

# Venice Vette Gazette



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

December 2011

Venice Florida Corvettes Club Newsletter

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### President's Message

December, and the holiday season is already upon us!!! Hard to figure out how and where all the time goes. Especially when you are having fun.

My tenure as your Vice President and President is coming to an end. It has been a good experience with all that goes in serving you. I was fortunate to have a supportive and professional

### Committees Chair Sub-Chair

2012 VFC Car Show	<i>Jim Vautrin</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
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Board to serve with.

I wish Jim Vautrin, your incoming President, and the newly elected Board continuing success for the 2012 calendar year. They will be calling on the membership to support them in their efforts to continue guiding Venice Florida Corvettes. Jane and I want to express our appreciation for all the support you gave us during the past two years. We also want to take this time to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. Enjoy all the wonderful events that make this time of the year so special. Have a Safe Holiday Season.

*John Wessel – VFC President*

## Vice President's Message

Just think that in another month we will bid farewell to another year. We will also say farewell to another VFC executive board and hello to a new board. Although these positions are voluntary, everyone attempts to do the best they can to keep our club in good standings. Over all, this year has gone by quickly due to the monthly car shows, tech events and let us not forget the social events. Oh those social events. Just the mention of a social event involving a meal and our members rally to the occasion to have a good time. And don't forget the annual VFC Christmas Party. This will be the first party that Irene and I will be attending due to a conflict of schedules in the past and we are looking to have a great time.

As always, your executive board and social committee look forward to your input and suggestions regarding ideas that may interest you and the club. Don't forget, without you, there is no club.

*James F. Vautrin, Vice President*

## Upcoming Activities & Events

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

- Dec. 4 VFC Christmas Party – contact Barb Sabatino**
- Dec. 4 Florida Hot Rods & Hogs – contact George Buday**
- Dec. 6 VFC Meeting – Venice Community Center – contact John Wessel**
- Dec. 10\* Holiday Light Tour – contact Barb Sabatino**

\* Caravan planned

## Quartermaster Corner

Club long sleeve tees and sweatshirts---get them while it's hot. When it turns cold we'll be sold out. All sizes still available---check them out at the Quartermaster table.

You can have your name added to Club tees, Henleys, sweatshirts etc. thru the Quartermaster. To be sure we get your items back to you we ask that you:

- 1) Pin the name you want added onto each clothing item.
  - 2) Put all your items into a bag (like a plastic grocery bag) along with a slip of paper with your first and last name on it.
- It's \$5.35 per item including the tax. Please bring a check made out to Venice Florida Corvettes or the exact change as the Quartermaster does not bring coins. Items will be delivered at the following months meeting unless other arrangements are made to pick them up.

*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).

## 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 only outside difference between the 1971 and a 1972 Corvette is the appearance of the amber front turn signals and vertical chroming on the egg-crate grill both on the 1972 – that's it. Minor stuff most people miss.
- 1972 was the only year for Corvette "Big Block" engines in the 1968 to 1972 range to have no horse power sticker on the air cleaner lid.
- "Pewter Silver" was only offered as an exterior color in 1972.

## Membership Corner

Welcome Al and Cindy Aherns  
Welcome Mike and Donna Gogliucci

Also welcome back to returning December Members

If anyone needs a VFC Name tag, please send your request to [rkwenc@comcast.net](mailto:rkwenc@comcast.net).

Also your 2012 Club dues \$25.00 are now due, please pay at the December Meeting or mail the check in, Thank you

*Ron Wencil – Membership*

# December Celebrations

## Happy Birthday December



David Chad 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Cymbol 17 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Taylor 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Brown 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Fagin 8 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Breen 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Dennis Mason 11 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Royal 24 <sup>th</sup>
Diana Woodruff 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Mitchell 26 <sup>th</sup>
Olga Steinberg 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Brown 26 <sup>th</sup>
Christine Maurer 13 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Scorse 27 <sup>th</sup>
JoAnn Royal 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Ostoin 29 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Scalisi 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Sabatino 31 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Marfizo 15 <sup>th</sup>	Billie King 31 <sup>st</sup>
Glen Kirtley 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Jerry Senior 16 <sup>th</sup>	

## Happy Anniversary December



Derek & Cheryl Henwood 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bob & Cathy Rohrbaugh 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill & Shirley Brown 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Paul & Jennifer Panay 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Gary & Sarah Fereno 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Lee & Billie King 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Gene & Jane Scorse 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob & Jan Beech 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Walt & Sandy Edgerton 20<sup>th</sup>  
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 John & Lauri Rix 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve & Karen Eley 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Kent & Diana Mitchell 28<sup>th</sup>

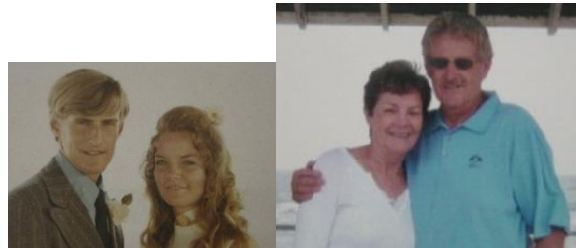
# Guess Who

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



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



John & Rosie Graig

If you would like to stump the viewers send your pictures to [sabatino fla@gmail.com](mailto:sabatino fla@gmail.com)

# Ponderisms

- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

# The 2014 C7?

Are these pictures of the new C7 scheduled for production in 2014?



