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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What a month it has been! May started with Vettes on the Circle in Sarasota, lunch at J.B. Boondocks, then we went to jail at the Lake County Detention Center with lunch following at Tille's Tavern. Several of us attended the Friday Fish Fry at The Garden Worship Center with Norman Lee presiding, and then we placed flags on the graves of our fallen soldiers at The Florida National Cemetery in Webster, FL. The month of June is not as busy. We start with a boat factory outing at Crevalle Boats in Wildwood followed by lunch at Habanero's in Southern Trace Shopping Center on CR 466. Don't forget the annual Fathers' Day car show at The World of Golf Museum near St Augustine.

Our next pre-Meeting dinner will be at The Rose Plantation in Fruitland Park. This facility does have a dress code, which is "Business Casual"...slacks and a shirt with a collar for men and ladies accordingly. The restaurant will be ready for us at 4:00 PM with a departure time of 5:30 PM. I have added several pre-Meeting dinner dates to our calendar. In July our pre-Meeting dinner will be at Havana Country Club, August will be at Gio's Deli in Oxford on Route 301, and September will be at Nancy Lopez Country Club. And of course, our relocated "March Picnic", for October at Eisenhower Rec Center.

We are on the count down for the 25th Anniversary for the National Corvette Museum in late August 2019. Past President, Mike White, is our event leader for this excursion. For the June meeting we have the Florida Co-Captains for the caravan. Harry and Joeann (JoJo) Hite will joining us for a presentation about the caravan and the museum celebration. They will have some related merchandise available for purchase.

Special "Thank You" goes out to our May Greeters Nick & Jane Bella, 50/50 raffle sales to Larry & Mary Russo, Cookie Monsters Jeff Huber and Cathy Heuer, New Membership table monitors Mike & Vickie Roemer, and Hats and Name Tag sales staff Roger Stokes and Cindy Jaudon.

Gene McConkey

Meet Your Activity Director Don Chaney and His Lady

Originally from Newport News, VA, I attended Christopher Newport College and graduated from Campbell University in NC with a BS in Mathematics. Over the past 42 years, I worked in IT for LTV Aerospace, Tenneco at Newport News Shipbuilding before being promoted to System Support at Tenneco's Corporate Data Center in Houston, TX. I later was recruited by a former colleague to work for PHH in Hunt Valley, MD. Eventually, I ended up working as Software Engineer/Manager on a contract with the Healthcare Financing Administration and Social Security Administration (SSA) in Baltimore where Linda and I met. I retired from SSA as a Manager of all mainframe capacity and performance initiatives after nearly 20 years as a federal employee. Linda and I have been married 29 years this month.

Prior to moving to The Villages, I was President of the Bel Air Corvette Club (BACC) in Maryland for two consecutive years. During my tenure on the BACC Board, I was in charge of activities especially out-of-town road trips. A few of my planned trips from the Baltimore area were multiple trips to Williamsburg, VA, Skyline Drive in VA, Ocean City, MD, and Asheville, NC to tour the Biltmore, the Tail of the Dragon run, and ending up in Gatlinburg, TN.

I have owned 5 Corvettes in my life including a 1966 C2 Coupe with Factory A/C, Side Pipes, and Radio Delete, 1968 C3 Roadster(my first Corvette), a 1994 C4 Roadster in Admiral Blue with Beige top and interior, a 2000 C5 Roadster in Pewter with a Red interior, and now a 2016 Z51 C7 coupe in Shark Gray with Adrenaline Red interior. After purchasing my 2016, I attended the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School in Pahrump, NV (just about 40 miles West of Las Vegas). For anyone who has purchased a new C7, I highly recommend Ron Fellows school.

Lunch Ride to J. B. Boondocks

By Don Chaney Event Leader

On Tuesday, May 8th, members for the Village Vettes Corvette Club (VVCC) met at Eisenhower Rec Center and drove over to J.B. Boondocks at Howey-in-the-Hills. Everyone enjoyed the food and service. A few even indulged in the wonderful looking deserts.

J.B.'s is located on the Little Lake Harris waterfront. With a little luck, we were anticipating the touch and goes of Seaplanes but that did not occur. It is not unusual to see a Seaplane taxi up to the dock at J.B.'s and unload passengers on a bar hopping adventure via a Seaplane. Some lucky adventurers even arrive via pontoon boats. Following our lunch, we return back to The Villages after a few could not resist the temptation to turn into Yalaha bakery for a few baked goodies.

Flags for Fallen Veterans

By Don Chaney Event Leader

On Sunday, May 27th, twenty-seven members of the Village Vettes Corvette Club (VVCC) participated in placing flags on the grave markers of each veteran buried in the Florida National Cemetery. The forecast was periods of mild to heavy rain. A few of us braved the elements and drove our Corvettes. Luckily, the rain held off to only a minor drizzle not enough to get our umbrellas out nor put on any rain gear. I think we had more rain at the Eisenhower staging area than we did at the cemetery.

