

Venice Vette Gazette



May 2011 Venice Florida Corvettes Club Newsletter

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Races & Rally's		???
Technical Papers		???
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President's Message

At the April membership meeting I mentioned we would conduct a quick club survey regarding our 7th Annual Car Show weekend. The survey is to check the pulse of our membership and get your feedback on this year's welcome party and car show. Your comments will be used to guide the 2012 Car Show Chairman and the various show committees which plan, organize and put on our great weekend event. The survey was kept brief with 2, yes or no questions, and 1 multiple choice question. Space was also provided for you to comment or make suggestions. We had 48 responses come back in the time allowed. I feel this is a good response when you consider we have, on average, 100 – to 110 active members who participate in club events.

Survey Question Summary

Question:

#1. Did you attend either the welcome party or car show?	Yes x 41	No x 7
#2. Did you volunteer this year for either the welcome party or show?	Yes x 37	No x 11
#3. What do you favor for our March weekend event?		
Welcome Party and Car Show on Saturday and Sunday	Yes x 32	
Car Show only on Sunday	Yes x 15	

Committees Chair Sub-Chair

2012 VFC Car Show	<i>Jim Vautrin</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
		???
		???
		???
		???
Corvette Clubs Liaison	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
Membership	<i>Ron Wencil</i>	???
Newsletter Editor	<i>Bill Sabatino</i>	???
Quartermaster	<i>Al Royal</i>	<i>John Marchiando</i>
Secretary/Admin.	<i>Sue Marchiando</i>	<i>Diana Mitchell</i>

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Survey Comment & Suggestion summary

34 responded with comments or suggestions.
14 did not comment or make a suggestion

March versus September venue

4 for March, 1 for September

Welcome Party and Car Show went "well"

10 comments

Welcome Party comments:

- Need simpler less costly menu 6 comments
- VFC members pay 3 comments
- Need more guests to attend 2 comments
- Free to guests 2 comments
- Lack of "Welcome" feeling from VFC 2 comments
- Beach Party at no cost to guests 2 comments
- VFC acted rude towards guests 1 comment
- VFC volunteers disappeared after check-in 1 comment
- Drop welcome party 1 comment
- Back to VCC with catered food served by VFC 1 comment
- Start welcome party later – 7PM? 1 comment

Bentley's Resort Hotel venue

- Ran out of food 5 comments
- Need new Welcome Party venue 5 comments
- Poor service / lack of care 3 comments

Car Show comments

- Need Car Show Committee Chairman 1 comment
- Parking with other car club members seemed confusing 1 comment
- Need designated person at each parking section 1 comment

The VFC Board appreciates your input, comments and suggestions. This data will assist next year's Car Show Chairman in planning our 2012 event.

To all our seasonal members who are heading north – drive safely so we can enjoy your participation next season.

John Wessel – VFC President

Vice President's Message

Well, it is that time of year again when we bid farewell to our snowbird club members. I believe that they had a great winter participating in club events and buying new club shirts again, Al Royal, Quartermaster also thanks you. The farewell picnic dinner at the North Jetty was well attended and afterwards watching the beautiful Florida sunset is always a great send off and the end of a great day. Although they won't have as great a summer as us locals will, we wish them all a safe and healthy summer. As they arrive at their northern homes we also wish that the SNOW has finely melted! Farewell my friends.

The goal of the club is to try to keep different events going year round and to keep everyone involved. We attempt to give a full variety of all corvette shows as well as open car shows. Naturally, there are so many open shows that we cannot list them all. We pick and choose which ones to post on our web site monthly and hope that everyone eventually will check it out because there is a tremendous amount of information there aside from car shows. If any member finds a show that they think the club should be aware of, please forward it to me and the flyer, if possible and I will review it. I just might have it on

hand but not posted at that time. Forward the information to me at: vautrin2@embarqmail.com. Thank you

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.

- Apr. 30 13th Annual River Cruise-in - Fort Pierce – contact Jim Vautrin
- May 3 VFC Meeting – Venice Community Center – contact John Wessel
- May 7 Corvettes on the Circle – contact Jim Vautrin
- May 14 VFC Marina Jack's Lunch Cruise – contact Barb Sabatino
- May 14 Vettes at The Light – contact Jim Vautrin
- May 26 VFC Board Meeting – Venice Community Center contact – John Wessel

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

This is your last chance! The June monthly Club meeting will be held at the beach and the following three summer meetings will be in area restaurants. This means the May 3rd monthly meeting is the last time the Quartermaster team will have a full display of items until the October meeting. We suggest you view what's available and we'll be happy to bring whatever you want to any of the summer meetings. While there will be no display at these meetings, we will have a few items available for purchase from our suitcase in the Corvette trunk.

