Club Meeting in 2008 when they had separately volunteered to assist with a club event to the Daytona Speedway. Many "old-time" members are familiar with the story of Linda telling the server to send her check over to an unsuspecting Mike. Mike paid the check and the acquaintance blossomed to their marriage in that Fall of 2008. They have subsequently owned a 2012 Centennial Edition Corvette and their present Vette, a 2016 Blade Silver Metallic convertible.

Mike has been actively involved with the Village Vettes Corvette Club leadership since 2009, serving on several Board Officerships, culminating with service as the President in 2014. He has been a mainstay of innumerable club activities to include the club Toys-For-Tots Campaign, the Blessing Of the Vettes, the 2014 and 2019 NCM Anniversary/National Corvette Caravans, the club's 2015 Mediterranean Cruise, the annual club car show, and the co-sponsor of the forthcoming Grand Oaks "Cruise-In." He was the principal drafter of the club's initial Constitution/By-Laws and was a co-drafter of the newly adopted Constitution/By-Laws.

Mike and Linda considered the friendships and camaraderie evolved from their many years as members of the Village Vettes as a true treasure and are eagerly anticipating broadening their relationships within the club membership.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since January 1, 2018:

Richard Libby & Linda Lachey

From Portland, ME and Ashtabula, OH. They live in the Village of Mira Mesa and own a 2000 Red C5 roadster.

James & Jackie Leslie

From Michigan and live in the Village of Charlotte. They own a 2010 Red C6 Coupe.

Joe & Carol Peworchik

From Spencerport, NY and live in the Village of Fernandina. They own a 2017 C7 Silver coupe.

Shawn & Kim Scott

From Massena, NY and live in the Village of Pennecamp. They own a 2008 C6 Red coupe.

Andrea & Pilar Leon

From St. Joseph – Benton Harbor, MI and live in the Village of Rio Grande. They own a 2000 Red C5 Roadster along with a 1976 L82.

Joel & Lois Shelko

From NJ/PA and live in the Village of Mallory Square. They own a 2001 Black C5 Roadster.

Ralph White

From Norfolk, MA and lives in the Village of Fenney. Ralph owns a 1986 White C4 Roadster.

Tom & Judy Terryn

From Middletown, NJ and live in the Village of Mallory Square. They own a 2003 Anniversary Red C5 Coupe.

Woodrow & MaryAnn Cromarty

Live in the Village of Charlotte. They own a 2017 Red C7 Coupe.



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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and sign up member must log on to our website
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- 2/2 - Friday - Saturday
Corvettes @ City Place – West Palm Beach, FL
- 2/8 – Thursday -
Pre-meeting dinner at Demshars in Spanish Spring 4
pm followed by a very short monthly club business
meeting and Valentine's Day Dance Party at
Eisenhower 6:30 pm
- 2/9 – Friday –
Night to Shine – Tim Tebow Foundation
- 2/15 – Thursday –
Cars under the Stars – Leesburg, FL
- 2/20 – Tuesday –
Alphie's Restaurant followed by Mystery Cruise
- 2.24 – Saturday –
Cruise-In – Eustis, FL

CORVETTE KEY FOB BATTERY TIP

As we are reminded to change the batteries in our household smoke detectors once a year, you may want to consider changing the battery in your Corvette Key FOB before it fails. Some recommend changing the battery in your Key FOB every year. Most use a round Quarter size battery (CR2450 for a C5 and CR 2032 for C6 and C7). It's also a good idea to keep an extra one in the glove Box.