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The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the Tuesday before the next scheduled club meeting

President's Message



Well, the summer is passing us by and soon fall will be in the air and the temperature will drop from 96 degrees to 90 degrees. The Lickity Split Dinner on August 26th was a great success as everyone enjoyed ice cream and dinner in an "old car diner" atmosphere.

Our Constitution Committee has been working behind the scenes and have some revisions to our Constitution to present to the Board this coming month. The Board will then present them to the membership in October where members will vote for or against changes suggested. I am looking for someone who has an interest in car shows and can be helpful to our Vice President on the upcoming shows and the results of past car shows. If you know someone or want to be "the guy", let me know and thank you for volunteering!!

On August 18th we had a special Board meeting. Overall, it was a good meeting, members brought up a few concerns and suggestions. There were 39 attendees and less than ten people expressed displeasure with the Board and about the same number expressed praise to the Board. We had a few members express some displeasure over a letter sent to attendees of a specific car show. The Board asked people to find common ground and move forward as a family.

One constructive criticism that was brought forward involved our sponsors, their treatment of members, and how we obtain sponsors. I would like to create a committee of members to investigate and consider our options for sponsors to the club. If you have an interest, please reach out to me via phone (216.244.0944) or email raimer230@gmail.com to get involved.

We have had some people volunteer to be on the nominating committee to seek people interested in positions on the Board of Directors for 2023. Please start thinking if you would enjoy the challenge of being a leader in this Club. I have gained great respect and friendship with the current Board members and Chairs. I have found each of them to be extremely loyal to the well being of this Club and have invested themselves in their position responsibilities.

This month after the member meeting on September 6th we are going to the **Venice Ale House located at 775 Highway 41 Bypass South, Venice, FL.** They are serving a buffet with Beef Tip Filet Sliders, Wings, Greek Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, and cake for dessert all for \$18 per person. Plenty of seating, no waiting for your meal prep and plenty of beverage choices. They are located on the bypass between Venice Avenue and Center Road on the east side of the road in Gulf Coast Plaza. The Venice Ale House is across from "We Blew Inn", the Nissan dealership, and the new Furniture Warehouse. No

band or loud music in the background and a room to ourselves. Come join us after the member meeting on September 6th. Don't forget our meetings start at 6 PM at Venice Community Center on the island. See you at the next event.

Rita Raimer

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message

Welcome to the Month of September! This is the month where hopefully the heat and humidity will dissipate and venues like car shows, autocrosses and road rallies will start to rev up and provide us with some much-needed entertainment.

Car Shows-

Car Shows are plentiful in Florida. There are several local, smaller shows, such as, Lance's that are ongoing and then we have the "premium car shows," as well. You may find these shows listed in Start Your Engines every Monday morning.

Behind the Wheel Events-

Autocrossing-There are several opportunities to autocross in the State of Florida. VFC has been participating with Gulf Coast Autocrosses in Ft. Myers. They are starting their fall schedule this month on Sept. 17 and 18. In addition, Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) hosts some very serious autocross completions as well. Holly and I will be participating in some of their points events beginning in October 2022. These represent some very significant competitions and take a great deal of planning, practice, and patience if you are serious about competing.

Road Rallye-VFC has a road rally competition planned for September 10 and you can find more information on the current social calendar.

As you can see, there are quite a few venues at our disposal. So, get out there and enjoy your Corvette! I hope to see you out there!



Save The Wave

Dave Nilson

In Memoriam

Red Appleby
1932-2022



We are sad to inform you that VFC Founding Charter Member Red Appleby died Tuesday, August 9th. He was 90 years old.

Red and Sandi have been very active members over the years, usually driving the red '61 Corvette that he restored or the white '54 that he bought as a basket case.



He became a personal friend to many of us in VFC as well as a fellow club member and Corvette enthusiast. He will be deeply missed.

Services will be private and the family requests no flowers be sent.

Memorial donations can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital stjude.org

Cards or notes of sympathy may be sent to:

Sandi Appleby
136 Bayview Dr.
Nokomis, Fl. 3427



Your Membership Renewal Depends on It!

We have quite a few people who have not yet logged into the new website. At last count there are 68 primary members who have never logged in. Within the 68 there are approximately 24 accounts where neither the primary nor the additional member have logged in yet.

