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Venice Florida Corvettes Club Newsletter

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President's Message

As the cooler Florida weather begins to slowly turn warm again, my mind has to keep focusing on the Venice Florida Corvettes 8th Annual all corvette car show in March. With the economy

still in trouble, more and more Corvette clubs have made the transition to an open type of car show which means that tin cars & motorcycles are permitted to enter. We feel that a Corvette club's car show should be just that, a Corvette car show. As usual, the planning stages of the show are well underway, awards have been selected and purchased and a new class has been added this year, Modified/Custom. Car show T-shirts are being finalized and the Welcome Party is in place. As soon as the engraving has been completed on the awards, the pictures will be posted on the web site under the car show flyer.

We are very fortunate to have members that enjoy getting together to help our club be the best that it can be. Each year's annual car show has approximately 90 to 100 volunteers and I think that is incredible and says a lot for the club. With that said, we are still looking for additional volunteers to help make this show as memorable as the shows in the past. E-mails have been sent out as well as sign-up sheets being available at the next several membership meetings. Please select the volunteer position you feel suits you best. It feels good to do good deeds.

Jim Vautrin

Vice President's Message

Hello from the VP office. We certainly skipped winter weather this year and are now on to a host of great car shows including our own in March. For those that are new to the club, many of the shows are listed on our web-site, and often accompanied with the show's flyer (if we can find one). The shows marked with an asterisk (*) are **designated** shows. That means that we often have a relationship with the Corvette Club sponsoring the event and/or this show has been a fun group outing in the past

and we want to participate again. That is not to say the other car shows are not important.

We do not list all the shows ... there are just too many to list. We try to focus on the ones with numerous Corvette awards, and are reasonably close, or in which a number of members show interest. The list is fluid in that we may miss one or two and members help bring those to our attention ... or the show was such a flop the previous year we take it off our list. In each monthly meeting, we talk about the shows coming up for the next couple months, and place sign-up sheets if you think you would be interested in attending. If we get enough interest, we caravan there and make a nice social out of it. If there is little membership interest, you still may want to attend on your own. Drive safe and we will see you at the next meeting.

Tom Taylor

Upcoming Activities & Events

Venice Florida Corvettes monthly meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Venice Community Center.

- Feb. 4 Cars & Coffee – Sunset Porsch, Audi, VW – contact - Tom Taylor -**
- Feb. 7 VFC Meeting - Venice Community Center – contact Jim Vautrin**
- Feb. 11* Cars On 5th Ave. – Naples – contact Tom Taylor for show & Barb Sabatino for social cruise**
- Feb. 12* VFC Bowling Challenge - Sarasota – contact Sally Taylor**
- Feb. 15 VFC Car Show Meeting – Jacaranda Library**
- Feb. 15-22* Mardigras Trip W/Naples Club – Houma, LA – contact John Vidas**
- Feb. 28 VFC Board Meeting - Venice Community Center – contact Jim Vautrin**

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

It has been a warmer winter here in Paradise than the last two were. As a result, we still have a few Club sweatshirts available in sizes S, M and XL. There are also a few long sleeve tees available in all sizes. Check them out at the Quartermaster sales table at the February Club meeting. Sweats are \$16, the long sleeve tees are \$8. If you wish, email us at erkeky@comcast.net and we'll be happy to reserve one for you. Each member received a static cling Club decal when they joined the club. Some members have purchased extras for their tin cars to show they are a proud member of Venice Florida Corvettes. Many of those given out several years ago have faded to an almost white background. Consider a replacement or an extra. They are only \$2 at the Quartermaster sales table.

Our Club's 2012 show tee shirts will be available for ordering at

the February meeting. See a separate article in this Gazette for further details.

Quartermaster Al Royal

February Celebrations

Happy Birthday February



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| Sarah Fereno 3 rd | Lynne Fales 18 th |
| Mona Saindon 8 th | Tom Taylor 21 st |
| Debby Trenner 11 th | Georganne Marfizo 22 nd |
| Karan Raymond 13 th | Linda Wencil 24 th |
| John Wurster 14 th | Claudia Bost 24 th |
| Karen Shone 15 th | Ron Wencil 27 th |
| Joanne Walsh 16 th | Jim Parker 27 th |
| Jim Devine 17 th | Jane Scorse 28 th |
| | Betty Miller 28 th |

Happy Anniversary February



- Curt & Carolyn Norton 8th
- Anello & Barbara Cocchi 13th
- Charlie & Debbie Zuberer 14th
- Gene & Jane Scorse 15th
- John & Karen Shone 15th
- Jim & Cheryl Silverblatt 19th
- Don & Carol Mager 28th

Board Meeting

If you would like to bring up a topic for discussion or you're just interested in what goes on at the executive board meeting come join us. The meeting is open to all members. The meetings are at the Venice Community Center at 7pm (see calendar for date).