Quartermaster Al Royal

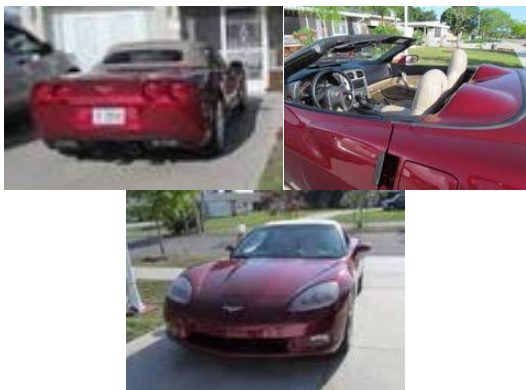
Board Meeting

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

For Sale:

- 2005 Corvette convertible
- automatic transmission
- red with automatic tan top
- navigation
- 39,450 mi.
- \$28,000



Welcome - Nick Cymbol to VFC
 Nick sides in Port Charlotte
 Driving a 2002 Black Coupe
 Originally from New Kensington, PA
 Occupation - Retired Insurance Sales

Welcome - Michael & Karan Raymond to VFC
 Michael & Karan Raymond reside in Englewood
 Driving a 2007 Silver Convertible
 Originally from Brodclyn, MI
 Occupation -Retired Teacher

Ron Wencil – Membership

Contact Linda Lawrence linda.pjcmahon@comcast.net

Wanted:

- 1996 Corvette
- Red or yellow
- Convertible

Contact Linda Lawrence linda.pjcmahon@comcast.net

May Celebrations

Happy Birthday MAY



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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Carol Mager 3rd | Jeff Hazeltine 10th |
| Derek Henwood 3 rd | Pam Bauerle 10 th |
| Allen Armatis 3rd | Sherry Wheeler 16th |
| Gail Palmer 5th | Pat Fanciulli 18th |
| Joe Fanciulli 7th | Carolyn Norton 19th |
| Jacqueline Horowitz 7th | George Buday 21st |
| James Vautrin 9th | Nancy Robertson 21st |
| Rudy Kranz 9th | John Latta 26th |
| | Jan Beech 28 th |

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?

- While the 427 was developed first, the 396 went into the Corvette, Chevrolet, and Chevelle in 1965 due to a GM policy restricting them to less than 400 cubic inches.
- The 396ci 425hp engine lasted only one year 1965.
- 1965 was the first year to have two separate hoods – the smooth small block hood and the bulge of the big block hood.

Happy Anniversary MAY



Membership Corner

Welcome - John and Gretchen Brooks to VFC
 John and Gretchen reside in Venice
 Driving a 2005 Yellow Coupe
 Occupation - prior Boston Fireman, now Real Estate / Mortgage Company
 Originally from Brockton, MA

- Jeff & Donna Hazeltine 14th
 Rich & Sheryl Halpern 15th
 Dan & Sue Mango 17th
 John & Jane Wessel 21st
 Brian & Eloise Parkin 22nd
 Jim & Laurie Busce 27th
 Pat & Debbie French 28th

Guess Who

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



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



*Guy & Terri Candido
(What happened to the hair?)*

If you would like to stump the viewers send your pictures to sabatino fla@comcast.net

Why Do I Like Retirement

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Puns For Educated Minds

- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine .
- A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Now That's A Cake



Fellow club member John Marchiando celebrated his birthday on April 4th and his daughter Joella baked this cake for him. Now that's special. Happy Birthday John.

Olde World Cruise





for transportation to the Welcome Party on the roof of Roxy's hosted by the Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches.



On a beautiful Sunday morning, 32 fabulous Corvettes, a wonderfully restored '66 Chevelle and a couple of tin cars arrived at the Olde World Restaurant for breakfast.



Saturday was a beautiful but warm day for the show.

The service was excellent, the food delicious, and the conversation scintillatingly. A fun time was had by all. A new record of 68 people attended this annual event.



Reporter Barb Cocchi

Corvettes On Clematis

Nine VFCC cars left the Racetrac at Jacaranda on April 8th on a road trip to West Palm Beach. We picked up another member car at the rest stop in Punta Gorda and headed for Clewiston where we stopped at Beef O'Brady's for lunch. They were all ready for us and had tables and staff ready to accommodate the group. After a satisfying lunch we continued on our way to West Palm Beach.



That evening we piled 18 people into a shuttle van

We had a great lunch at Bradley's and the ladies managed to fit in a little shopping. Last year the only trophies we took home was the prizes the women found shopping.



