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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was a beautiful evening, a great band at the square, and 54 gorgeous glistening Corvettes at rest. If you were not there, you missed a great display of our member's Corvettes. Our committee presented a car show that was spectacular. My "Hats" off to Don Bosch and his car show staff for their effort and job "Well Done". Congratulations go out to Charlie & Linda Taylor for "Best in Show" with their 2017 White C7 Grand Sport Convertible with a Twilight Blue interior/top package.

Coming up on May 27th, is the Flags for Fallen Veterans event. This is our first such Club event where we will proceed to The National Cemetery in Bushnell to place flags at each grave site of a Fallen Veteran. Don Chaney is in charge and promises that this is a very touching event and will make each of you stop and realize what each Memorial Day is all about. We still need people. Sign up Now! We have quite a crew going for the tour at The Lake County Detention Center on Thursday, May 24th. Tim Berthiaume will be your Event Leader and promises an educational experience.

Congratulations to our Club winners at the 14th Annual "Vettes at the Village" car show in Sandestin, FL. Members Ron & Marty Tanner, Mike & Linda White, & Chris & Barbara Vinson represented our club at this great venue and brought home several pieces of hardware.

Some people have been asking about The Fall Color Run taking place on October 17th & 18th. Roger Stokes and I have been working on this road trip since January. We have a hotel reserved, a top of the line five-star facility that has all of the amenities that were available in 1850. The route goes thru the swamps, over the cow paths, and the best county roads that we could find. Sign up will be open by late July. I will keep you updated.

The next pre-meeting dinner on Thursday, May 10th, will be at Guy Fieri's in Lake Sumter Landing. Sign up now!

Our June pre-meeting dinner will be at The Rose Plantation. This is a premier restaurant located in Fruitland Park. Please be aware if you have not been to The Rose Plantation, they do have a dress code. The evening dress code for gentlemen is slacks and a collared shirt while the ladies should dress accordingly (Slacks or dress with a nice top are appropriate). In my opinion, the Village Vettes Ladies are considered well dressed all the time. There are still several spots open for this event. Sign up now!

Special "Thanks" go out to our April Door Greeters Kurt and Sharon Adams for welcoming our club members and new guests along with Cookie Monsters Cathy Heuer and Jeff Huber for supplying our array of cookies and coffee at each meeting.

The Board of Directors always welcome your comments of suggestions. Don't hesitate to contact me with your comments.

Gene McConkey

Meet a Past President and His Lady

George and Beverly Borke have resided in the Village of Tierra Del Sol North since moving to The Villages from Orlando in 2005. They previously lived in Boca Raton, Columbia, MD, Charlottesville, VA, and Frederick, MD.

George attended Penn State University for a short time but found books, studying and the disciplines necessary to be successful in college wasn't for him. He ultimately found employment as a lowly draftsman back in the pencil and paper days of engineering. He rapidly advanced to a full control panel engineer and eventually a component designer. He finally decided creating products was boring and set his sights on sales. George retired from the electronics component distribution industry after rebuilding and managing branches for several major electronic component distributors over the years.

George is originally from New Cumberland, a small town across the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg. He and Beverly met when George was forced to move to Taneytown, an even smaller town in Maryland following an industrial accident in 1965.

After several years of dating, Beverly had marriage on her mind. Being the clever woman, she is, Beverly patiently waited until New Year's Eve 1967 and when the clock struck midnight, she asked George to marry her. Apparently, George wasn't aware that on leap years (1968) women are permitted to ask a man to marry them. What could he say??? George ultimately handed Beverly an engagement ring on Easter of 1968 and figured this would buy him some more time. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter he mentioned he was considering buying a Corvette. Beverly, hearing this, thought, "He gets a Corvette, we'll never get married". Long story short, they married on June 21, 1969 and have two wonderful sons but George never got the Corvette he dreamed of. Finally, 39 years later Beverly acquiesced and allowed him to buy a low mileage 2001 Pewter C5 Coupe from an elderly neighbor. He and Beverly now ride in a 2014 Premier Edition Lime Rock Green roadster.

George and Beverly joined the Corvette Club in 2007. He served as President in 2008 & 2009 during time which the club went through a significant transformation and experienced tremendous growth. Working in the electronics industry for years, George cut his teeth on some of the very first PC's ever sold and stayed abreast of computer technology and today manages our website, www.villagevettes.com

Results of the 14th Annual “Vettes at the Village” at the Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, Sandestin, FL (Saturday, 21 April '18).

Winners from the Village Vettes Corvette Club were:

Best in Class – Mike & Linda WHITE

Best in Class – Ron & Marty TANNER

Best Engine – Ron & Marty TANNER

2nd Place in Class – Chris & Barb VINSON



The 5th Annual “Blessing of The Vettes”

The event was held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 (10:00 AM – 01:00 PM) at George Nahas Chevrolet in Wildwood, Florida.

The event provided a stirring patriotic tribute performed by The Villages Twirlers and Drum Corps and a high energy/entertaining musical performance by the personable Norman Lee. Additionally, the event celebrated the 55th wedding anniversary of Tom & Elaine Swiers.

This year 189 Corvettes attend our event (89 Corvettes from Village Vettes; 84 Corvettes from Tri-Area Clubs; and 16 from unaffiliated clubs).

Over \$800 in door prizes from local business and \$500 in the 50/50 raffle were dispensed to attendees. Additionally, donated auction items added further proceeds for the event.

