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NEXT MEETING APRIL 9, 2020

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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2020

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The February 13th Membership Meeting turned into a Valentine's celebration with Petrina on stage and a large group of the men on the dance floor "letting loose" (of course with the encouragement of Petrina). Thanks to Past President Jim Loguidice and Past President Mike White for arranging the entertainment and the cupcakes.

Our March meeting will be highlighted by a presentation by a representative of The National Corvette Museum. Ron Tanner tells us the presentation will be informative and entertaining. So....BYOB!!

If you have not done so, now is the time to start thinking about joining the National Corvette Museum. There are many discounts that come with being a member not alone helping our club to reach the 100% participation mark. As of our last count we have 76 of our 470 members that are members of the Nation Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

If you are a member interested in showing your Corvette at the April 24th Lake Sumter Landing Cruise-in, register for the lottery on our website. Names will be drawn at the April 9th Membership Meeting. Speaking of that meeting, we will be having a pre-meeting Cruise-in at the Eisenhower parking lot starting a 4:00pm. Arrangements are being made to make food available for purchase.

Check out the variety of scheduled social events on our website calendar. There is something there for everyone.

Charlie Tagman
President 2020

MARCH 12 - SAVE THE DATE ! All VVCC members are encouraged to attend the March 12th club meeting which will feature a special guest from Bowling Green.



The 7th Annual “Blessing Of The Vettes” event will be occurring on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM, at the George Nahas Chevrolet dealership. There will be a non-denominational blessing officiated by Minster Clark Barrios, Universal Life Church. 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 tribute performed by The Villages Twirlers/ Drum Corps, as well as a high energy/inspiring musical performance by the personable Clark Barrios. This is a “rain or shine” event. The entry fee is a recommended donation of \$5.00/ vehicle. Membership are encouraged to register via the club’s web site, www.villagevettes.com



Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since Feb 1, 2020:

Bill Kolloff and Jan Hufschmitt

live in the Village of Bonita. They are from Denver, NC and drive a 2018 C7 Gray Grand Sport.

Gary Kukla

live in the Village of Hadley. He is from Illinois and drives a 2007 Base Atomic Orange Targa.

Dale and Jean Martin

live in the Village of McClure. They drive a 2014 Yellow Stingray, Convertible

William Metherell and Chris Stetzer

live in the Summerhill. They Drive an Inferno Orange, Convertible and a 2006 Yellow Targa

Bob and Donna Yon

live in the Village of McClure. They moved here from Jacksonville, FL. They drive a 2019 C7 White Grand Sport.

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

Monthly Wine Quiz

Ron & Beth Cullum won this bottle of wine by correctly answering Club President Charlie Tagman's monthly wine quizz question. Congratulations to Ron & Beth. Who is going to answer this months question?



IN WHAT YEAR AND FOR WHAT CAR SHOW WAS THE CORVETTE DEVELOPED?

1953 - MOTORAMA AT NEW YORK CITY AUTO SHOW

Membership Data

TOTAL MEMBERS		404		TOP 10 VILLAGES		Qty	GEN	% Tot
FAMILIES	179	VILLAGE	# Mem's	131	RagTop	53%		
SINGLES	46	GILCHRIST	22	100	Targa	40%		
		PENNECAMP	21	2	FRC	1%		
GEN	Qty	% Tot	PINE HILLS	19	8	T-Top	3%	
C8	0	0%	FENNEY	18	7	Coupe	3%	
C7	93	38%	FERNANDINA	18	248	TOTAL		
C6	58	23%	LABELLE	17				
C5	42	17%	CHARLOTTE	16				
C4	16	6%	COLLIER	15				
C3	19	8%	DUNEDIN	14	FullTime	-305	79%	
C2	13	5%	TAMARIND GROVE	14	PartTime	-95	21%	
C1	7	3%		43%	174	?????	4	
TOT.VETTES	248		ALL OTHERS	230				

