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# VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

This is the quiet time of the year...too hot to do much. A person would fry with the top down. Your board of directors are putting the finishing touches on the activities for the rest of the year. Tom Swiers has a calendar of car shows to finish out the year. Don Chaney is polishing the event calendar, and I am putting the finishing touches on The Color Run. Buckle up, we will have many activities to complete the year.

The June pre-meeting Dinner was at The Rose Plantation. This month we will be at the Havana Country Club. We have slots reserved for 50 people. In August our pre-meeting dinner will be at Gino's Deli on Route 301 in Oxford. If you have never been to Gino's now is the time to try an authentic Italian Deli. Mark your calendars for September at Nancy Lopez Country Club. And lastly, our Annual Pig Roast will be the pre-meeting dinner at the October meeting. Stay tuned for details and register on line early for each event.

We had People's Choice winners at the Cruise in at Spanish Springs. Milt Volosyn and Rudy Neustadter were recipients of awards at Spanish Springs 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary event. In addition, Jim Covert scored a 98.5 out of 100 points at an NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society, Florida Chapter) event. We also had several awards at the Corvette Show at The World Golf Resort in St. Augustine. George Borke was our leader here. Thanks George.

Special Thanks goes out for Larry Russo our July Door Greeter, Chief Rich Rose and his Lady Ann Marie for the 50/50 sales, Roger Stokes and Cindy Jaudon for the name tag and club cap sales, and Mike and Vickie Roemer for staffing our New Member sign-up table.

I had on my notes that Bob Kerfin and Dave Taylor were winners of a bottle of wine each that was made by our very own members who attended the wine making class at the Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs back in June. Also, Anthony DiSalvo and Chief Rich Rose were winners from our 50/50 raffle.

Due to maintenance work being performed at Weeki Wachee July 16-31 our trip being planned will be postponed until later in the year.

*Gene McConkey*

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## **Meet Your Treasurer Tom Swiers and His Lady**

Originally from Southern California, Tom met his wife Elaine while attending San Diego State University. They were married in 1963 and have three sons. They moved to the Los Angeles area during 1964, relocated to Chicagoland during 1978 and to The Villages during 2012.

Tom is a CPA in California and Illinois and spent a total of 17 years as an Audit Partner with KPMG and a Senior Manager with Arthur Andersen & Co. In between, Tom held senior financial officer positions with two major sporting goods manufacturing companies and a NYSE listed defense contractor. Between 1986 and 1999, Tom acquired and operated three companies manufacturing hydraulic cylinders, components for U.S. Navy nuclear reactors and military aircraft, and branded sleepwear for infants and toddlers. During the past 20+ years, Tom, through his company The Summit Organization, has functioned as an investment banker involved primarily with merger & acquisition transactions and crisis management consulting.

Tom & Elaine have owned 5 Corvettes continually since 1981. They joined Village Vettes Corvette Club in September 2012. Tom became club president for the year 2015 and has been the club treasurer since 2016. They enjoy going to car shows. In addition to Village Vettes, Tom is an alternate member of The Villages Architectural Review Committee representing CDD #2.

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## Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs Tim Berthiaume, Event Leader



Back in early April, several members of the Village Vettes attended a wine making class at the Corkscrew Winery in Spanish Springs. We got to participate in and learn about each step of the wine making process. In June, we returned to the winery to fill our bottles and label them. The group had the opportunity to share the ambiance at The Corkscrew Winery and to sample some of their delicious wines. Now here we are like horses at the gate ready to go and consume our own wine..

As it turned out, we had two extra bottles of Cuvée Blanc White wine. We collectively decided to share them with our club membership and brought them to our June meeting to be offered up to members as 50/50 drawing door prizes. Bob Kerfin and Dave Taylor were the lucky winners. Just remember...it is not what vintage or year the wine was made but what month!







## Crevalle Boat Factory Tour

Don Chaney, Event Leader



On Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, twenty members of the Village Vettes met at the Eisenhower Rec Center and ventured over to Crevalle Boats in Wildwood for a factory tour. We were directed to their large conference and met with Crevalle's President Nick Engels and Plant Manager Mike Haskins. Nick Engels is one of 5 people in the U.S. that has a Marine Engineering Degree and a Nautical Engineering Degree. I think he knows a little about water craft.