A final accounting yielded \$1,262.73 for our designated club charities (Wildwood Food Pantry, Clean Kids Backpack, and the Honor Flight Program)

The 2018 “Blessing of the Vettes” Committee including Jim Loguidice, Mike White, Charlie Tagman, and Kurt & Sharon Adams offered the volunteers and member attendees their sincere thanks for their hard work and support.



The 5th Annual "Blessing of The Vettes"



Club Event Wine Making



The Corkscrew Winery





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May 2018 Update

Here's the latest news from the NCM.

NCM REMODELING GATEWAY ENTRANCE & MUSEUM ADMISSIONS AREA – this fall, the NCM will begin remodeling its Gateway Entrance & Museum Admissions Area. The remodeling will be completed prior to the 2019 Caravan and 25th Anniversary Celebration.

If you have plans to make charitable gifts this year, please consider making a tax deductible gift to support the remodel noted above. Anyone donating \$200 before July 15, 2018 will receive a 3D magnet designed by Kirk Bennion. Those donating \$500 or more will also receive a Tervis tumbler.

CORVETTE RAFFLE TICKETS – you have a chance to win a new Corvette on May 10, 2018. Visit this website to buy a ticket: <https://corvettestore.com/2019-long-beach-red-corvette-convertible-raffle-5-10-18-raf-150-051018>



Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 2 pm CT is your chance to win a **2019 Long Beach Red Corvette Convertible**. Tickets are **\$150** each and limited to **1000** tickets.

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 April 1, 2018:

Robert and Helene Aisenstat

originally from St. Louis MO
live in the Village of Buttonwood
They drive a 2017 Yellow C& Roadster

Scott Davis and Charlene Brock

live in the Village of Dunedin.
They drive a 2017 Red C& Coupe

Dan Hosek

lives in the Village of Calumet Grove
Dan drives a 2010 Red C6 Roadster

Lawrence and Nancy Hynes

originally from Long Island, NY
live in the Village of Crekside Landing
They drive a 2003 50th Anniversary
Red C5 Coupe.

Dave and Sharon Johnson

originally from Clearwater, FL and
Chicago, IL
live in the Village of Tamarind Grove
They drive 3 Corvettes, 2017 Black C7
Roadster, 1992 Ruby Red C4 Roadster
and a 1971 Grey C3 Coupe

Stephen and Patrice Lefebvre

originally from Commack, NY
live in the Village of Osceola Hills.
They drive a 2012 Grey C6 Roadster.

Verne and Shirley Losser

live in the Village of Pine Hills
They drive 2 Corvettes (2017 Red C7
Coupe and 1995 White C4 Coupe).

Peter and Gaye Puska

lives in the Village of Piedmont
They drive a 2016 Yellow C7 Coupe.

Gail Rickard

originally from Missouri
lives in the Village of Pine Ridge
Gail drives a 2004 Blue C5 Roadster.

CORVETTE Trivia

Strange Trivia that might be of interest to you...

In a recent newsletter from Only in Florida, the following article appeared:

“Don’t Drive on These 6 Haunted Streets in Florida... Or You’ll Regret It”

It listed Rolling Acres Road in Lady Lake as one of six. It further states that when you are travelling this road west from Highway 441, there’s a remote stretch of road with many hills. There have been several reports of strange noises from the woods and a woman in white. Some people claim her name was Julie or Julia and that she was killed by a jealous lover. (I tend to believe it is the stretch of Rolling Acres Road West of CR 466 and Lake Ella Road). Let me know if you experience any strange noises or so happen to see this lady in white.

Speaking of White, did you every wonder what color the last C4 was produced in and the first C5? If you guessed white, then you are correct.

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Dave and Jaye Taylor

originally from South Florida
live in the Village of Osceola Hills.
They drive a 2016 Laguna Blue C7 Coupe

David and Sandi Vanderwall

originally from Michigan.
live in the Village of Lynnhaven
They drive 1999 Silver C5 Coupe.

Joe and Drema Nicholson

originally moved here from New York.
live in the Village of Fenney
They drive a 2007 Silver C6 Coupe.



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Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

for details and signup member must logon to our website
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- 5/5 – ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – Skyway Corvette Club “Corvettes on the Circle - 2018”
St. Armond’s Circle, Sarasota, FL
 - 5/5 - ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – Vettes at the Light XI, Ponce Inlet, FL
 - 5/8 – ****Tuesday (Sign-up Required)** Lunch at J.B. Boondocks in Howey-in-the-Hills.
 - 5/10 – **Thursday (Sign-up Required)** – Pre-meeting Dinner at Guy Fieri’s in Lake Sumter Landing
 - 5/12 – ****Ecklers 31st Corvette Reunion** – Titusville, FL
 - 5/20 – ****Sunday Brunch** with Citrus Vettes and Camaro Club – Hernando, FL
 - 5/24 - ****Thursday (EVENT IS FULL)** – Lake County Detention Center Tour & Lunch
 - 5/26 – ****Saturday (Sign-up Required)** – 25th Annual Corvettes @ The Pier, St. Petersburg, FL
 - 5/27 - ****Sunday (Sign-up Required)** – Flags for Fallen Veterans – Florida National Cemetery, Webster, FL
 - 6/11 - ****Monday** – Tour of Crevalle Boats in Wildwood, FL plus Lunch to Follow.
- ** - See our webpage for details and other car related events.**