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VILLAGEVETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Typical Florida warm temperatures are returning to Central Florida as we see more Corvettes traversing The Villages roundabouts and squares. We have a few upcoming events that support comradery and fun starting with the Venice Corvette Club's Annual All-Corvette Car Show and Chris Cruz Artistry if you are into Custom Auto Paint & Graphics, both in March.

In April we will be having two of our premier events including our 6th Annual Blessing of the Corvettes on Saturday, April 13th, highly supported by Past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice, and our annual Lake Sumter Landing All Corvette Show on Friday, April 26th. Registration is required for our Lake Sumter Landing show as space is limited to 54 governed by the number of parking spaces around the square. Sign-up today! For a limited time, we will secure the request of all C1, C2, and C3 owners that desire to display their cars. We will host a lottery drawing for all remaining owners (up to a total of 54) immediately following our April General membership meeting.

Our Christmas Party Committee is in the final stages for completing all arrangements for an upscale fun event including a new caterer with more entree choices and a band popular with all Villagers. So, save the date, December 12, 2019.

And finally, I want to share my thoughts on this sensitive subject. Each year this time we have an exit of members that leave our club for whatever reason. When inquired we generally get a response like, club is too cliquish, no longer interested, do not feel welcomed at meeting and events. When we review their activities for the prior year, we find they never sign-up for any events or they were never involved in assisting with events. Simply put, they never engaged in activities supporting our club. Some people wait for others to do the work but why not get involved in a simple task that will greatly boost your club? There are plenty of areas where new and seasoned members can participate and meet new Corvette friends. For example, if setting up a club event is not your thing then how about being on a committee help with setting up an event, or writing an article for our newsletter, or helping to setup table decorations for an event, and greeting members as they enter our monthly meeting. Our club members are some of the most warm and welcoming group as you would ever want. Do not sit back and complain, you have more to gain. Get involved today! See me if this is of interest you.

The March Pre-Meeting dinner is scheduled for Demshar's, located on the square in Spanish Springs. We have reservations for forty people at 4:00 PM prior to the general business meeting at 6:30PM. The reservations are for "4 Top" tables, scattered throughout the facility. Please have some type of VVCC identification available for the hostess to direct you to your table. This upscale restaurant features an excellent menu and a very good "refreshment" area. Make your reservations now on our Web site.

Don Chaney

Meet Your Vice President Charlie Tagman

Charlie Tagman moved to the Villages in 2012. Immediately prior to his move Charlie lived at Bay Hill in Orlando following his move from Shrewsbury, MA in 2005.

After graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1968 he joined the Aetna in Hartford beginning a career in insurance and finance which continues today.

In 1970, Charlie joined a consulting firm in Worcester, MA specializing in risk and insurance and went on to become a Partner/Principal of Tillinghast/Towers Perrin where he consulted to Fortune 500 companies as well as Government entities and non-profit institutions. His consulting career took him to six continents and over sixty countries on behalf of his clients.

In 1990, Charlie bought TPA Associates out of Tillinghast and served as its CEO. In the mid-1990's, he formed Preferred Comp of Tennessee as well as Preferred Insurance Company Ltd. of Hamilton Bermuda. After selling these companies to Meadowbrook Insurance Company in 2000, he served as President/CEO of CAGC Insurance Company of Charlotte, NC until 2010.

Charlie continues to serve as a Board member of Inbank of Nashville and American Insurance Funding of Salt Lake City.

Charlie enjoys his golf in the Villages and has recently moved from the Village of Sanibel to Fenney and awaits its connection to the rest of Villages world.

Charlie is lifelong car enthusiast, acquiring his 2014 Stingray in 2017. He does continue to own an '87 Mercedes SL and a '67 Mustang which he is very slowly restoring.

As current Vice President of Villages Vettes he looks forward as serving as Chair of this year's Corvette Cruise-In at Lake Sumpter Landing on April 26th.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April, 13 2019 - for our 6th
Annual Blessing of the Vettes!!!



This year's 6th Annual "Blessing Of The Vettes" event will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM, at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership (4135 East SR 44, Wildwood, FL 34785). The non-denominational blessing will again be officiated by Pastor Norman Lee Schaffer of The Garden Worship Center, Belleview, Florida.

The event includes a commemorative dash plaque to the first 200 Vettes, an auction of auto related items, a 50-50 raffle, door prizes, refreshments, vendors, a stirring patriotic tribute performed by The Villages Twirlers and Drum Corps, and a highly exhilarating, high energy/inspiring musical performance by the personable Norman Lee.

The entry fee is a recommended donation of \$5.00/vehicle. Parking scheme (spaced parking) will allow early egress. This is a "rain or shine" event. You are encouraged to bring your folding chairs. All proceeds to benefit our club sponsored charities (Local Food Bank, Clean Kids Backpack Program, and the Honor Flight Program).

