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President's Message

We are in full summer season with local streets and restaurants easier to navigate, and get into.

Venice Florida Corvettes continues to be active with various runs (for food of course) and car show activities scheduled during the summer months. We are heading into the time of year when certain club activities increase regarding election of VFC Board members, and initial organizing efforts for our March Car Show.

I mentioned this in my last letter and feel I need to repeat myself in the July letter. It takes a huge effort to staff and run our Corvette Car Club. We have many types of activities to try and satisfy all the requirements of our membership. Remember, Venice Florida Corvettes is the largest Corvette Car Club on the West Coast of Florida, and one of the largest in the whole State of Florida. We should be proud of this fact because Florida Corvette owners have a choice as to which car club they can belong to. Many choose VFC because of its reputation for being active and offering a wide variety of Corvette enthusiastic offerings.

To continue this reputation and club activities we need VFC members, newer members in particular, who have not served in any capacity before to step up and get more involved in our club. You will have several opportunities in the coming months to involve yourself in VFC Club activities. Give it some thought and be ready to volunteer your time and energy during next year's club management, organizations and activities.

John Wessel – VFC President

Vice President's Message

The time has come when the weather is a little to "HOT" to sit around for six hours in the sun and wonder if you will win an award for your prize possession, your corvette. Not to worry, I could not find any all corvette shows around. The next scheduled all corvette show is in September over the Labor Day weekend. This show has become one of our designated shows through popular demand. It is the 18th annual "Corvettes at the Pier" in St. Petersburg, Fl. The flyer for that show as well as other shows can be obtained on the clubs website Calendar and Event/News sections; I go on it just to listen to the club song.

Car show updates are always available at each club membership meeting on my "Car Show Summary" report for your review. We do however have some interesting shows in the future. Two of which, I believe we have never attended in the past. They are the annual "Vettes at the Beach" on Sept. 17th in Pensacola Fl. and the "Vettes at the Village" on Oct. 22nd in Fort Walton Beach/Destin, Fl. These two shows naturally are a weekend trip that I think we should seriously consider attending. If you have never been to the beaches in the panhandle you might be very surprised at what you find.

Enjoy your summer and see you at Pineapples on July 5th.

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 5 VFC Meeting – Pineapple's – contact John Wessel

July 17 *VFC Ice Cream Run – Sweet Berries – contact Tom & Sally Taylor

July 28 VFC Board Meeting – Venice Community Center contact – John Wessel

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

We will be selling from our Quartermaster suitcase again this month. In addition to the Club tees, we will bring some of the seasonal Club wear. The ladies may want to consider a sleeveless Henley. Men, how about a ball cap for protection from the summer sun? Everyone can use a visor! To see what is available in Club wear, take a look at the pictures in the Quartermaster section of our Club web site. Give Al Royal a call at 474-2844 or email erkeky@comcast.net if something catches your eye. We'll be happy to bring it to the July meeting or one of the Club events. The Quartermaster selection will be limited at the August and September meetings as the Royals will not be able to attend those two meetings.

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

1963 to 1967 - Did you know?

- The "GM Mark of Excellence" sticker appeared in only one year – 1967.
- Federal law mandated the removal of spinners from wheels in 1967, so the knock off wheel of 1963-66 was replaced with a bolt on wheel.
- 1967 was the first year "Vinyl" was offered as an optional exterior covering for the hardtop.

Membership Corner

No new members this past month to announce.

Refer to Club directory on Web Site for minor member changes.

My new e-mail is now rkwenc@comcast.net and new phone is 451.8232

Address is now: 343 Turtleback Crossing Venice FL 34292

Everyone have a save 4th of July weekend, and do not forget about the troops and those who have served for our freedom. Fly your US flag.

Ron Wencil – Membership

Corvette Corral

For Sale



2006 Corvette, second owner---11,500 miles
 Machine Silver, oyster interior
 Z 51 option, run flat wheels
 Blue/Gray convertible roof---first six month option only
 Heads up Display
 Upgraded Bose system
 Corsair exhaust
 Custom grill, bra fitted with cover
 Custom detailing of engine
 LED rear spoiler
 Color matching door grips
 Car is in exceptional condition-----\$33,500

Contact Tom Delaney Shantyshouse2@aol.com

For Sale 1963 Corvette-----\$44,000



1963 Corvette convertible, 327/250 4 speed---frame on restoration over ten years, rare Tuxedo triple black, paint, roof, and interior.

