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## Venice Florida Corvettes Club Newsletter

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| Treasurer                | <i>Tony Berta</i>     |
| Secretary                | <i>Sue Marchiando</i> |
| Membership Director      | <i>Ron Wencil</i>     |
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## President's Message

As mentioned during our September membership meeting and in my September message to the membership we have four (4) positions, as stated below, open this year. My experience with VFC is we run up to the last possible minute to get candidates to run for our elected positions. For a club our size we should have several members for each open position willing to get involved and run for office. We have an active club membership and for our size it takes a lot of work and effort to make sure we are operating as outlined in our Constitution and By-laws, and we plan and execute all the various events that you the members want and participate in. The VFC elections of 2009, 2010 and 2011 had candidates for each open position but no challengers to those candidates. That meant we did not have a ballot for club members to vote on as all the candidates were unopposed. Again, we are the largest Corvette Club on the West Coast of Florida and we should have two (2) or three (3) challengers for each open position.

### **November election of VFC Club Officers for year 2012:**

For 2012 we will be electing the following four (4) open VFC club officer positions:

1. Vice President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Membership Director

*Any member* who wishes to be nominated, or self nominates, shall appear on the ballot. Voting will take place in writing or via email to the Secretary by November 20<sup>th</sup>, with results announced at the December membership meeting.

**Now is the time for you to announce your intentions to run for VFC office**

*John Wessel – VFC President*

## Vice President's Message

By now you have read our presidents message about running for office and casting your ballots (voting). Casting ones ballot enables your voice to be heard weather it is a presidential election, very important in 2012, or just for officers in our VFC Club. This is a great club and we would love to see more and more of our members participate in everything, we do a lot of events, please participate. Moving along to our venue for the upcoming several months. There is the local AACA show on Oct. 2nd, Flagler County Show on Oct.9th and four (4) car shows on the same day on Oct. 22nd. In order for us to have a showing at all of the shows that weekend, we had a few members change their schedule from a show that they wanted to attend to a show they felt was necessary to attend. Even with the four shows, we still only have a total of about fifteen (15) members participating. We know that you like being members of the VFC club otherwise you would not be a member. So let's get involved!!

All of a sudden it is fall, you could not tell by the temperatures but none the less, it is. October will be upon us soon and our snowbird friends will be showing up again, the traffic will increase and restaurants will be crowded. It has been a long hot summer and we all look forward for some relief and new faces at our membership meetings. It will be good to see our meetings grow slowly to almost overflowing. We will get ready to welcome everyone back very soon.

*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.

- Sept. 29 VFC Board Meeting – Venice Community Center – contact – John Wessel**
- Oct. 1 NCCC Autocross – Punta Gorda - contact Jim Vautrin**
- Oct. 4 VFC Meeting – Venice Community Center – contact John Wessel**
- Oct. 9\* Corvettes @ the Beach – Flagler Beach – contact Jim Vautrin**
- Oct. 15\* Sun Fiesta Parade – Venice – contact Barb Sabatino**
- Oct. 16\* Fantasy of Flight Museum – Polk City – contact Barb Sabatino**
- Oct. 22\* Dimmitt Corvette Show – Clearwater – contact George Buday**
- Oct. 22\* Vets on the Ave. – Melbourne – contact John Wessell**

\* Caravan planned

## Quartermaster Corner

The full Quartermaster team will be back for the October meeting. Visit our tables to see a full display of everything we have available. We'll have the Club tees and Henleys with sleeves and sleeveless. Caps, visors, decals and patches will be on display. Samples of the new golf style polo shirt will be there to try on. Take a look at the cool weather wear, the long sleeve tees and sweatshirts. We'll have samples of the new club jacket you can try on for sizing. A few club earrings and pendants are available (Christmas just a couple of months away) along with refrigerator (or toolbox) magnets. Some items will not be available again due to minimum order requirements. The sizing samples will not be at all the monthly meetings. We suggest you check them out even if you do not wish to purchase them at this time.