If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at (352) 751-2501 or e-mail mikewhite410@gmail.com.

We want to thank the previous year's participants and look forward to renewing the camaraderie of our old friends and the opportunity to extend our family of Corvette enthusiasts.

Jim Loguidice/Mike White/Charlie Tagman

Blessing Of The Vettes Event Co-Sponsors

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Village Vettes Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance Party



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!

Oh, What Fun it is to Ride....

Save The Date! The Annual Christmas Dinner Party will occur on Thursday, 12 December '19, 2019.
(06:00 PM – 09:00 PM) Stay tuned for further details

Leesburg Blues Brothers Tribute



The February Valentine General Membership Meeting proved to be a fun-filled event. Upon arrival, spouses were given a single red rose, while membership dined on decorative valentine cupcakes and, "straight from Chicago via the of Leesburg," enjoyed an energy filled performance by the Leesburg Blues Brothers Tribute.



Steve and Mary Ann Rubini host a trip to The Old Spanish Sugar Mill in DeLeon Springs State Park



It was a beautiful early start for our trip to The Old Spanish Sugar Mill's unique Restaurant located inside the DeLeon Springs State Park for an unusual style pancake breakfast. Our team of 26 and 14 Vettes gathered in the Home Depot parking for our fifty-five-mile one-hour cruise. We casually road

through charm of historic Florida with the crystal-clear beauty of abundant rolling hills, pine forests and horse farms observing the native wildlife all along the way. Breakfast was incredible



with each table equipped with a griddle and pitchers of homemade pancake batters having both a stone ground mixture of five different flours for each of us to whip up our own combination until our heart desire. After the breakfast, some of us took time to enjoy one



of the largest springs in the state and the unique history museum. We had the perfect weather, it was like Spring had sprung from the moment filled hills and valleys to the Mary Ann and Steve enjoyed rave reviews.



we left driving through the dew ride home with our tops down. hosting the event and received



Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member
must logon to our website
VILLAGEVETTES.COM

3/6 - **Wednesday - Eat-n-Ride -
Carmine's Café in Ocala- Italian

3/16th & 3/17th - **Saturday & Sunday - Venice
Corvette Club - Annual All-Corvette Car Show

3/30 - Saturday - Chris Cruz Artistry
(Custom Auto Paint & Graphics)

4/6 - **Saturday - Corvette & Camaro Car Show
in Leesburg sponsored by Marion County Corvette
Club

4/13 - **Saturday - Village Vettes - 6th Annual
BLESSING OF THE VETTES

4/26 - **Friday - Village Vettes Car Show - Lake
Sumter Landing (Registration will open after plans
are complete.)

5/26 - **Sunday - Placement of Flags for Fallen
Veterans

6/1 - **Saturday - Removal of Flags for Fallen
Veterans

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

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since Feb. 1, 2019:

Frank and Christine Babiasz

live in the Village of Pine Ridge. They are
originally from Tierra Verde, FL and drive a
2015 Silver C7 coupe.

Doug and Judy Keenan

live in the Village of Pine Hills. They drive
a 1981 White C3 Coupe, a 2008 Black C6,
and a 2015 Torch Red C7 coupe. They are
originally from the State of Texas.

Jim and Jan Madaus

live in the Village of Mallory. They are from
Detroit, Michigan and drive a 2004 Silver C5
coupe.

James and Alice Nagy

live in the Village of Chatham. They are from
the State of New York. They drive a 1965
Milano Maroon C2 roadster and a 2007 Black
C6 coupe.

Frank Plaia

lives in the Village of Fenny. He is from the
State of New York and drives a 1994 Blue C4
coupe.

Johnny Watson

lives in the Village of Amelia. He is from the
State of Georgia and drives a 1999 White C5
roadster.

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest member!



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Did You Know...

This information was taken from Corvette Blogger Newsletter dated February 27, 2019.

Many are speculating the reason the Corvette Stingray and Z06 production dates are TBD is believed the 2020 model will consist of the just the entry-level C8 model. Some say this is proof positive that Chevrolet will keep producing the C7 Z06 and ZR1 in tandem with the C8 mid-engine model through 2020 while others believe that the two models are simply a placeholder so as to not reveal any information about the 2020 Corvette.

A document was sent out to the dealers so as to alert them these vehicles will start 2020 model-year production, Corvette Blogger is in the camp of the second group and believe that Chevy is dusting their tracks so as not to have an “uh-oh” moment in case a dealer rep would post the info.

The last thing I’ll leave you with is that with Chevy saying the 2020 Corvette model year start is TBD, Corvette Blogger feels it’s another positive indication that the C8 mid-engine Corvette will come during the 2020 model year. So yeah, we are waiting, but it doesn’t seem like we’ll be waiting for long if the C8 is indeed a 2020 Corvette.