- numbers matching, late build-----4 speed, AM FM radio
- new convertible roof and basket
- new parking lights---tail lights-license plate.
- new bumpers, front and rear
- engine rebuilt ten years ago
- replacement knock off wheels---original stolen in 1972
- new Coker bias ply w/w tires
- interior, console, dash, and seat are all original and in excellent condition

This is a beautiful and classy car, well below the stated value.

- will be going to the Charlotte NC auto fair in August if not sold

car has only been worked on by member Corvette mechanic
 Contact Tom Delaney Shantyshouse2@aol.com.

Tech Talk

The next Corvette Will Be Powered by Small, High-Revving Turbo V-8

Anxious to attract the sort of high-performance buyers increasingly drawn to European sports cars from the likes of Porsche, Ferrari and Lamborghini, General Motors is planning some major changes for the next-generation Chevrolet Corvette – starting with a high-revving, small-displacement powertrain, that will substitute for the big V-8s traditionally found under the hood of the Chevy two-seater.

CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE REAR WINDOW FIX

1. Prop open the top at the front and set a 2 or 3 gallon bucket between the top and the windshield, relieving pressure on the rear window. Make sure the bucket is setting on some nice towels as to not ruin the weather strip.
2. Clean all surfaces with a shop vac, and then clean with a degreaser.
3. Clean glass and the top bonding surface with rubbing alcohol or denatured alcohol.
4. Have 2 glass suction cups available with some good twine. Apply the suction cups to the back window. Cut twine to a proper length and tie the twine to some overhead beams or pipes so that there is good pressure to hold the suction cups and rear window into position.
5. Move the seats forward as far as possible. Have 6 towels available and a helper to position the glass into position and do a dry run or two. You only have one shot at this once the

adhesive is applied. The towels will be used to prop up the window from the inside of the corvette.

6. With the window in position carefully apply masking tape to the outside of the glass where the top meets the glass. This will be a guide to show how far to apply adhesive.

7. Now that you are confident that all is well, with a caulking gun apply 3M WINDO- WELD #08609 (purchased through an automotive paint finish company such as Finish Masters) to both the window and the mating convertible top surface. Just apply a 1/8" bead to each surface as you don't want too much of a mess.

8. Grasp the suction cups and carefully hold the glass as your inside helper guides you into position. Have the helper hold the window once it is in position and tighten the twine that you have already pre-cut.

9. With the rear glass secure with the suction cups to an overhead support, have your helper stuff the rolled up towels against the glass to give additional support.

10. If all looks good after 24 hours take the tape off of the glass. Don't move the glass!

11. Allow 3 days for adhesive to dry - 5 would be ideal. Loosen the twine and remove the suction cups. Take the towels out of the back window. Put the seats back into position and drop the top carefully.

Take your wife out for dinner because you just saved over \$500.00

Reporter Dennis Mason

2012 ZR1

2012 ZR1 Laps Nurburgring in 7:19

The Chevrolet Corvette returns to the famed German track - the Nurburgring - to test the 2012 ZR1 model. This year's test run eclipses the time set in 2008 by more than six seconds.

Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter said they brought the ZR1 to the Nurburgring because "we have a pretty substantial performance upgrade, Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires are much stickier, we also have other chassis improvements, we have aero improvements so we hope to show that we've really improved the capability of the car."

This year's lap beat the previous Corvette record by more than six seconds - and is a completely stock car, exactly how a customer would receive it with the exception of some safety equipment which actually adds weight to the car.

July Celebrations

Happy Birthday July



Jim Silverblatt 1 st	Judy Brown 18 th
Jane Wessel 1 st	Terri Candido 19 th
Bob Englar 2 nd	Pete Wenzel 19 th
Stephanie Posey 3 rd	Jim Krebs 21 st
Ronald LaPlaca 5 th	Terry Thilmony 21 st
Roland Saindon 7 th	Paul Panay 22 nd
John Hogan 8 th	Stephen Eley 23 rd
John Richter 12 th	Gerry Vidas 26 th
John Graig 14 th	Debbie French 26 th
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Dallas Jensen 16 th	Janet Missig 29 th
John Shone 18 th	Sue Marchiando 30 th
	Joe Rue 31 st

Happy Anniversary July



Jim & Lynn Devine 2 nd
John & Barbara LeDuke 3 rd
Pete & Paula Chew 7 th
John & Gretchen Brooks 8 th
Robert & Sondra Cox 17 th
Bob & Betty Miller 20 th
George & Carolyn Buday 21 st
Paul & Linda Scalisi 25 th
Don & Sue Kerndt 30 th

Guess Who

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



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



Jim & Irene Vautrin

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

Picnic Meeting



The VFC June picnic meeting at the North Jetty was well attended by 82 members.