Suggestion Box

Wish the club would do something you enjoy? Did your old club have an activity that we don't do that you really enjoy? Let us hear from you. Send your ideas to me and I will distribute them to the proper people for consideration. [Bill Sabatino](#)

Corvette Trivia

1968 to 1982 - Did you know?

- The last true dual exhaust was installed in 1974, after that, everything went through a catalytic converter.
- In 1974 the rear bumper was 2 pieces. 1975 – 1982 used a one piece unit.
- The awesome 454ci engine was only offered for 5 years. 1970, 71, 72, 73, and 1974.

Membership Corner

VENICE FLORIDA CORVETTES is proud to welcome as new members:

HENERY & JOANN GAGAIN
JOHN & KELLIE PERSON
JIM & BARB TURNER

John Vidas, Membership Chairman

2012 Car Show



Want a show trophy that you will be proud to put on a shelf in your home instead of the garage? The sample shown fulfills that wish.

This is what the 2012 Venice Florida Corvettes show trophies will look like this year.

There are a total of 41 awards. They consist of: 24 Judged awards including, new this year, 6 Modified/Custom awards, 9 People's Choice awards, 1 Mayors award & 1 Best of Show award. This year's awards have been redesigned to try to stay in tune with the Venice Florida Corvettes Gold color & "Stars and Stripes". The "Judged" awards are Stars and Stripes, Modified/Custom awards have a sunburst design perched on a black half-moon base, People's Choice award is Gold with a Gold star on the top, the Mayors award is oval in shape in Blue & the Best of show award is also oval in shape in Gold.



The show's "Chinese Auction" will feature many baskets filled with a variety of goodies from tools to wine.

2012 Show Tees

Club members will have the opportunity to order our 2012 Club show tee shirts at the February 7th Club meeting. They feature Past President George Buday's white C4 coupe with a Venice scenic background. A sample of the design and tee color (blue) will be available. As in the past, they will be offered for the "at cost" price of \$6. To simplify ordering and delivery, we request that shirts be paid for at time of ordering with cash or a check to VFC (Venice Florida Corvettes). Shirts ordered at this time will be available for pickup at the March 6th meeting, or at our show on March 18th. If you wish to order a tee but are unable to attend the meeting, send the size and a check (\$6 per shirt) made out to Venice Florida Corvettes to Al Royal, 1690 Columbia Dr. Englewood, FL 34223. All orders must be received by Friday, February 10th. After this date they will be available for purchase at our show for the retail price of \$10. For any questions email Quartermaster Al Royal at erkeky@comcast.net

Ponderisms

- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Do you ever wonder why you gave me your email address?

Big Cat Habitat



The social event for January was on Sunday January 15th. The day was bright and sunny with the perfect temperature.



There were 56 VFC members and a family of four (Charlie and Debbie Zuberer, daughter, son-in-law, and grandson's) attending. We started with a luscious lunch at Trader Vic's in Sarasota on Cattleman and Fruitville Road. The restaurant has a varied menu and the service was great.

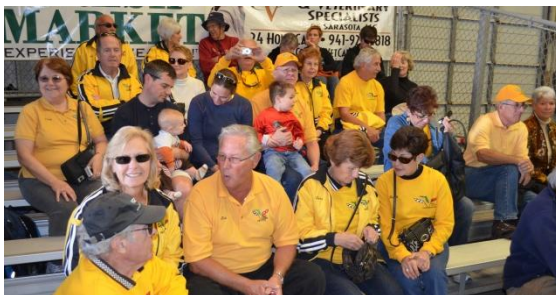


When lunch was completed we traveled south on Cattleman Road to Palmer Road to the Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast

Sanctuary. Upon entering we realized that there were all kinds of animals from bears, camels, goats, birds, monkeys and of course lions and tigers. There was a petting zoo as well with several newly born baby goats.



They had a special show for us to see inside a building. The star of the show was a chimp named Chance. He was so cute and he entertained us with his active cartwheels. He was only two years old which reminded me of my active grand kids and with their own agenda.



