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VILLAGE VETTES CORVETTE CLUB 2019

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Congratulations to Past Presidents Mike White and Jim Loguidice and their cast of volunteers for a very successful 6th Annual “Blessing of the Vettes” on Saturday, April 13th. Our club membership and nine area Corvette Clubs (140 Corvettes) enjoyed the festivities at the George Nahas Chevrolet. A non-denominational blessing was again officiated by Pastor Norman Lee Schaffer who provided a high energy musical and inspiring “Salute to our Veterans”. The Village Twirler & Drum Corps added an additional flair with a “Beach Boys” themed presentation.

Our Annual Lake Sumter Landing All-Corvette Show on Monday, April 29th was very successful even though we had to reschedule it because of the weather forecast. As it turned out, Friday afternoon was beautiful but we had to make the call to reschedule by Wednesday according to The Villages. Congratulations go out to Daniel and Connie Dunn for a 1963 Split Window coupe finished in Ermine White with factory A/C and an automatic transmission for being “Best in Show”. We had several other class winners that were well deserved along with many other member cars that ranked highly. All Class winners have been notified to attend the May meeting to receive their trophy. A BIG “Thank You” goes out to our committee in coordinating this annual event and all of our volunteers that gave their time to make this event successful.

Member Bob Baker has resurrected the quest for a Special Florida Corvette license plate. Thank you, Bob, for keeping this initiative in the forefront.

As for our NCM 2019 Caravan, Mike White has secured a few more rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Bowling Green, KY. If you have not done so or plan to attend the 2019 National Corvette Museum Caravan August 28-31, please contact Mike ASAP. They may be your first opportunity to see one of the new C8 Corvettes!

Flags for Fallen Veterans annual event to place flags on the grave of each veteran will occur on Sunday May 26th (placement) and Saturday June 1st (retrieval). I see we have about 4 couples (8 people) signed up thus far and could use far more help. Please consider this event to pay tribute to our fallen. Last year, my wife and I sought out the marker of a friend’s father and placed an American flag there. I had someone take our picture and I sent it to him. He could not have been more thankful.

Our Christmas Party Committee is scheduled our party for December 12th, so save the date. Visit our website to sign up and for details.

Don Chaney
President 2019



This past month, the Village Vettes membership and nine area Corvette Clubs (140 Corvettes) enjoyed the festivities of the 6th Annual “Blessing Of The Vettes” event at the Nahas dealership.

The non-denominational blessing was again officiated by Pastor Norman Lee Schaffer who provided a high energy musical and inspiring “Salute To Veterans” performance. The Village Twirler & Drum Corps added an additional flair with a “Beach Boys” themed presentation.

Commemorative dash plaques were handed to attendees and numerous prizes were awarded via an auction of auto related items, 50-50 raffle, and door prizes. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

A special “shout-out” goes to the members who responded to the call for assistance. They provided an immeasurable component of the event’s success. Additionally, the Nahas dealership continued with their steadfast support of our club and its activities.

A net proceed of \$777.00 will benefit the club’s designated charities. (The Wildwood Food Pantry; Clean Kids Backpack Program; and Honor Flight)



"Drive and Dine" to Crystal River Florida

On Wednesday April 17, Jim Loguidice led a group of members on a "Drive and Dine" to Crystal River Florida. Nineteen cars and 31 members drove to the Port Hotel and Marina on King's Bay and enjoyed an outdoor lunch at the hotel's restaurant "Margarita Breeze". Perfect weather, ample parking and the bucolic scenery of King's Bay made for a fun and social outdoor lunch on the restaurants large lanai. We saw leisurely boating on the bay, shallow water divers and tiny "Banana Island" next to the restaurant. Members were then able to travel home or continue to tour the bay area on their own.



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Annual Lake Sumter Landing All-Corvette Car Show

Another Lake Sumter All-Corvette Car Show has come and gone. This year was the first that we had to postpone our event due to weather. As it turned out, Monday evening April 29th was perfect. One could not have asked for a more beautiful evening; all Corvette generations were well represented, there was a nice crowd at the square, and the band could not have been better.