Thankfully this couple left before our members arrived.



Things got started with "chef" Cocchi and his team of cooks preparing gourmet hamburgers and hot dogs on the open fire



One of the cooks tended to deviate from the traditional dress.



Along with the hamburgers and hot dogs members provided side dishes and desserts that covered three picnic tables



After everyone ate their fill, President John Wessel conducted the meeting with the usual reports from the board members.



At the conclusion of the meeting many members gathered their chairs at the beach for the sun setting ceremony.



Some liberties with the sun were taken by our photographers.

1936 Stainless Steel Ford

The following photos are of a 1936 Ford Tudor sedan built for Allegheny Ludlum Steel in 1936.

This is one of only four of these cars in existence, and is the only one still running and roadworthy.

This car is in exceptional condition. All four cars had gone over 200,000 miles before they were removed from service.

These cars were built for Allegheny Steel as promotional and marketing projects.

Each year, the top salesmen were given the honor of driving them for one year.

The 85 hp V-8 engine was surprisingly smooth and quiet...

The car was insured for \$1.5 million for the trip to the Louisville show.

The dies used to manufacture the body panels were ruined by stamping the stainless steel, so no more of these cars will ever be produced.



Be Careful Out There

My car book says to roll down the windows to let out all the hot air before turning on A/C.

WHY? Car Air-conditioning - No wonder more folks are dying from cancer than ever before. We wonder where this stuff comes from but here is an example that explains a lot of the cancer causing incidents.

Many people are in their cars first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, 7 days a week. As I read this, it makes me feel guilty and ill. Please pass this on to as many people as

possible. Guess it's not too late to make some changes

Car A/C (Air Conditioning) MUST READ!!!

Please do NOT turn on A/C as soon as you enter the car.

Open the windows after you enter your car and then turn ON the AC after a couple of minutes.

Here's why: According to research, the car dashboard, seats and air freshener emit Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin (carcinogen - take time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car).

In addition to causing cancer, Benzene poisons your bones, causes anemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure will cause Leukemia, increasing the risk of cancer. It can also cause a miscarriage.

Acceptable Benzene level indoors is 50 mg per sq. ft. A car parked indoors with windows closed will contain 400-800 mg of Benzene.

If parked outdoors under the sun at a temperature above 60 degrees F, the Benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg, 40 times the acceptable level.

People who get into the car, keeping windows closed will inevitably inhale, in quick succession, excessive amounts of the toxin. Benzene is a toxin that affects your kidney and liver... What's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff.

So friends, please open the windows and door of your car - give time for interior to air out - dispel the deadly stuff - before you enter.

Fore!!!



The Vettes at the Village #12 Annual Father's Day Corvette Show was held on June 18 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL. This was much more than a car show as participants also enjoyed The World of Golf Hall Of Fame,

Murray Brother's Caddy Shack Restaurant and the Renaissance Hotel during their visit. The beautiful surroundings made it a great place to display 143 outstanding Corvettes. The Norton's and Donatini's attended and both of their cars received a people's choice award.

Reporter Carolyn Norton

Puns For Educated Minds

- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Laugh Till It Hurts

Friday evening, June 17th. 17 VFC members were in for a real treat at McCurdy's Comedy Club. The fun began at 7:30 pm when a local female comedian came on stage to do her routine, which by the way was hilarious, and then introduced the headliner, Dale Jones. He was absolutely crazy and very entertaining. You could get tired just watching all his gyrations and faces. We laughed from the intro till the bitter end and our jaws and stomachs ached. What a fun way to spend a steamy evening.

Reporter Barb Sabatino

Test Your Memory

Here are some great pictures of old cars from the past.....and some questions to test just how well you remember and can identify with them.

I loved the pictures and found some of the questions challenging.

I was able to score an 85 (not too bad but nothing to brag about) on the test.

See how you can do. You'll have fun.

Click on this link.

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-50s/>

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