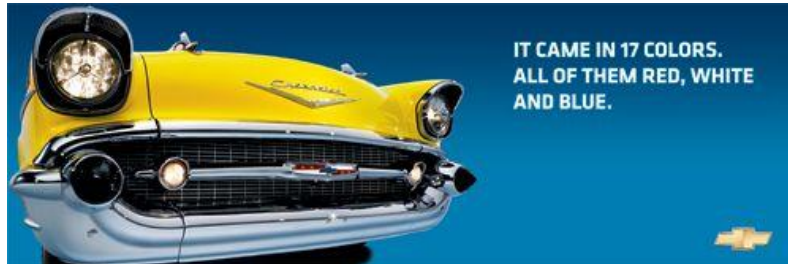


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President's Message

Along with summer months we find activities in and around Venice, Florida slow down. Some VFC members go north to be with family and friends. Most members remain back here in Florida to enjoy the peace and quiet, and summer weather. VFC membership continues to grow in spite of the recession that started over 3 years. We have seen membership reduction (non-renewals) starting the first of each year. By mid-year they begin to increase with new members. By fall, we seem to climb back to where we were but with new, 1st time members. Other SW Florida Corvette Clubs don't seem to be experiencing this type of growth. As I have stated many times before our membership of approx. 140 is almost twice the size of other SW Florida Corvette Clubs. Growing membership in VFC is a testament to the hard work of many of our members. We don't have accurate data on how many 1st time members we have enrolled over the past several years, but about 1/3 of our current membership is new. Again, this type of growth is not common amongst other SW Florida Corvette Clubs.

We are still seeking VFC members who want to join the various VFC club committees and help with the organizing of our various club functions. I think our best hope on this subject is to get some of our newer members to join in and become more involved. I will talk about this at our June membership meeting.

John Wessel – VFC President

Vice President's Message

Well, here we are again, the snowbirds are gone and the high temperatures are back. This only means that "It's summer time,

the living is easy, the fish are jumpin and the cotton is high". This also means that the All Corvette shows are getting more difficult to find. Right now the only "local" corvette show I have listed is on Saturday, June 18th, in St. Augustine, FL., presented by Vettes At The Village, Annual Father's Day Show. The only other two shows listed are the National Corvette Homecoming in Bowling Green, Ky. on July 14, 15 & 16 and Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle Pa. on Aug. 26, 27 & 28th. Another show just arose from the depths of the Internet but it isn't until October. I'll get back to that one in my monthly summery show report.

In my constant quest for info, I did however find something extremely interesting on the web. The "World's Oldest Corvette". That's right, it is the 1952 EX 122 Experimental Prototype. It's history is documented with awards and events. Since I cannot forward this info. to you, you just have to Google it at "oldest corvette" and shazam, there it is. The name "Corvette" was actually named after a type of fast warship, would I lie about something like that! Another bit of trivia, the front hood emblem and the horn button displayed the American flag. Since this was against the law, the night before it's introduction to the world in New York City, a new design was added. It was the black and white checkered flag and red bow-tie and fleur-di-lis.

Since there is so much information on the web, a regular visit to the VFC club web site is a great idea. If you have not been there for a while it is time to return to see all of the updated info that Don Kerndt has added and keeps adding more.

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.

- Jun 7 VFC Beach Meeting – North Jetty – contact John Wessel**
- Jun 18 Vettes at the Village – contact Jim Vautrin**
- Jun 30 VFC Board Meeting – Venice Community Center contact – John Wessel**

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

In June the Club meets at the beach, then area restaurants for the following three months. During this period the Quartermaster team does not set up a display. However, we do bring the basics; the t-shirts, a few caps and visors, and maybe a flag or two in our suitcase. To purchase these contact Al or JoAnn Royal at the meeting and we'll be happy to help you. If you want any of the other Club items give us a call at 474-2844 or email erkeky@comcast.net and we'll bring them to the meeting or we can make other arrangements to get them to you.

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).

Corvette Corral



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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 1966 Corvette was not eligible in SCCA Trans Am due to the upper limit of 5.0 liter on engine displacement. Chevy's only eligible car was the Corvaire.
- 1967 was the first year to have three hoods; the small block hood, the big block hood, and the L-88 hood, even though externally the L-88 looked like the regular big block hood.
- In late February and early March, 1967, some small blocks received the big block hood due to an industrial accident with the small block hood mold. These were not given the hood stripe.

Membership Corner

Welcom - Larry Ambrose to VFC
 Larry resides in Rotonda West, FL
 Driving a 1998 Red Coupe
 Occupation - die Maker
 Originally from Taylor Mich.

