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President's Message

November is a very busy month for your VFC Executive Board. We have elections for 2012 VFC officers, and amendments to our constitution and by-laws to be voted on by you the members. The ballot for new officers is coming together with two written confirmations and three verbal confirmations. At this time we do not have challengers for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The names of all the nominees will be presented during our November 1st membership meeting. At that point and per our constitution members have until November 20th to get their vote sent back to our Secretary. Election will be based on a majority of the members voting.

You can still nominate yourself to run for the 2012 Executive Board up to and during the November 1st membership meeting

We have discussed and posted the proposed constitution and by-law changes which we will vote on this month. We have four (4) proposed changes to our Constitution, and one (1) proposed change to our by-laws.

Approval of Constitution changes requires a two thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership

Approval of the by-law change requires a majority of the membership.

The proposed by-law change is to have approval by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership similar to our current constitution voting majority.

We have many VFC members returning to the Venice area from there northern homes and families – *Welcome Back*. Barb Sabatino is organizing a welcome back brunch for Sunday, November 13th at Stonybrook. It will be a fun time welcoming back those returning club members.

John Wessel – VFC President

Vice President's Message

Good morning all. I am writing this month's article from a sunny but cold morning from the Pocono Mts. in Pennsylvania. The temp now is 38.2 dg but very clear. The fall foliage is in full bloom and looking down in to the valley from our back deck, all you see are the trees forming a patch work quilt blanket of colors. You just can't beat Mother Nature. Yesterday Irene and I saw eleven deer, one of which was a six point buck. I would assume that we missed the local black bears, due to the cold weather they are now hibernating. It's a good thing that I got all of my "bear" pictures when I did. As much as we love Florida, you just have to love the mountains in the fall.

As you all know, November is the month to nominate your favorite person or yourself for a position on the VFC executive board. There are four positions available and anyone can run. November is the deadline to be a proud member of the prestigious VFC board. Remember, if you do not participate, you cannot complain.

The 8th annual VFC car show is moving along well. The car show budget will be finalized soon and the welcome party is still on schedule. The final version of the new show flyer should be put on the event calendar very soon and this year instead of handing out 500 flyers, all show participants will go to our web site and print out the flyer and registration form. Due to the uncertain economy, we have tried to cut expenses in many ways and still maintain the same quality show that we have had in the past. The awards have also been selected and will be on display at the November membership meeting. I think that you will like the new changes. Several of the awards have a Gold tone to it and another has stars and stripes. Unfortunately I will not be present at this month's meeting so if you like the new awards, please let me know.

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.

- Nov. 1 VFC Meeting – Venice Community Center – contact John Wessel**
- Nov. 12 Silver Springs Corvette Show – Silver Springs – contact Jim Vautrin**
- Nov. 13 Welcome Back Brunch – Stoneybrook – contact Barb Sabatino**
- Nov. 17 VFC Board Meeting - Venice Community Center – contact John Wessel**
- Nov. 26* Venice Christmas Parade – contact George Buday**
- Dec. 4 VFC Christmas Party – contact Barb Sabatino**

* Caravan planned

Quartermaster Corner

Think cold! We have placed our annual order for Club sweatshirts and long sleeve tees. Hopefully they will arrive in time for the November meeting and we will have both items available in all sizes. The tees are \$8 and sweatshirts \$16. For each item add an extra \$2 for XXL. We would be happy to hold any of these items if you are unable to attend the November meeting. Just send us an email (erkeky@comcast.net). A large men's new style Club jacket has been ordered for sizing purposes in addition to the extra large we presently have. We also have a medium in the ladies style. A few Club sterling silver earrings (\$30) and pendants (\$24) are still available. When these are gone it is unlikely they will be reordered because of the minimum quantities required.

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?

- In 1969, the ignition lock was moved from the dash to the steering column. It would remain there until 1997 when it was returned to the dash
- The LS7 engine option, which was never installed in the 1970 Corvette was \$3000
- No Corvettes were painted black at the factory from 1970 to 1978.