When the renewal notices are sent out later this year the system sends the notices to the primary level member only. Also, it is only the primary level member who can pay for the renewal.

PLEASE [login](#) ahead of the renewal period.!

If you have not logged in because you do not use a computer, then please let us know. If only one person in the membership uses a computer, please tell us who that person is so we can make that person the primary level member for the website.

Thanks.


Jim Mattar, VFC Technical Advisor

Time to Update Your VFC Website Profile Photo

Adding a photo / headshot to your member profile is quick and easy. There is a tutorial to show you how. Look under Tutorials on the Home page to find the tutorial called "How to update your Profile Pic." And if you find it too difficult, [Jim Mattar](#), our Technical Advisor, is ready and able to do it for you! Just email him the photo you would like to use, and he will take care of the rest.

Upcoming Activities & Events

Venice Florida Corvettes monthly membership meeting is the 1ST Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Venice Community Center.

Click [here](#) to log into our website for a real time up-to-date list of upcoming events 

Don't forget to check your email for....



Start Your Engines
For weekly updates of VFC events

Food Bank Donations

We will be collecting non-perishable food items at this month's members meeting. Cash or check donations will be given to the designated food pantry for this month. You may also make a donation, by presenting a check to Bill Jereb, our Treasurer, made *payable to the "Louis and Gloria Flanzer Trust" rather than VFC*. The "Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust" will gift match to South County Food Pantry, our designated food pantry.

Toiletries Collection for Homeless Children

North Port Coalition for Homeless/Needy Children, Inc.

AKA



Please keep the homeless children in mind as you enjoy your travels. Any travel size items will be appreciated. Collect the amenities in hotel rooms or, If you are not

traveling, browse the travel size items at your local Walmart or Target and add a few items to your cart. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and skin friendly wipes are always in demand. Of course, any items are welcomed.

If you don't have time to shop, cash donations are great fully accepted. As always, **I will be collecting items at the monthly meetings.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

JoAnn Royal

Using your Credit Card for VFC Events

When making payment for a club event with your credit card, the charge on your credit card statement will read: Veniceflcorvetteclub or VFCVenice

If you have any questions on payments, please contact Bill Jereb.

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. Steve Bieglecki sbieglecki@gmail.com

Quartermaster's Corner

We have many **new** VFC items for sale on our club website. Please visit the VFC online store at: https://venicefloridacorvettes.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=360696&module_id=505188

We will pick up all orders and have them at the VFC meeting for you. Stop by the Quartermaster table to get your order, ask a question, view the VFC online store or just to say hello.

If any member has an idea for items that they might like to see for sale-please contact us!
quartermaster@venicefloridacorvettes.org

New members' club shirts will be ordered for them from our vendor and available for pick up, typically at the next monthly meeting.

Quartermasters: Pete & Sue Schwan



Celebrations



Barry Loudon

September 1



John Caropreso & Lorraine Caropreso

September 6



Lorraine Caropreso & John Caropreso

September 7



Bob Schmehl

September 8



Theresa Buckman

September 8



Keith Cain

September 9



Tom Christie

September 9



Agnes Hiener

September 12



Bill Madden & Sharon Madden

September 12



Sharon Madden & Bill Madden

September 12



Gary E Dowell

September 13



Robert s Jenulis

September 16



Richard Diehl & Rose Diehl

September 16



Rose Diehl & Richard Diehl

September 16



Jim Mattar

September 17



Vito Damico

September 18



Ron K Wencil & Linda Wencil

September 18



Linda Friends & Ron Wencil

September 18



Lynn Watts

September 20



GEOFFREY CARD

September 21



Lou Sauppe

September 22



Frank Bates & Dorothy Bates

September 23



Arthur Jennerich

September 24



Kathy Brunt

September 26



John Caropreso

September 26



Jim Kavalieratos

September 26



Frank Bates

September 27



Donna Loudon

September 27



Ken E Marston

September 28



Christine Kirtley

September 28

Click [here](#) to log into our website for an up-to-date list of club member's **Birthdays and Anniversaries** for the next 90 days

Membership Corner

Over the past several years the summer months have been slow to attract new members. However, as I write this, we gained one new member making it a total of six new members over the last period, while losing 3 members. Thus, our ranks now stand at 463 members with over 320 of our favorite automobile-The Chevrolet Corvette. We do need each of you to review your profile to ensure we have both your and your car's information. Forty-one members were invited to join us for the New Member Orientation held on July 21. Only one new member, who joined the club only days before for the orientation, elected to meet with the five existing members at this event. Such is summertime in Florida. Our next orientation is in the planning stages for early November. Our members who remain in the Sunshine State seem to be enjoying themselves by attending membership meetings, the post-meeting meal, and the club's social happenings!