Welcome - Roy and Dee Clark to VFC
 Roy and Dee reside in Venice, FL
 Driving a 2007 Red Coupe
 Originally from Conshohocken, PA
 Occupation - Retired

Welcome - Larry and Casey Searle to VFC
 Larry and Casey reside in North Port, FL
 Driving a 2011 Red Coupe
 Originally from Wyoming and New York
 Occupation - Retired Law Enforcement
Ron Wencil – Membership

June Celebrations

Happy Birthday June



Patrick Breen 3 rd	Lee King 19 th
Sondra Cox 5 th	Lois Shershin 24 th
Larry Rains 5 th	Red Appleby 24 th
Barbra Cocchi 8 th	Marvin Missig 25 th
Richard Beatty 8 th	Pam Cammon 26 th
Bill Osterman 13 th	Susan Osterman 26 th
Barbara LeDuke 18 th	Paula Chew 28 th
Candice DePaul 18 th	Brian Parkin 28 th

Happy Anniversary June



Al & JoAnn Royal 4th
 John & Irene Latta 11th
 Rick & Sherry Wheeler 12th
 Joe & Pat Fanciulli 17th
 John & Sue Marchiando 23rd
 Jim & Millie Irwin 27th

Guess Who

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



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



Glenn Kirtley

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

Puns For Educated Minds

- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

On The Circle

The weather was perfect on Saturday as the caravan began its journey to St. Armand's Circle for the Skyway Corvette Club's "Corvettes On The Circle" car show.



We had 7 cars representing our club in attendance and many other members showing up as spectators.



After last minute car cleaning duties the members settled into their lawn chairs to enjoy the pleasant breeze.



The rain the night before settled all of the dust that we usually experience. The day was perfect except that we didn't win a single trophy.



As usual we found excellent food to eat at a local restaurant.

2012 Changes



2012 Corvette Changes Announced

Chevrolet announced that the 2012 Corvette will have a number of improvements and updates including:

- New Z06 and ZR1 optional performance packages featuring Michelin PS Cup tires
- New personalization options including Carlisle Blue Metallic exterior color and available painted brake calipers in Dark Gray; Red; Silver and Yellow
- New steering wheel and front seats with improved appearance and larger bolsters on the seat back and cushion areas, which provide better driver support
- Reconfigured 2LT package for Corvette and Grand Sport (both coupe and convertibles)

See video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR_Xxu3xzw

Crusin



On Saturday, May 14th, 29 VFCC members enjoyed a cruise around Sarasota Bay on the Marina Jack's II boat.



The captain narrated many facts about the boat, the channel and markers, the Ringling Bridge and the wildlife in the Bay. He then cruised around all the beautiful homes in the area and pointed out those belonging to well-known personalities living in Sarasota.



We occupied the upper deck and the view was outstanding!



The weather was beautiful and the lunch buffet was delicious. The conversation was lively with lots of laughter and everyone enjoyed the afternoon cruise.

A Thank You

On behalf of the "Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches", I would like to thank you for attending our 3rd annual show "Corvettes on Clematis"

We hope that you had a great time and will attend again next year.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the show, to make it a better experience for everyone please let us know.

Thanks again

Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches

C7 In Bowling Green

GM Announces C7 to be built in Bowling Green.

GM North America President Mark Reuss announced that the next generation Corvette, the C7, would be produced in Bowling Green and that 250 jobs would be created.

The C7 model is predicted to be debuted in the spring of 2013 for a 2014 model year Corvette.

"As you know Bowling Green is a special place and not just to me and to GM but to Corvette lovers around the world. This place is THE mecca for those who appreciate true affordable sports car performance and they come from the four corners of the globe to see what you do here," said Reuss. "It is amazing and it is inspiring and it is very American."

Met Chip

Club members Cliff & Beverly Erickson were at an event in the LA area and we got to meet and talk to Chip Foose of Foose Design and the host of the TV show Overhaulin.



Foose Design out of Huntington Beach, CA --- builds custom cars for private and commercial clientele.

Member Businesses

If you have a business and would like to see it displayed in the newsletter, please e-mail your business card to Bill Sabatino.

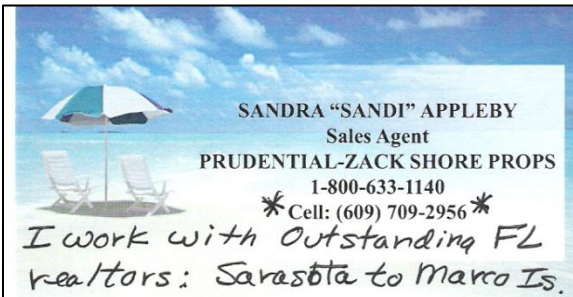
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