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE MOST OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WILL BECOME REALITY IN THE NEXT 10-20 YEARS. MOST OF US WON'T SEE THE CHANGES, BUT OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS PROBABLY WILL.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1- Auto repair shops will disappear.
- 2- A gas/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has 20. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are repaired only by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.
- 3- Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots
- 4- Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!
- 5- Gas pumps will go away.
- 6- Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.
- 7- Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that build only electric cars.
- 8- Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. So say goodbye to OPEC! The middle-east is in trouble
- 9- Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day and then they use and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?
- 10- A baby of today will see personal cars only in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.
- 11- In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?
- 12- What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most people don't see it coming.
- 13- Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later, you would never take pictures on film again? With today's smart phones, who even has a camera these days?
- 14- Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years.
- 15- It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.
- 16- Forget the book, "Future Shock", welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution.
- 17- Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.
- 18- UBER is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming.
- 19- Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.
- 20- Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

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21- In the USA, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of the Internet, you can get legal advice (so far for right now, the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!) only omniscient specialists will remain.

22- Watson already helps in diagnosing cancer, it's 4 times more accurate than humans.

23- Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

24- Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next 2 years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted. You won't want to own a car any more as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination.

25- You will not need to park it, you will pay only for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.

26- This will change our cities, because we will need 90-95% fewer cars. We can transform former parking spaces into green parks.

27- About 1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide including distracted or drunk driving. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles; with autonomous driving that will drop to 1 accident in 6 million miles That will save a million lives plus worldwide each year.

28- Most traditional car companies will doubtless become bankrupt. They will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

29- Look at what Volvo is doing right now; no more internal combustion engines in their vehicles starting with the 2019 models, using all electric or hybrid only, with the intent of phasing out hybrid models.

30- Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla and they should be. Look at all the companies offering all electric vehicles. That was unheard of, only a few years ago.

31- Insurance companies will have massive trouble because, without accidents, the costs will become cheaper. Their car insurance business model will disappear.

32- Real estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will abandon their towers to move far away to more beautiful affordable locations.

33- Electric cars will become mainstream about 2030. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.

34- Cities will have much cleaner air as well.

35- Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean.

36- Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, but you can now see the burgeoning impact. And it's just getting ramped up.

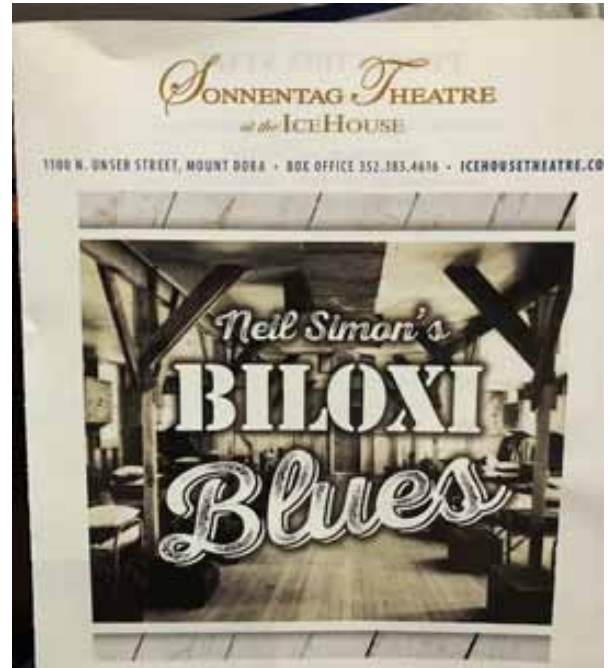
37- Fossil energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that simply cannot continue - technology will take care of that strategy.

38- Health: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample and you breath into it. It then analyses 54 bio-markers that will identify nearly any Disease. There are dozens of phone apps out there right now for health

WHAT DO YOU THINK? – some of it actually arrived a few years ago.

And I'm still trying to figure out how to use my cell phone!!

Heading out to Mt Dora for Dinner and a Play



Feasting in our private room at Pices Rising Restaurant in Mt Dora. A good meal was had by all; prior to the live play.





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MARCH 2020 UPDATE - Here's the latest news and offerings from the NCM.

VILLAGE 'VETTES WILL HOST SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT MARCH 12 MEETING

Our Corvette Club is very honored for the opportunity to host a senior member of the National Corvette Museum leadership team at its March 12 membership meeting. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about many exciting activities that are ongoing 'behind the scenes' at the Museum as well as learn about many new upcoming displays and events prior to their announcement. The evening's program will be relaxed and interactive with our Club members having the opportunity to ask questions. This will be a BYOB event – please attend the March 12 membership meeting for a relaxing and informative evening.