Due to the number of our members participating, we were split into two groups to begin our tour.

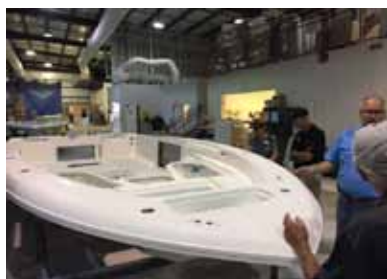
Their facility consisted of two buildings, one for the casting of each fiberglass hull and miscellaneous deck components and the other for final assembly. One of the first questions we asked was, how did they come up with the name Crevalle. Nick preceded to tell us that most boat manufacturers named their boats after fish. As he was discussing this with his wife, she asked what kind of fish was it that kicked his butt the last time they went on a fishing trip. Nick recalled that it was a "Jack Crevalle", the Rodney Dangerfield of gamefish. It is a very strong fish for its size that attacks its prey (or lure) aggressively.



Crevalle builds two classes of walk around center console boats, 24 and 26 feet in length. Each is equipped with an outboard motor. I gathered that Mercury engines were preferred. Crevalle uses state of the art numerical control computer systems to nest parts on a single sheet to minimize waste and laser cutting with Kerf compensation to insure the correct size of the finished parts. When asked why the tip of the bow design dipped down rather than up it was explained that Crevalle boats are designed to immediately come up on plain to prevent the bow from rising high then settling down. If you have ever owned a small water craft you will know exactly what this means and how it is truly a clever design.

In 2017, Crevalle Boats was named the Manufacturers Association of Florida Small Manufacturer of the Year. Crevalle has less than 30 employees and programs to support the beginners in the fiberglass boat building trade.

Following our tour, we drove up to Habanero's Mexican Restaurant in Southern Trace Shopping Center for lunch.





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## **JULY 2018 UPDATE**

Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.

### **Build Your Own Engine – RPO: PBC - \$5,000**



Assemble the 650-hp supercharged LT4 engine for your Z06 or the 755-hp LT5 engine for your ZR1 at the new Performance Build Center inside the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Customers spend a full day with a Performance Build Center engine assembly technician who instructs and oversees the build. Customers receive a personalized engine plaque and poster, CD of photos, piston trophy, and a Build Your Own Engine Polo and Z06/ZR1 cap.

### **NCM Experience - \$500**



The NCM Experience offers a day in the spotlight with your Corvette. The Corvette receives an exterior cleaning and is placed on display on Corvette Boulevard. Customers are provided a tour of the Museum, membership to the Museum, commemorative wall plaque and silver decal, as well as the opportunity to purchase exclusive Experience apparel. Experiences can be viewed via our live webcams. Additionally, customers will receive a dealer brochure and Flint brick.

### **Corvette Personalized Plate Package - \$400**

This special package includes a personalized dah plaque for your C7 Corvette, and a second plate which is mounted in a 8.25" x 5.25" gunmetal frame with black and red matte. The package also comes with your choice of a two-year individual Museum membership or one-year family Museum membership. This package is available for Stingray, Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1 models.

**Corvette Raffle Tickets** – you have two chances to win a new Corvette in July and August.

On Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 2 pm CT a **2019 Torch Red Coupe** will be raffled. Tickets are **\$150** each with sales limited to **1,500** tickets. Visit this website to buy a ticket: <https://corvettestore.com/2019-torch-red-corvette-coupe-raffle-7-12-18-raf-150-071218>

On Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 2 pm CT a **2019 Blade Silver Convertible** will be raffled. Tickets are **\$100** each with sales limited to **1,500** tickets. Visit this website to buy a ticket: <https://corvettestore.com/2019-blade-silver-corvette-convertible-raffle-8-2-18-raf-100-080218>.

**REMINDER** – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining and renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, getting a quote for insurance or actually signing up 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.**

## NCM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Corvette Caravan

### Mike White, Event Leader



Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the National Corvette Museum (NCM). What started out in 1994 as an impromptu gathering of museum enthusiasts has grown into a five-year anniversary

tradition drawing thousands of participants from all over the world to celebrate the Corvette lifestyle.

