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Venice Florida Corvettes Club Newsletter

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President's Message

Are you enjoying our fine, Florida summer weather? Jane & I were in Minnesota early July and it was steaming hot and humid for first few days and then it didn't get above 75 for the rest of our visit. Other VFC members were or are up north and saying they can't wait to get back to our Florida summer weather. The Gulf breezes certainly make our area of Florida pleasant to live and play in.

REMINDER:

Per VFC club Constitution and By-laws, "any member" may propose an amendment. Proposed amendment shall be presented to the Executive Board, not later than the regular general meeting on September 6th. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing with as much detail as possible. The Executive Board will appoint a Constitution and By-law Committee to evaluate such proposed amendments. Any proposed change(s) approved by the Constitution and By-laws Committee will be presented to the members for their review and consideration, in writing, not later than the regular general meeting on October 4th. Votes on amendments will be cast at the same time as for the election of VFC officers, in writing to the Secretary, or by email.

John Wessel – VFC President

Vice President's Message

Well another month has passed and the work on the 8th annual VFCC car show has begun. A host hotel will be named soon and the welcome party is also in the works. I have requested e-mails from last years volunteers notifying me if they were planning to help again this year as well as anyone who would like to participate for the first time. To date I have had a number of positive replies but naturally many more are required to

participate to make this show a success. More important, I also have to know if the committee chair people will participate in there rolls from last year. Whether the answer is nay or yea, I would appreciate knowing a soon as possible. .

James F. Vautrin, Vice President

Upcoming Activities & Events

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

- July 28 VFC Board Meeting – Venice Community Center contact – John Wessel**
- Aug 2 VFC Meeting – Olde World Restaurant – contact John Wessel**
- Aug 13* Muscle Car Museum Cruise – contact John Wessel**
- Aug 21* Linger Lodge Cruise – contact Barb Sabatino**
- Sept 3* Corvettes @ the Pier - contact John Wessel**

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

Our black and yellow Club jackets are no longer available from the manufacturer. The Quartermaster team, along with your Club Board members, have been searching for a suitable replacement. Our criteria has been a jacket that is predominantly yellow or gold, similar material and quality to our former jackets, must be able to sell with embroidery for about the same price (\$60) and from a source that is going to have that style available for a extended period of time. It hasn't been easy but a sample jacket that seems to meet all the requirements has been ordered. If it arrives in time for the August meeting and proves to be a suitable replacement, it will be shown then. Members having an original style jacket on back order will have the option of switching to the new one or getting their money refunded.

John Marchiando has assumed control of the well stocked Quartermaster suitcase. See him for all of your Club needs. The Royals will return at the October meeting with a full display of all our Club paraphernalia.

Quartermaster Al Royal

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).

Membership Corner

Welcome - **John and Jacqueline(Jackie) Wurster to VFC**

John and Jacqueline(Jackie) reside in Nokomis, FL

Driving a 1994 Bright Aqua Metallic Coupe
Occupation - Retired from IBM
Originally from Stone Ridge, NY.

Welcome - **William and Judith Nickersonto VFC**

William and Judith Nickersonto reside in Venice, FL

Driving a 2002 Red Coupe
Originally from Rochester, NY
Occupation - Retired plant supervisor and church admin assistant

Ron Wencil – Membership

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?

- All big block manifolds were redesigned to actually sink into the lifter valley as the hood clearance was less than in 1967. As such, a 1965 to 1967 big block intake manifold won't fit in a 1968 or newer Corvette with stock hood and air cleaner. The exception to the above was the L-88. It retained the high rise manifold and also received a special hood, which was externally different this time.
- Emission control equipment was installed on the first 1968's in the fall of 1967 even though the federal law required it only as of January 1, 1968.
- 1968 was the first year AM/FM stereo was offered as an option.

Tech Talk

NEW C6 CONVERSION



Bob Bennett and Bennett Coachworks LLC to build and sell the new Karvajal ZX-1

The Karvajal ZX-1, one of the most anticipated C6 Corvette conversions is now completely developed and tooled and is available for order throughout the world.

The key component of the ZX-1, is the totally redesigned body. Bodies will be made available in both fiberglass and carbon fiber.

Beyond the total body "swap" transformation, Bennett's ZX-1 offers the customer an almost endless list of performance and appearance enhancements with base prices beginning under \$40,000.00, U.S. plus a donor C6.

See www.hotrodbuilders.com.

