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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB

2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

If you missed “Night to Shine”, you missed an event that was very inspiring. The enthusiasm and joy that these kids felt was very special. This event was organized by Ron Tanner. Thanks Ron for your organization and participation. In addition to the “Night to Shine” program, Ron has agreed to represent us at The National Corvette Museum. If you have questions, concerns, or comments directed at the NCM, please see Ron. Keep in mind the NCM 25th Anniversary party to be held in Bowling Green in 2019, Past President Mike White in charge.

We have many events in March that you may want to take part in. They will be outlined elsewhere in the newsletter, but I wish to highlight one. The Village Vettes Picnic, to be held at The Rohan Recreation Center, is scheduled for March 31st, a Saturday. It will consist of a cruise-in, dinner, and a DJ. The cruise will start at 2:00PM, the dinner, somewhere around 4:00PM, and the DJ at 5:00PM. All for \$15.00 each, \$20.00 non-members. Did I mention that the dinner will be provided by Hills BBQ. It will be a pig roast, with an additional meat. This is a BYOB event.

The March Pre-meeting Dinner is at Palmer Legends Country Club from 4:00 till 5:30PM followed by our monthly business meeting at 6:00PM, Eisenhower Recreation Center. Sign up online now!

Gene McConkey

February Cruise-in and Mystery Tour of a Veteran's Hanger

On Tuesday, February 20th, Tim Berthiaume led members of the Village Vettes on a cruise-in at Alfie's Restaurant in Ocklawaha, Florida and ending with a mystery tour of a private airplane collection. On their marquee, Alfie's claims to be a "Great Little Steakhouse in the Country" that features Prime Rib. According to one of the participants, this drive and dine was once again a treasure. The dine part was not a mystery as Tim led several Corvettes on a roundabout way to get to Alfie's restaurant out on Route 25. Tim says the dinner was great at Alfie's & the staff worked very hard to get us on our way as we were on a time schedule. Lobster pots were enjoyed by most and the rest of the menu was pretty good. Tim had hoped that they could get a nice picture in front of Alfie's but other customer cars were already parked there by the time that they arrived.

From Alfie's, Tim gave each driver a good set of instructions to get to the mystery part of the day. They drove through some beautiful countryside where all were expecting that they were going to a horse farm. As the caravan pulled off the road through a gate in a white fence all knew right away it was not a horse farm. They saw the two perpendicular grass runways and houses with hangers. Tim had taken them to an airpark.

The hi-lite of the trip was the mystery at John Carlile's hanger. John had three of his experimental planes in his hanger along with his recent twin-engine acquisition. His two biplanes were parked facing outwards by the

door. Members lined up their cars in front of the biplanes for a couple nice pictures. They all watched a red biplane land right in front of them. John told stories about his love of flying started when he was very young. He had worked and saved his money until he had enough to buy 30 minutes or so of flying time. John got his flying certification when he was 16. He was also a race car driver and an F-4 fighter pilot in Vietnam, mostly flying night missions. There was a lot of flying memorabilia in his hanger Pilots Lounge including his G-Suit from his military flying days. Tim tried on John's flight suit and it fit him well. All and all, John did a great job telling us some amazing stories about his life in the air. During the tour he had a video going in the Pilots Lounge of his flying in one of his biplanes. Up and over, barrel rolls and you name it he has done it. Each attendee was enthralled listening to his very interesting background. Janette, John's wife, invited us across the street to see the quaint log cabin they got when they purchased the hanger.

John has a house here in The Villages and is a member to the Convertible Club.

All attendees enjoy the food at Alfie's and tour of John's hanger.

Tim Berthiaume

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Meet Past President and His Lady

Jim and Barbara Loguidice have been members of the Village Vettes Corvette Club since 2007 when they moved here from Dobbs Ferry, NY. They have two children and six grandchildren.

They were married in 1966 and Jim entered the US Army three weeks later. He was assigned as a Military Policeman at a coastal missile site and also attended the Army's Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) Warfare school. After his discharge in 1968, Jim attended college at night for 12 years and used the GI Bill to help him earn a Bachelor's Degree and then a Master's Degree in Business in 1983.

After 15 years Barbara eventually retired from AT&T, then worked in the local school system while they raised their family. Jim retired from NYNEX in 1994 where he had authored and conducted training seminars for managers. He then independently consulted to communications and utility companies until retiring permanently in 2001.