Regional caravans are forming NOW and readying plans to join other caravans as they travel across the United States to converge on Bowling Green, Kentucky, for four-days of festivities at the NCM (August 28 – 31, 2019).

You are reminded, while 2019 may seem like a long way off, the key to success for a fun/carefree event of this magnitude necessitates an early commitment for attendance. It is requested members take notice of this event and commence the thought process for a decision as to whether there is an interest to attend the event. If the Anniversary Caravan Celebration appeals to you, don't wait, contact Mike regarding your planned participation at e-mail [mikewhite410@gmail.com](mailto:mikewhite410@gmail.com).

Briefly, the initial scheduling has been detailed as follows:

The Florida Caravan will commence in Daytona, Florida on Sunday, August 25, 2019 through the following Monday.



- The Florida Caravan will depart Daytona on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Acworth, GA – remain overnight in Acworth, GA – stage early with the Georgia Caravan on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, then depart/arrive Bowling Green on the same day for a planned NCM arrival between 01:00 PM – 02:00 PM.
- The Village Vettes travel group will NOT join the Daytona festivities. We will “hook up” with the Caravan as they trek Northward on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. If you desire to participate in the Daytona activities (Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> through Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>), you will need to coordinate this activity.
- The NCM Anniversary Celebration is Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Following the events on Saturday, members can depart at their leisure for home or other personal plans.

On the matter of hotel reservations, Florida Caravan Captain, Sue Militelo, has advised earlier block reservation have been expended. Efforts are underway to coordinate additional reservations. Information will be posted by Mike as it becomes available.

It has been advised pre-registration for the 2019 Caravan/Anniversary event tickets will open this coming September 2018. You will obtain your tickets via the Corvette Museum web site. ([www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)) Pre-registration pricing for 25<sup>th</sup> NCM Anniversary Celebration 2019 is: Lifetime Member - \$25.00/person; Museum Member - \$35.00/person; Non-Member - \$45.00/person. Associated pricing for the separate Caravan registration has yet to be announced by the NCM. You will need to register both yourself AND spouse/guest for the 2019 Caravan AND event tickets. Mike will provide further guidance/details as this information becomes available. If not an NCM member, it behooves members planning to attend the Caravan/Anniversary festivities to obtain an NCM membership.

To purchase Florida Caravan merchandise (flags/clings/Florida T-shirts & polos) visit [www.corvettecaravan.com/fl](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/fl). Monitor the latest caravan Anniversary details at Facebook [2019FLcorvettecaravan](https://www.facebook.com/2019FLcorvettecaravan). Again, the 2019 National Corvette Caravan web site is [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com)

## Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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- 7/7 - \*\*Saturday - Just Toys Classic Car Show in Orlando**
- 7/12 – \*\*Thursday (Sign-up Required) – Pre-Meeting dinner at Havana Country Club (limited to 50)**
- 7/12 – Thursday – General Membership meeting at Eisenhower Rec Center**
- 7/14 – \*\*Saturday (Sign-up Required) – Charity Pancake Breakfast for a Disabled Veteran Sgt. Pam Kelly.**
- 7/19 - \*\*Thursday – Cool Cars under the Stars – Leesburg**
- 7/28 - Saturday – Cruise-in Eustis**
- \*\* - See our webpage for details and other car related events.**

## CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

Just in case you missed it Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> was National “Drive Your Corvette to Work Day”. And one may ask, what is the significance of this? Well, for those that recall, the first Corvette was built at General Motors assembly plant in Flint Michigan on June 30, 1953. Hence, each year the last Friday in June has been declared as “Drive Your Corvette to Work Day”. Many of us are retired and some are still employed but work from their homes as consultants. Perhaps we should do something special on that day each year like cruise to three town squares and have a late lunch (or early dinner) at one the Country Clubs.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since June 1, 2018:

### Ronald J. & Beth LeBlanc

originally from Massachusetts  
live in the Village of Osceola Hills  
They drive a 2008 C6 Crystal Red  
Roadster.





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