August Celebrations

Happy Birthday August



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| John LeDuke 2 nd | Gary Fereno 18 th |
| Jennifer Panay 2 nd | Susan Rains 22 nd |
| John Brunt 4 th | Joan Kubala 24 th |
| Kay Weber 4 th | Ted Seiter 24 th |
| Dan Mango 9 th | Chris Schmehl 25 th |
| Carol Louisgnan 9 th | Eloise Parkin 25 th |
| Bob Wilborn 9 th | Martin Horowitz 25 th |
| Larry Ambrose 10 th | Eileen Calabrese 25 th |
| Peggy Rich 11 th | Sue Mango 26 th |
| George Calabrese 12 th | Ralph Weber 26 th |
| Deb Hanson 15 th | Barbara Sabatino 27 th |
| Garry Estle 16 th | Vic Ciullo 28 th |
| Len Robertson 17 th | Randy Winkel 30 th |
| | Louis Capolino 31 st |

Happy Anniversary August



- Bill & Georganne Marfizo 1st
- John & Kathy Brunt 1st
- Tim & Gayle Ramey 10th
- Martin & Jacqueline Horowitz 10th
- David & Diane Chad 12th
- Bill & Barb Sabatino 12th
- Bill & Lois Shershin 22nd
- Bob & Kathy Novic 26th
- Walter (Bubba) & Dee Cote 30th

Ponderisms

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.
- Life is sexually transmitted.

Before You Go

A tribute and thank you to our aging veterans of WWII, the veterans of the Korean War who helped to preserve that victory finally and a long overdue thank you to veterans of the Vietnam War.

<<http://www.managedmusic.com/Music/PlayBeforeYouGo.php>>

A Florida Blessing

Bless this house, oh Lord, we cry.
 Please keep it cool in mid-July.
 Bless the walls where termites dine,
 While ants and roaches march in time.
 Bless our yard where spiders pass
 Fire ant castles in the grass.
 Bless the garage, a home to please
 Carpenter beetles, ticks and fleas.
 Bless the love bugs, two by two,
 The gnats and mosquitoes that feed on you.
 Millions of creatures that fly or crawl, In FLORIDA, Lord, you've put them all!
 But this is home, and here we'll stay,
 So thank you Lord, for insect spray.

Guess Who

Do you recognize the members in the following picture???



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



Don & Sue Kerndt

If you would like to stump the viewers send your pictures to sabatino fla@gmail.com

Dashboard Nightmare

If you have ever wondered what the Space Shuttle looks like on the inside, click on this site, use your mouse click and hold and rotate around the cabin...very cool!

http://360vr.com/2011/06/22-discovery-flight-deck-opf_6236/index.html

Candy Girl

Wednesday, July 13th 5 VFC Corvettes cruised up US41 to Spanish Pointe Restaurant and Pub for the 10th Anniversary Cruise-In with Candy Girl of WSRZ radio.



We met 8 other cars there and Venice Florida Corvettes made a great showing with 25 members in a sea of yellow.



Everyone enjoyed an evening meal, good music and birthday cake under the huge tiki hut.



It was a beautiful night on the water and everyone had a good time. Candy Girl was very pleased with the turnout for her anniversary and gave VFC a lot of attention for our group showing...too bad there wasn't a club participation award!

Sweet Berries

We looked out the window.... "Will it rain? Will the Ice Cream Run be cancelled? If not, do I want to get the corvette wet?"



38 folks looked out the window on Sunday the 17th and 27 decided to go anyway. Six vettes met for the caravan (along with a couple 'tins'). Three went directly for a total of 9 vettes.



The custard was good but the camaraderie was great!



.... and because the normal attendance for Sweet Berries was reduced because of the rain, we all ended up being able to find seats in their limited dining area.

A successful run it was ... Can't wait for the next one.

Reporter Tom Taylor

Chevrolet Scores

Chevrolet 6-Month Global Sales Highest in a Century / 2011 Corvette Stats Released

According to an article on Autoweek.com today, Chevrolet saw 2.35 million global sales in the first six months of 2011 - it's best first-half mark in 100 years. Chevrolet sales increased 14 percent in the US from the same half-year

period in 2010, with 286,499 more units sold and the biggest seller is the Cruze.

Additionally, the GM Corvette Assembly Plant just released statistics on 2011 Corvettes produced. A total of 13,596 were manufactured. Number of cars produced for each color are:

- 1) Black (2,891)
- 2) Torch Red (2,264)
- 3) Crystal Red (1,419)
- 4) Supersonic Blue (1,417)
- 5) Cyber Gray (1,197)
- 6) Arctic White (1,133)
- 7) Blade Silver (1,037)
- 8) Velocity Yellow (867)
- 9) Inferno Orange (790)
- 10) Jetstream Blue (581)

Member Businesses

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