They bought their first Corvette in 1970. Since then they've owned five more including a 1974 (Barbara's favorite), a '76 and a '72 show car that they discovered at an AACA event in Penn-sylvania. They bought their first new Corvette in Atlantic City, NJ in 2005 which Jim and his son eventually drove to The Villages. A month later Jim and Barbara moved into their new house in Sabal Chase. Here, they purchased their sixth Corvette that they presently drive; a new 2014 'Night Race Blue' Stingray.

Barbara and Jim volunteered for two years at The Villages Regional Hospital and they are currently in their eighth year as volunteers delivering meals for Operation Homebound. Jim has also been a Guardian for veterans on two "Honor Flights" to Washington, DC and assisted in the writing of the original Guardian's handbook.

Jim has been the club's media relations person since 2012 and was elected president for 2013. That Board Of Directors appointed the Village Vettes' first Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum and also initiated additions to our By-Laws defining "tenured members" and their rights.

Jim co-authored the re-write of our charity procedures and has been a committee member during our annual "Toys for Tots" campaigns and Sumter Landing Corvette shows. He has co-chaired the committee for the annual "Blessing Of The Vettes" since 2014 and co-chaired the club's first "Village Vettes Cruise-In" committee. That team successfully solicited Grand Oaks Resort to host our 2017 "Toys for Tots" fund raiser as well as the first known 'joint cruise-in' for central Florida Corvette clubs and The Villages antique/classic car clubs in 2018.

Barbara and Jim consider the camaraderie, the membership growth and generous member vol-unteerism important mainstays of our club. They see the sponsorship of events with other car clubs as opportunities that will help define us as a unifying leader.



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March 2018 Update

Here's the latest news from the NCM.

CLUB DISCOUNT ON MEMBERSHIPS – Because the Village 'Vettes Corvette Club is a member of the NCM, club members can join the NCM for 25% off Individual and Family levels their first year of membership. That means first year Individual memberships cost \$37.50, and Family memberships cost \$75. This discount does not apply to renewals of memberships.

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/2018-long-beach-red-z06-coupe-raffle-3-15-18-raf-250-031518>.



Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2 pm CT is your chance to win a **2018 Long Beach Red Corvette Z06 Coupe**.

Tickets are **\$250** each and limited to **1000** tickets.

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.

NEED INSURANCE FOR YOUR CORVETTE? Before you buy or renew your policy, check out the auto insurance policy offered by the NCM.

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 February 1, 2018:

Paula Reilley

from West Virginia lives in the Village of Santo Domingo.
Paula drives a 2009 Red C6 Coupe.

Robert and Susan Phillips

from Sarasota, Florida and live in the Village of Osceola Hills.
They drive a 2005 Cranberry C6 Coupe.

Gary Brinton

from New Cumberland, PA and lives in the Village of Fernandina.
Gary drives a 2008 C6 Artic White Convertible.

Gary and Judy Moscowitz

from the Albany, NY area and live in the Village of Labelle.
They drive a 1967 Marina Blue C2 Convertible and a 2008 Victory Red C6 Coupe.

Peter and Linda Rochelle

from New Jersey and live in the Village of Pennecamp.
They drive a 2015 White C7 Coupe.

Michael and Rite Cason

from Indiana and live in the Village of Bridgeport at Lake Miona.
They drive a 2005 Victory Red C6 Convertible.

John and Veronica Ricciardi

from North New Jersey (West Milford TWP) and live in the Village of Dunedin.
They drive a 2004 Red C5 Convertible.



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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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- 3/8 – Thursday (Sign-up Required)**
4:00 PM - Pre-meeting dinner at Palmer Legends
Country Club
6:30 PM - Monthly General Membership Meeting
at Eisenhower Recreation Center
- 3/9-10 – Saturday/Sunday (Sign-up Required)**
14th Annual Vette-Together in Venice, FL
- 3/15 – Thursday**
Cars under the Stars – Leesburg, FL
- 3/24 – Saturday**
Cruise-In – Eustis, FL
- 3/31 – Saturday (Sign-up Required)**
2-9 PM - VVCC Annual Pig Roast
at Rohan Recreation Center
- 4/7 – Saturday (Sign-up Required)**
5th Annual Blessing of the Corvettes

CORVETTE Trivia Did You Know?

The original front emblem and horn button was designed to show a checkered flag crossed with an American flag. The design was changed when it was discovered that using an American flag on a commercial product is illegal. The American flag was changed to a flag showing the Chevrolet “bow-tie” emblem and a French fleur-de-lis symbol, reflective of the French etymology of the Chevrolet name.