Total Members – 466

Total Memberships – 253

New Memberships this period (Last 30 days) – 4

Welcome:

Phillip Hoffmann & Lori Walker

Dominic Mazza

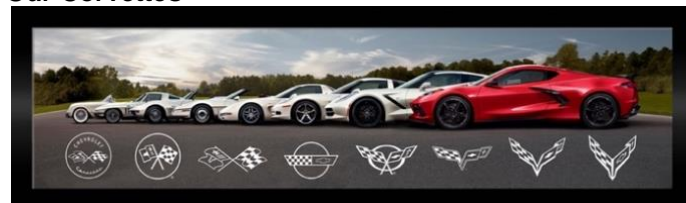
John & Sharon Downs

Stu Lewis

(Membership stats are as of the publication of this edition)

Click [here](#) to log into website anytime for a real time up-to-date list of **new members**

Our Corvettes



Generation		Model		Type		Color	
C1	12	Stingray	153	Convertibles	151	White	37
C2	19	Grand Sport	42	Coupes	159	Red	121
C3	20	Z51	50	Total		Black	20
C4	8	Anniversary	12			Silver	30
C5	38	Z06	25			Gray	23
C6	72	ZR1	1			Maroon	4
C7	105	Other	27			Yellow	10
C8	36	Total	310			Blue	47
Total	310					Green	5
						Orange	8
						Tan	2
						Purple	1
						Burgundy	1
						Mahogany	1
						Total	310

From the Museum



Corvette Campus Connection

Artifact of the Month: Reinventing the Wheel



After sketches are drawn, images rendered, printed, sculpted, modified, scanned, evaluated and refined, each part of your car becomes a three-dimensional "document" called a Design Quality Prove Out Model that needs to be signed off before production.

MORE INFORMATION

Click [here](#) for **all** the latest news from the museum



Our 2022 Banner at NCM

Car Shows & Competitions

Quaker Steak & Lube

8/13

Beautiful day at Quaker Steak & Lube.

Not too hot, we had a spot in the shade and there was a nice breeze. Good turnout, probably about 85 cars with at least half of them being Mustangs. Dick and Cheryl Costa got Best of Class and I got a Best Overall.



A new club, the Thoroughbreds, took participation with 17 cars with the Wild Stallions close behind with 15 entries.

Reporter: Jan Swetic (Trouble)



Just a really cool GS

Social Events, Special Interest

August Ladies Lunch

8/9

Donato's Italian Restaurant was the location of the August 9th ladies lunch hosted by Sue Jakob. As we entered, we were directed into the NYC subway entrance.



After a short walk through the subway (the walls were white subway tiles), we entered our dining area in front of a movie theater. We enjoyed some great Italian food, then explored the rest of the restaurant. It is set up like you exited the subway onto the streets of NYC. So quaint and realistic.



Good food, good atmosphere and good company made for a really enjoyable afternoon.



Reporter: Kathy Tracy, Event Captain Sue Jakob

Take Your Corvette to Lunch

8/11

On Thursday August 11, 2022, Thirty-one VFC members brought their Corvettes to lunch at Dockside @ Marker4 in Venice. We all enjoyed visiting with one another while we waited for our food and drink. Some members had not been Dockside in a long time and were surprised to see the new parking lot and four-story condos under construction next to the restaurant. Soon our meals arrives and we enjoyed the delicious food.

Several members said "let's do this agsin", so we will plan for another *Take Your Corvette to Lunch* at Dockside at Marker 4 in September.