Membership Corner

No new members since last update

Welcome back to returning November Members

If anyone needs a VFC Name tag, please send your request to rkwenc@comcast.net

Ron Wencil – Membership

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday November



Jean McCullough 2 nd	Jim Busce 18 th
Theresa Delaney 6 th	AnnaMarie Marano 20 th
Lyn Weigel 7 th	Liz Seiter 23 rd
Jim McNab 13 th	Bob Novic 24 th
Diane Chad 13 th	Janet Hogan 25 th
Pat French 14 th	Sharon Krebs 27 th
Dee Cote 15 th	Dewey Henderson 27 th
	Kathleen Armatis 30 th

Happy Anniversary November



Mike & Meri Progen 2nd
 Jim & Pam Cammon 4th
 Marvin & Janet Missig
 Ron & Joan Kubala 6th
 Robb & Lyn Weigel 7th
 Bill & Ann Donatini 11th
 Pat & Barbara Breen 12th
 Roy & Dee Clark 21st
 Len & Nancy Robertson 21st
 Roger & Diane Weaver 22nd
 Jim & Irene Vautrin 24th
 Steve & Deborah Curcuru 26th
 Red & Sandi Appleby 26
 Gary & Donna Estle 29th
 Al & Jean McCullough 30th

Guess Who

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



The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

Last month's answer:



George & Carolyn Buday

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

Ponderisms

- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out'?

Corvettes At The Beach

The day started out as usual, the only difference is that there was a corvette car show on the east coast this weekend. There were four of the VFC club members planning to attend the show but at the last minute, Steve & Cindy Brown, new members and new friends, decided to cancel due to heavy rain over there. In hind site, that was the thing to do. John & Gerry Vidas went over to the Flagler

Beach show on Friday and spent Saturday in sunny St. Augustine. Irene & I left on Saturday morning and met up with Glenn Kirtley at Rt. 681 on I-75 about 11:20 or so. Glenn led the two car caravan. All was fine until around the Fantasy of Flight area on I-4 when we encountered some light rain. The rain gradually got heavier and traffic slowed down due to a minor fender bender now on the left shoulder. The traffic moved slowly from that point all the way to the exit for HOLY LAND". Since Saturday was Yom Kippur, the traffic at that exit created a major tie up. Once past that, we once again maintained the "proper" speed limit on to I-95 then Glenn exited at exit 284 and we continued to the next exit to stay with our friends overnight. During the drive Glenn & I spoke on the cell phones several times to stay in touch.



At about 8:15 AM Sunday, Glenn called me from the registration area at the car show to inform us that the show has been canceled due to heavy rain and 30 to 40 mph wind gusts.



I then called John Vidas to inform him of the cancellation but he was already aware of that. As our friends left for church to praise the Lord, which they do so eloquently, we headed to Home Depot to get the part to fix the guest bathroom shower. Upon saying goodbye to our friends, we headed to the show area. The pictures tell the whole story. We arrived home about 6:45 PM. Our corvette has done well at car shows but my quest to win an award at an all

corvette show is once again on hold. Wow, that is my biggest concern now. Life is good in the sunshine state. The rainy season is not quite over yet.

Reporter Jim Vautrin

AACA Show

Congratulations to Bill & Ann Donatini's 1st place trophy for the C5 & C6 category in the AACA show on Oct. 2nd in Centennial Park.



Sun Fiesta Parade

Ten Corvettes and 18 VFC members participated in this year's Sun Fiesta Parade sponsored by the Women's Sertoma Club of Venice.



It was a beautiful Saturday morning and the parade route was filled with smiling faces waiting with anticipation for the fun to begin.



This year two of our members escorted parade dignitaries. Jim Parker escorted Sigrid Gebel, the Parade Marshall in his 2005 blue convertible and John Vidas escorted Miss Sun Fiesta in his 1960 turquoise and white convertible. Great job guys, thanks for volunteering. Thank you to all who participated and supported this popular community event.



After we finished the parade several of us headed to Perkins and did what we do best – we ate breakfast and enjoyed the company.

Reporter Barb Sabatino

Fantasy of Flight Museum



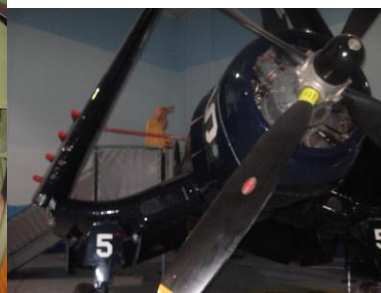
Eleven (11) VFC Corvettes left the BP station on October 16th headed for the Fantasy of Flight museum in Polk City, Florida. One more VFC Corvette met us on the way, and 6 Corvettes from Bay Area Corvette Club (BACC) were ready to caravan at I-4, exit 10. Another VFC Corvette met us at the museum for a total of 19 Corvettes.