The winners as selected by representatives from George Nahas Chevrolet of Wildwood were:

- C1 - Chuck Culver (1960 Tasco Turquoise Convertible)
- C2 - Jim Nagy (1965 Milano Maroon Convertible)
- C3 - Ron Cullum (1968 Safari Yellow Coupe and Original Owner)
- C4 – Lee Samson (1989 Black Coupe w/lift off panel)
- C5 - Gene McConkey (1998 Pace Car Purple Convertible)
- C6 – Stan Cohen (2007 Lemans Blue Convertible)
- C7 – Gary Martinson (2019 Sebring Orange)
and Richard Weese (2017 Torch Red Convertible)
- C7- Best in Class - Joe Apichella (2019 Sea Breeze Orange – Nice Engine!!!)

Best in Show – Daniel Dunn (1963 Ermine White Split Window w/Factory Air & Automatic)

A Special Thank You goes out to VP Charlie Tagman and his committee for making this a very successful event.



Upcoming events (cruises and car shows)

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

5/9 - **Thursday - Pre-meeting Dinner at Chefs of Napoli on Route 301

5/23 - **Thursday – Drive-&-Dine – Hollerbach’s Willow Tree Cafe – Sanford, FL

5/26 - **Sunday –Placement of Flags for Fallen Veterans - Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513

Section 429/445

5/31 - **Friday – Drive-&-Dine – Fish Fry at Garden Worship Center – Belleview, FL

6/1 - **Saturday – Removal of Flags for Fallen Veterans - Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513

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6/7 - **Friday - Drive-&-Dine – Gator Joe’s – Ocklawaha, FL

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

Welcome New Members

List of New Members Since April 1, 2019:

Larry and Dona Stein

live in the Village of Santiago. They are from Indianapolis, IN and drive a 2015 Crystal Red C7 convertible.

Fred Stepka

lives in the Village of Duval. Fred is from Michigan and drives a 2007 Black C6 convertible.

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

State of Florida Special Corvette License Plate – UPDATE

As you probably know our State Representative Don Hahnfeldt died suddenly a couple of years ago right around Christmas time. Before his untimely passing we were making progress with efforts to get legislation passed for a Florida Corvette Special Plate. Once Don passed everything was put on hold till a new Representative was elected. There was no special election to fill Don's slot and we actually had no voice in the state legislature for several months. Finally, after this past election, Brett Hage was elected to replace Don Hahnfeldt. Brett's goal was to push the legislative efforts that Don had not completed before his passing.

While all this is going on, the Special plate was put on the back burner. But now we're getting back on the front burner and I have a meeting with Brett in 2 months to go over the plate and hopefully move forward. His executive secretary Nancy Bowers has suggested to me that Corvette owners here in The Villages should mention to Brett (if they see him or know him) their support for a Corvette Special License Plate or even email Brett and send emails to her and she will get them to him. Her email is Nancy.Bowers@myfloridahouse.gov

I will also be emailing all the other Corvette Clubs in the state to do the same thing.

Bob Baker

CORVETTE TRIVIA – HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The first Corvette is believed to be modeled after the Jaguar XK120.

Originally, the front emblem and horn button was an American flag and checkered flag. This was before GM found out using the American flag on a commercial product was illegal. The iconic Corvette crest was then developed using the bowtie and French fleur-de-lis symbol. The French symbol was used to reflect the French etymology of the Chevrolet nameplate.

The first two production Corvettes, VIN 1 and 2, are said to have been destroyed. However, there are no records or witnesses to prove this. Many still believe they're out there somewhere.

47% of Corvette owners have earned college degrees. That's compared to the 27% national average.

Outside of the rumored to still exist first two Corvettes, the rarest Corvettes were made in 1969. Only two units in 1969 were made with the Z1-1 all aluminum 427. This makes them one of the most collectible trim packages ever.

Since 1981, all Corvettes have been computer controlled/equipped.

If you have a use for it, you can bogie in reverse if you own a C7 Corvette. The 2014 Corvette can reach 53 miles per hour in reverse.

(Source is GM Parts Online)



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Meet Member ...

This month we have no “Meet Member” selection for our newsletter. I have had multiple members decline my offer to be a Featured Member for whatever reason. Some people just do not like to write but we can help. If you are interested in being a Featured Member all requests are welcomed.

A Featured Member is simply a brief bio telling us something about you, your lady, and your past: Things like how/where you met, where you lived before coming to The Villages, any history of owning prior Corvettes or tell us about your first or latest Corvette Generation, prior Corvette club(s), any specific achievements in life that you would like to share, any hobbies that interest you, and what industry you retired from.

I will continue to ask members to be featured but I am also open to accepting a member being pro-active and volunteering to be a Featured Member in our “Meet Member” section.

Don Chaney