This year out of ten VFCC cars we received four trophies. Congratulations go to Brian Parkin, Pat Breen, Guy Candido and Kent Mitchell.

Saturday evening found us at City Place where we enjoyed a wonderful dinner at El Bellagio. It did seem like we just went from one meal to the next but that seems to be what VFCC does best! The week-end was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.

Reporter Chris Maurer

Corvettes On Parade

Well, Glenn Hutchenson has out did himself this time. He and some members of the Naples Corvette Club hosted an event called "CORVETTES ON PARADE 2011" this past April 2nd at Estero Bay Chevrolet in Bonita Springs.



He attempted to get all corvettes from 1953 to 2011, all models,

anniversary editions, collectors editions, Daytona 500 Pace cars, coupes, convertibles etc. At the end of the day, which was a beautiful cloudless day with temps in the upper 80's, he managed to get 128 cars. Free food and plenty of water was available all day. There were six VFC members who were lucky enough to have their cars selected to be in the show. In addition to the windshield placard, each registered member received a beautiful wall plaque representing their car year and type that they displayed, coupe, convertible, anniversary, etc. The cars were glowing in the afternoon sun while everyone gathered alongside the new showroom for shade.



As the day went on, two lucky members left their cars at the dealer that day and drove home in brand new 2011 Grand Sport Corvettes. Two other members were also trying to make deals with the sales people to no avail. All in all, it was a very well organized show displaying one of the most desired cars on the road, the CORVETTE. It is not just another car, it is a legend!

Reporter Jim Vautrin

Bye Bye

It was a pleasant, sunny evening on Tuesday, April 12th when 57 VFC members gathered at the North Jetty Beach on Casey Key for a picnic to bid our part-time members farewell.



We had the good fortune to be able to use the large pavilion with tables where we enjoyed our picnic dinners and then had ample time to mingle and visit with everyone.



After lots of conversation and laughter, many of us moved down to the beach to enjoy the beautiful breeze and watch the sun set over the Gulf.



We then bid everyone good bye and wished those members traveling a safe trip to their northern homes.



Many thanks to everyone who joined us for our fun evening at the beach. We hope your summer is pleasant and we look forward to your return in the fall!

Reporter Barb Sabatino

Dennis Mason Tech Event



On Sunday, April 10th, there was a second Tech Event at Dennis Mason's house with an attendance of 41 people.



With the assistance from his lovely wife Angela, the event started with a food display that was more than you could imagine.



There were hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixens, several salads, homemade brownies, and a wide variety of deserts as well as coffee, tea, juice and water.



After a filling lunch, Dennis began the session. He started with explaining the Do It Yourself ways to increase horsepower just by increasing air flow in and out of your motor as well as in the exhaust system.



He displayed a new set of headers that he plans on installing on his C-5 to increase that horsepower. An additionally important subject was replacing your brake fluid from a standard DOT brake fluid to a better grade fluid or even to a synthetic type of brake fluid.



The ensuing question and answer session went on over a half hour with a tremendous amount of information on fluids and the proper way to replace the fluid with a hand operated pump to make the job a lot easier.



During this time the ladies were enjoying themselves on the beach on the Gulf of Mexico with the water temperatures in the low 80's. Over all it was a great day and we all thank Dennis and Angela for opening up their house to us again.

Reporter Jim Vautrin

Spring Golf Outing

The VFC 2011 Spring Golf Outing was held at Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club on Saturday, April 16.



The 184 participants had a great time as several of the teams shot a "career best" in the scramble format.



The low score of the day from a VFC foursome was 65. A foursome of local guests shot 52 (20 under par).



The 100% raffle payout, gift certificates for winners of each of the 2 flights on each of the three courses and rounds of golf (compliments of Pelican Pointe) for closest-to-the-pin brought on many cheers.



Our thanks to Jeff and Donna Hazeltine at American Import Auto Clinic for sponsoring the event



. Also thanks to Barb, Coach, Alene and Bob for handling registration.

Reporters Curt & Carolyn Norton

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.

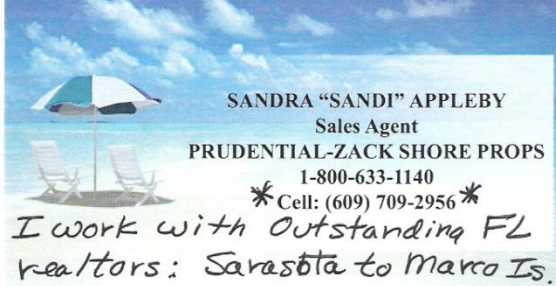
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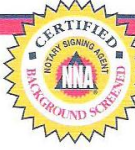


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