UPCOMING NCM CORVETTE RAFFLES

A C8 Artic White Coupe will be raffled on Thursday, March 26. Sales limited to 2000 tickets at \$150 each.

Build your own C8 Corvette or Take \$60,000 Cash Option will be raffled on Friday, April 24. Sales limited to 1500 tickets at \$250 each.

A C8 Black Coupe will be raffled on Saturday, April 25. Sales are unlimited tickets at \$20 each.

I have order forms available – give me a call or stop by the NCM display at the March 12 Club meeting.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NCM TODAY!

Thanks to all those Club members who have renewed their NCM membership, and to those new Club Members who have joined the NCM ! If you haven't yet renewed, or joined NCM, please do so today --- your ongoing support of the Museum is critical ! Simply clip the membership application below, complete, and mail to the NCM. Please give me a call or send an email or text if you have any questions.

REMINDER – Whenever you do any type of transaction with the NCM, such as joining or renewing membership, purchasing raffle tickets, getting a quote or actually signing up for insurance, visiting the museum, buying build sheets or window stickers, etc., **please remember to notify me at either the above email address or cell phone to ensure our Club receives recognition for supporting the NCM.**

Please enroll me in the following membership:

Bus./Club Lifetime \$2500 Renewal Rejoin~
 Lifetime \$1500 ~Required after 6 month lapse.
 Business/Club \$250
 Family \$100 *75** **monthly payment plan******
 Individual \$50 *37.5** (Lifetime membership only)
 Senior Individual \$500 \$500 \$200 \$100

**1st YEAR NEW MEMBER*

total \$ _____

Method of Payment

Check # _____
 VISA Discover MasterCard AMEX

credit card number _____ expiration date _____
 signature _____ security code _____

name of member(s), business or club _____ e-mail address _____

address _____ city _____ state/province _____ zip code _____

home phone _____ work phone _____ birthday+ +Required for New Generation and Seniors.

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Corvette club or organization _____

Recruited by: RON TANNER Gift Add \$15
The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is a non-profit foundation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership fees and dues are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Save time and a stamp by signing up online at corvettemuseum.org or send this form (and check made payable) to:
 National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101-9134
 All memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. Prices and benefits are subject to change.

Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

- 3/12 - Thursday** - National Parts Depot Museum & Lunch at Braised Onion in Ocala with Event Leader David LeBlanc
- 3/12 - Thursday** - Pre-meeting Club Dinner at Belle Glade Country Club(all are welcome please register)
- 3/14-15 - Friday - Saturday** - 16th Annual Vette -together in Venice, FL with Event Leader Tom Swiers
- 3/17 - Monday** - (St. Patrick;s Day) Don't forget to wear something Green and enjoy Corned Beef and Cabbage!!!
- 3/21 - Saturday** - Country Club of Marion County (CCMC) All-Corvette Spring Fling Show at Cecil Clark Chevrolet in Leesburgh with Event Leader George Borke
- 3/22 - Sunday** - Drive & Dine to Peck's Old Port Cove in Crystal River with Event Bob Bachand
- 3/27-29 - Friday-Sunday** - Sunset Vettes of Northwest Florida with a Celebration of Corvettes in Fort Walton Beach, FL - No Event Leader

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



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SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH DRIVE AND DINE TO BLACKWATER INN WITH THE "NOMADS"

Village Vettes member Bob Kerfin is soliciting interested Corvette club members to partner with the Villages "Nomads" motorcycle club for a ride to the Blackwater Inn in Astor, FL. The restaurant specializes in seafood, steaks & sandwiches served in a casual riverfront venue with an upstairs lounge. Parties will **meet at Colony Cottage recreation center at 2:30 pm and leave at 2:45 pm** for a scenic ride to the Blackwater Inn. Participants also have the option to drive directly to the restaurant on their own. Reservations are for 4 p.m.

To reserve your spot at the Blackwater Inn, text Pam Townsend from the Nomads (519-532-0707) or Bob Kerfin from the Village Vettes (847-366-7888 only)