The highlight of this experience was to be so very close to these animals and see how big they are. When one of the big cats was being fed a treat, he stood on his back legs and touched the top of the cage. He was not full grown and he was eating it right out of the volunteer's hand. It is amazing how big the lions and tigers are! Most of the big cats were napping in the sun, but later some were let out to play.



If you did not attend this event you can visit Wednesday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30. They are having their fund raiser The Animal Extravaganza every weekend in January and February for the same cost of \$15.00 per person. All of the animals are rescued from people who wanted an exotic animal as a pet and could not handle them.

Reporter Sue Marchiando

Corvette 427 Convertible

Chevrolet to Produce Corvette 427 Convertible

Chevrolet today unveiled the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition - the fastest, most capable convertible in Corvette's history - as well as a 60th Anniversary Package that will be available on all 2013 Corvette models.

"The 2013 model year will be historic for Corvette, marking its 60th Anniversary and the final year for the current 'C6' generation," said Chris Perry, vice president, Global Marketing and Strategy for Chevrolet.

The Corvette has a 427ci LS7 engine from the Z06, rated at 505hp. It is the most powerful engine ever installed in a production Corvette convertible and is only available with a six-speed manual transmission.

The 427 Convertible also features several carbon-fiber components that help reduce weight, including carbon fiber raised hood, Z06-style fenders, floor panels and optional front splitter and rocker panels.

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, around 4PM, EST, the first 427 Convertible in the 60th Anniversary Appearance Package will be offered for sale at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, AZ with live nationwide coverage on SPEED TV.

Corvette Corral



I am selling my 1993 40th Anniversary Coupe, \$10995.



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Bagel Run

Bagel Run & Deveraux – Kaiser Car Show

It was a cool January morning with the sun shining brightly as several VFC members gathered and prepared to caravan to Panera Bread Company in Sarasota. We made our way up I-75 and arrived at Panera Bread Company where we met 3 additional members bringing our total to 30 who attended.



There's that idiot with the camera



The restaurant was crowded when we arrived but the staff was ready and handled our group along with other customers, with great ease and efficiency.





Eventually we all found seats and enjoyed our breakfast consisting of egg sandwiches, soufflés, many varieties of bagels, yummy sweet rolls, cakes and other pastries along with the great coffees and teas that they offer. We ate and had plenty of time to visit. When everyone finished, several members made their way to Sarasota Square Mall for the Deveraux – Kaiser Antique Car Show.

Finding parking was a bit more difficult this year as much of the lot was marked off for entrants and many parking spaces were eliminated by the construction in the area where the show was normally located. We finally found parking and spent the rest of our morning viewing the hundreds of cars on display. The show this year seemed bigger as there were more vendor tents with food, car related items, etc., as well as the entrants and the corral with cars and trucks for sale.

The congestion at the mall was huge but, there were many people working to help direct everyone to their appropriate places and it worked. I'd say the show was a huge success as it was well attended and the weather was absolutely perfect for the event. We had a great day and I think everyone enjoyed our outing.

Reporter Barb Sabatino

Rolling Thunder Car Show

On January 28th twenty Corvettes, Al Royal's pickup truck, and Charlie Zuberer's Chevy met at Albertson's to caravan to the Venice High School for the Rolling Thunder Car Show sponsored by the Venice High School Band Boosters. After an exciting LeMans Race start we headed for the high school.



It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed looking at the many cars on display and winning door prizes.



Irene Vautrin seems to be lucky winning baskets in silent auctions and won a "movie night" basket at the show. Glen Kirtley and Charlie Zuberer won top twenty-five plaques. The Venice Florida Corvette Club was awarded \$100 for the club with the largest participation. Jim Vautrin, VFCC president, accepted the award and donated the award back to the Band Boosters

Reporter Chris Maurer

Mecum Auction

VFC again supported Chris Grieb from Mid Florida Corvette Club driving at the Mecum Car Auction Tuesday 1/24 thru Sunday 1/29.



Joining the action from our VFC club were Marvin Missig, Rick Wheeler, Brad Fales, Ron LaPlaca, Mike Walsh and Ron Wencil. Hopefully I did not miss any names of others who may of also attended.



2,200 cars were under the big tents and inside the buildings ready for us to drive to the block for bidding. Some real big numbers were being bid on the classics. Many of us were on live TV during the event.

We also ran into the Naples club guys there and stayed at the same hotel. Some of us also took a few hours and attended the NCRS activity at Old Town.

Great time again this year. More to be said at the meeting in February.

Reporter Ron Wencil

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