For many it was their first time at Fantasy of Flight. Our tour started in the Immersion environment that takes you on a journey from early flight through WWII with the boarding of a real B17 Flying Fortress set up for an aerial bombing mission. The B17 was mostly “wing” with 4 engines and a very narrow fuselage packed with bombs and crew.



We were able to stroll around the main North and South display hangars on our own to view this really rare collection of military aircraft from all corners of the planet. In the south hangar we saw several restored fighters and other military aircraft. Using the tram we had a guided tour of the restricted areas including the back lot, grass runways and working maintenance hangar. In the maintenance hangar we saw the last remaining flyable but un-restored B24. One of only 3 B24's in flying condition in the world. The other two have been restored but are not part of this collection. We saw a couple of older open cockpit bi-planes giving rides but none of the VFC or BACC folks had the courage to go for a ride. For airplane and WWII buffs this is really an interesting place to visit.



We then reconvened our get together on the covered lanai at “Hooters for Seniors” along I-4 at exit #32. About 26 joined us there for lunch, NFL football, chatter and thirst quenching – not necessarily in that order. It was a fun day. The weather cooperated by having high clouds and a reasonable mid 80's temperature.

Vettes On The Avenue

Five, VFC Corvettes left the West Coast of Florida together on Friday, October 20 and headed towards Melbourne, Florida for Space Coast Corvettes 9th Annual "Vettes on the Avenue". One more VFC Corvette met us in Melbourne.



On the way we stopped in Auburndale, Florida for lunch at Peebles BBQ. An out-of-way place with some of the best BBQ in all of Central Florida. Peebles opened in 1947 and is open only on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, but closed in the summer. Lots of local culture, with fresh coleslaw and potato salad to go along with their vinegar based BBQ sauce. Most of us would drive by this place without ever considering it as a place that offers great BBQ.



We checked into our Melbourne hotel around 3:30, relaxed a bit in the lobby bar, and then went to dinner on the deck of Bonefish Willies along the Intracoastal Waterway. A beautiful evening with good food and conversation.



Saturday morning had the guy's up early and headed to New Haven Ave. in historic downtown Melbourne to position our prized possession for the day's competition. It was a beautiful day with a breeze off the Atlantic Ocean and perfect Florida weather. Show judging was done by entrants only. No class or category – just the top 25 as judged by your peers. Also, votes for best of show, best paint, best interior, best engine, and furthest distance traveled.



Three of our members won awards, two (John Marchiando & Glenn Kirtley) in the top 25 award category, and Bill Sabatino for driving the furthest distance. It should be noted that John & Sue Marchiando have recently won two different awards with their C6 convertible. According to official Corvette records they went winless with their C5 anniversary convertible. The VFC ladies did their part to support the local Melbourne economy by conducting their own "shop-a-thon" along New Haven Ave. Just beyond the closed off area on New Haven Ave for the Corvette display was a Kilwins sweet shop. Once discovered, it was a stampede of yellow VFC shirts and jackets to get into the front door. In spite of her leg being in a cast, Barb Sabatino won that 1/2k run to Kilwins.



Saturday evening we gathered @ Meg O'Malley's Irish Pub for dinner on the back patio. Many local's there dressed for Halloween. We all tried something different from the Irish menu including beverage. Another great evening of chatter and fun. Sunday found the VFC group heading home after a fun filled weekend visiting Florida's East coast.

John & Jane Wessel, VFC Club Champions for Melbourne, Florida Corvette Show

BACC Dimmitt Car Show

Hi all, reporting on the BACC Dimmitt car show on Saturday October 22nd. Four VFC members attended the show at Dimmitt Chevrolet in Clearwater. Three of the four met and left from the BP station on Laurel road at about 8 am. One was having a low tire indicator warning but it soon reset and the driver joined up with the group after having "fun" catching up. When we arrived, BACC members where well organized and helpful. There was road construction in front of the dealership which made cleaning even more difficult. After parking, but before cleaning, some us got in the free omelet line and enjoyed breakfast. Kent & Diana Mitchel took a first, Curt Norton took a second. It was Marv & Janet Missig's first car show so they took an "education". I was in the custom class and after seeing the competition even I couldn't have voted for myself if I could have. Carolyn said she would have. All in all we had a nice day.

Your VFC reporter, George Buday

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