*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?**

- 1968 – 1972 the coupe's rear window was removeable for more of a true convertible experience.
- The Sting Ray name was not used on the 1968 Corvette, but returned in 1969 spelled Stingray.
- Corvette had its first all-aluminum engine in 1969 as the ZL-1. It was not the first GM automobile to do so, beaten by the Corvair in 1960 and the Buick 215 V8

## Membership Corner

No new members since last update

Welcome back to returning October Members

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

*Ron Wencil – Membership*

# October Celebrations

## Happy Birthday October



|                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sue Kerndt 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Ted Falge 16 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Sandy Edgerton 1 <sup>st</sup> | Maryanne Delaney 17 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Don Kerndt 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Cheryl Silverblatt 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tom Delaney 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Don Mager 21 <sup>st</sup>          |
| Laurie Rix 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Bob Rohrbaugh 21 <sup>st</sup>      |
| Bill Donatini 10 <sup>th</sup> | John Valo 25 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Maria Parker 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Dennis Maurer 26 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Lauri Arnold 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Susie Hale 28 <sup>th</sup>         |
| Rick Wheeler 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Anita Nagy 28 <sup>th</sup>         |
| Jan Ostoin 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Rich Halpern 30 <sup>th</sup>       |

## Happy Anniversary October



Don & Pam Bauerle 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Randy & Deb Hanson 8<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Gerry Vidas 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Tom & Maryanne Delaney 17<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Anita Nagy 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill & Susan Ostermann 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Len & Nancy Robertson 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Jake & Theresa Delaney 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Rob & Debby Trenner 27<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Jackie Wurster 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 & Sue Marchiando

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

## Corvettes At The Pier

Nine VFCC members and their Corvette's left from the Laurel Road BP station at 7:15 AM on their way to the Suncoast Corvette Association Pier show. We stopped for a break after paying our toll for the ride over the Skyway Bridge. The group arrived at the staging area around 9:00 AM, got classified and checked in then SCA took five of us on first and then the last four of our cars.



We were parked all together at the end of the Pier with a great breeze blowing, keeping us cool while we did our best to clean our Corvette's for the judging. We broke for lunch at 12:00 PM and went up to eat at the Columbia restaurant.



Bill and Barb Sabatino joined us for a great lunch. We all had time to look at the various Corvettes' on display.



A few of them caught my eye like the 1963 Silver Fuel Injected split window coupe, it was just beautiful. The Blue Angles Corvette was on display and it looked great along with many others too numerous to count, however all were great looking.

The following club members were involved with results of their efforts:

- John & Sue Marchiando
- Curt & Carolyn Norton - awards for top three in C6 & Picturizits favorite.
- Bill Donatini - award for top three in C5 (01-04)
- John LeDuke
- Jim & Irene Vautrin
- Bubba Cote
- Allen & Kathy Armatis
- John & Gerry Vidas
- Kent & Diana Mitchell - 1 award for top three in C6 (05-07)

Congratulations to all who won and thanks for all who went to the event to represent our Club. I believe that we may have tied with another club for most Corvettes at the show. The club needs more of our members to attend the various shows.

*Reporter John Marchiando*

## Ponderisms

- Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

## September Dinner Meeting

The last dinner meeting of the year was attended by over 50 members at the Left Coast Seafood Restaurant in Venice.



The restaurant set up a superb buffet complete with hors d'oeuvres, three entrees, sides & dessert. There was plenty to eat, we even had food left over and that's a first for this group.



The "Sunshine Lady" gave her report complete with a new head dress which somehow detracted from her looks.

# Brew Who?



Lunch at BrewBurger's – Sunday September 18  
On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, several Corvettes met on the Publix parking lot on the corner of Jacaranda and Venice Avenues to caravan a short distance to BrewBurgers Pub and Grill for lunch. Upon our arrival, we met several Corvettes waiting.



Altogether we had 16 cars and 30 members who attended. We had plenty of room inside and were met by an eager staff ready and waiting for us.



Shortly after everyone settled in and placed their orders, there was a commotion on the empty parking lot next door. A few members who were sitting by the windows, investigated to see what the noise was.



Much to their surprise, they saw that a big red helicopter had just landed on the empty parking lot next door. It turns out that the pilot is a regular customer who lives in Nokomis and flies over to BrewBurger's once in a while for lunch.

Everyone got their meals in a timely manner and seemed to enjoy their lunch. The staff and owners did a great job and I'm sure many members will visit BrewBurger's again. As everyone was finishing up, the pilot came around to the tables to talk with us and offered to let us take pictures by his helicopter.



We got several pictures as you can see and the owner's wife even was treated to a ride. I think it is safe to say that all the members that were in attendance enjoyed a good lunch, had a great time and experienced something very unexpected!

## Member Businesses

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