The exclusive images you see here, derived from hours spent secretly poring over the sheet metal of two seventh-generation Corvettes, show the next step in the supercar's iconic evolution. These aren't photos, but this is absolutely the next-generation Chevy Corvette in ZR1 trim. GM, so doesn't want you to see these.

Go to [www.jalopnic.com](http://www.jalopnic.com) for the complete story.

## Tech News

We have covered this tire warning before, but it is worth repeating.

This situation happened to me about 2 years ago in my 1969 Corvette on the way to a car show in Venice, Fl. on I-75. I was ok but the tire took out the bottom of my front driver's side fender and my side pipe exhaust on the driver's side. I replaced all 5 tires on my Corvette before it was taken from the body shop. Please check your tires. It could have been much worse for me.

Glenn Hutchinson President Naples Corvette Club / Cape Coral, Fl.

This is important, please watch it till the end. There is a commercial to start with then the tire information follows.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=4826897>

## Welcome Back

### Welcome Back Brunch - Stoneybrook Country Club

It was a beautiful sunny fall morning on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

when 20 Corvettes met on the Jacaranda Plaza parking lot. Some were on the north end by Norma Jean's and some on the south end all due to my lack of communication. Sorry about the mix up folks!



We made our way to Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club where we met 4 other Corvettes. We were greeted by the staff who was prepared and offered attentive service once again.



Everyone enjoyed their brunch and had plenty of time to visit and catch up with our returning members and friends.





After brunch Bill Sabatino was able to take pictures of 15 members and their Corvettes for the club website. It was a good start to a pleasant fall Sunday that was enjoyed by all.

*Reporter Barb Sabatino*

## Sunset Car Cruise

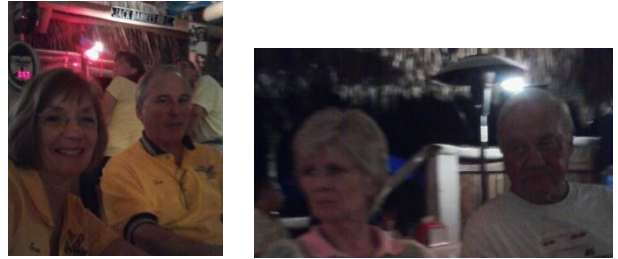


Wednesday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup> six VFC Corvettes made their way to Spanish Pointe Restaurant and Pub for the Candy Girl Car Cruise in Osprey. Ten members enjoyed dinner and

drinks while Candy Girl from WSRZ radio played classic car trivia that was great fun and encouraged a lot of discussion. Throughout the evening she took requests and play music.



Everyone registered their cars and received a 15% discount off their bill.



The 50/50 ticket sales benefitted the Venice Viking football and cheer teams. The winner donated his share so the teams received all the proceeds. Candy Girl's daughter showed her appreciation by doing a cheer for the crowd.

Even though it was a small crowd attending, it was a beautiful evening to watch the sun set over the water while enjoying the food, visiting with friends and listening to the music.

Thanks for a fun evening Candy Girl!

Sorry we don't have better pictures, our photographer forgot the camera!

*Reporter Barb Sabatino*

## Venice Christmas Parade



Once again the downtown Venice Christmas parade was a huge success. Tens of thousands of people lined Venice Ave. for the premier event the City has to offer.



VFC was excellently repented by eight members, Vautrin, Estle, Marchiando, Sabatino, Scalisi, Knauff, Delaney, and Buday.



Our number was small, as compared to the size of our club membership, but we turned thousands of heads along the parade route and received hundreds of "thumbs up". I'm sure the antique, classic and mustangs didn't get the same reception. The cars were decorated and well lit in keeping with the spirit of the season. We could hear the "cheers" from young and old as we made our way down the parade route. Corvettes normally attract attention wherever they go, but in this parade they rate right up there with the big guy himself, Santa. Of course that's my opinion and I'm usually right. SNN6 news out of Sarasota

carried the event live and will re-broadcast the parade in it's entirety at 5pm on December 24th, Christmas eve day, for those who missed the biggest community event of the year.



Our club is fortunate to be invited to be in the parade each year, but our members need to participate. Give some thought to joining the VFC group in the parade next year and you too can enjoy the smiles, cheers and "Merry Christmas" we all received from eager parade goers.

I want to add my personal "Thank You" to those who participated.

*VFC reporter, George Buday*

## Member Businesses

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