A special “Thank You” goes out to Bob Kerfin of The Village Nomads Biker Club (and a member of the VVCC) who led us to McDonald’s in Bushnell for a convenience break prior to driving over to the cemetery. Bob also arranged lunch for us at Grant Lee’s Smokehouse in Bushnell.



On Saturday, June 1st, a much smaller group of us returned to the Florida National Cemetery along with the Village Nomads



led by Bob Kerfin to assist with retrieving the flags for storage. Following our work, Bob and the Nomads led us to Waller’s Restaurant in Bushnell for breakfast.



Lake County Detention Center Tour

By Tim Berthiaume

Well first of all members of the Village Vettes were not allowed to take pictures in the jail. We couldn't even take a camera/phone or anything into the center except a State of Florida I. D. card. So, taking any pictures there was certainly not going to happen. The Lake County Detention Center is located in Tavares. It has a population of approximately 800 inmates. Most of which have not been sentenced yet or have less than a year to serve. Most state-run facilities do not have air conditioning. All of the privately-run facilities in the state have A/C. TV's are only in the larger gathering rooms. The inmates make uniforms for many of the city, county, state employees & the inmates in the states facility. They also grow their own vegetables on their 11-acre garden. While walking down the hallways we were instructed to walk single file & along the right side of the hallways. They run a tight ship.

Afterwards we had a short drive to Eustis for lunch at Tillie's Bar and Grill. The food there is great and comes in vast quantities so we had dinner with the leftovers. While there Sue from the Bay Street Player Theater stopped & by to introduce herself. She gave each of us a sealed envelope with a scheduled of their upcoming shows and some of us received a free ticket to one of their shows in the envelope. Me... not so lucky. But many of us walked over to have a quick tour of the Bay Street Players Theater. The theater made its debut in 1922 & still has the original metal ceiling. I've taken many friends there & they all love it. The problem with taking a group from the Corvette Club is that you must make & pay for your seats months in advance. It's not expensive but I'm not putting 10 or 15 couples' tickets on my plastic & then have people cancel out.



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June 2018 Update

Here's the latest news from the NCM.

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For a membership application, either contact your NCM Ambassador, Ron Tanner, at the above email address or phone number, or visit the NCM website at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/membership/>

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

On Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 2 pm CT a **2019 Black Coupe** 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-black-coupe-raffle-6-7-18-raf-100-060718>

On Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 3 pm CT a **2019 Torch Red Convertible** will be raffled. Tickets are **\$10** each with an **unlimited** number of tickets sold. Visit this website to buy a ticket: <https://corvettestore.com/2019-torch-red-corvette-convertible-raffle-9-1-18-raf-10-090118>

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.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

List of New Members Since May 1, 2018:

Elaine Feigel & Joseph C. Lachick

originally from Long Island, NY via
West Palm Beach, FL
live in the Village of Largo.
They drive a 2008 C6 Crystal Red
Metallic roadster.

William A. & Jean Howard

originally from Michigan
live in the Village of Pinellas.
They own a 1962 C1 Fawn Beige
Roadster.

Joe & Vicky Petrusa

originally from Illinois
live in the Village of Osceola Hills.
They drive a 2007 C6 Monterey Red
Roadster.

Arnoldine (Deena) Reardon

originally from Delaware via St.
Petersburg, FL
lives on the Village of Bonita.
She drives a 2004 C5 Spiral Gray
Metallic coupe.

Richard M. & Janet Weese

live in the Village of Collier.
They drive a 2017 C7 Torch Red
roadster.

CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

Of the 314 Corvettes hand built in 1953 only
138 were sold because of the "average"
performance at such a high price (\$3,513).

Sun visors became a Corvette option in 1959.

The 1961 Corvette was the last year to feature
"Wide Whitewall" tires.

1962 Was last year for solid rear axles in a
Corvette, the last year for the power top on the
roadster, and the first year for the 327 cubic
inch engine. Generally, 1962's with whitewall
tires had black wheels. Wheels combined with
blackwall tires were painted body color. Who
knew?



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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member must logon to our website
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**6/2 - **Saturday (Sign-up Required) – 7th
Annual Corvette Car Show in
Jacksonville**

**6/11 - **Monday (Sign-up Required) –
Tour of Crevalle Boats in
Wildwood, FL plus Lunch to
Follow.**

**6/14 – Thursday (Sign-up Required) –
Pre-meeting Dinner at Rose
Plantation in Fruitland Park**

**6/14 – Thursday – General membership at
Eisenhower Rec Center**

**6/15-16 – **Friday/Saturday
(Sign-up Required) –
19th NFCA Annual World Golf
Village Car Show in St. Augustine**

**** - See our webpage for details and other car
related events.**