Reporters: John & Sue Marchiando, Co-Event Captains

Lickity Split Ice Cream Social

8/26

Six Corvettes met in an empty Englewood shopping center parking lot on Friday, August 26 for the short trip to Lickity Split. We arrived as a caravan of six, in spite of the many traffic lights on the way. Several members were already in the restaurant and others arrived when we did. By 5:30 there were about 37 VFC members ready for sandwiches and/or ice cream.

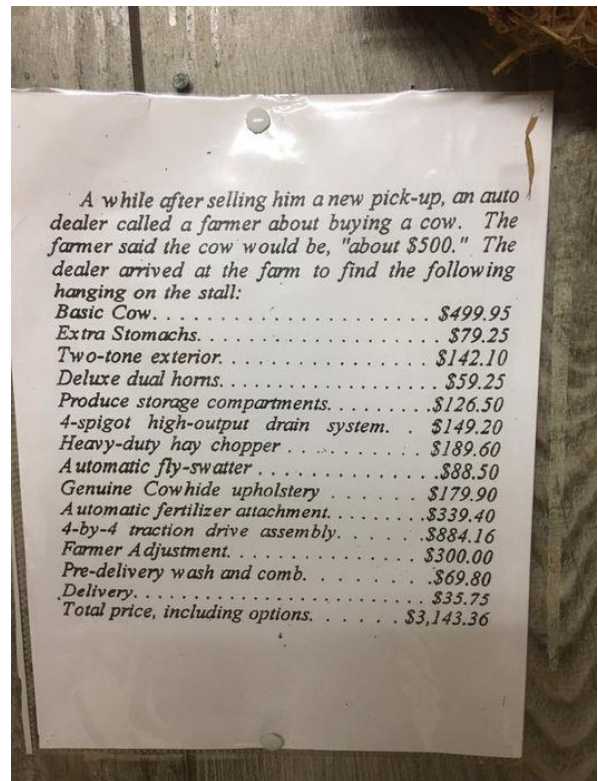


Lickity Split has been a favorite location for VFC members to get together for some light food, ice cream and conversation. The photos tell the story best. You can tell by the smiling faces we all had a good time. We'll be back!

Reporters & Event Captains: Al & JoAnn Royal



Was that Elvis we just saw? Striking resemblance!



Tech Events, News & Workshops

Tune into the Corvette Blogger for the latest Corvette news



Click on the link below to find out about everything Corvette - America's Sports Car! Join Steve Garrett, as he talks about what's going on in the world of Corvette. Hear guests from the industry along with the latest news and information about the Corvette.

<http://www.anchor.fm/steve-garrett>

“Messing Around” with Corvettes in the Garage!

VFC members Lou Sauppe and Ron Wencil seen here installing C8 radiator screen protectors on Lou's C8 at Ron's garage using the car lift.

Project was easy to do with the lift and will protect the C8 radiator from objects from the side front grille.



Reporter: Ron Wencil

C8 Corvette ZR1 Has Reportedly Officially Entered the Development Phase

By: Brett Foote, Corvette Forum

We've been waiting for a long time for the C8 Corvette ZR1, but may not have to wait much longer.

Even prior to the C8 Corvette's launch in 2019 for the 2020 model year, we knew that several, more potent variants were on the way. That includes the already-revealed 2023 Corvette Z06, as well as the hybrid E-Ray, ZR1, and the long-rumored, range-topping Zora. However, we haven't heard much about any of these models to date, outside of a few spy pics and rumors. Now, GM Authority is reporting that the C8 Corvette ZR1 has officially entered the development stage.

More specifically, the C8 Corvette ZR1 is now in the integrated prototype stage, which means that the automaker is testing the vehicle in its facilities and out in the real world. This is notable because in the past, some have claimed to see prototypes of the soon-to-be range-topping ZR1, though that may not have necessarily been the case. Regardless, it's good to know that the next-generation ZR1 is moving through the development process.



As for what we can expect from the new king of the Corvette lineup, we do know that the C8 ZR1 will look a bit different and offer more in the way of performance, as has traditionally been the case. Perhaps the most notable is what lies under the hood – a twin-turbocharged version of the existing 5.5-liter LT6 V6 used in the Z06 – dubbed the LT7 – which will reportedly utilize a DOHC, 32-valve layout and produce upwards of 800 horsepower and 850 pound-feet of torque.

The LT7 won't be a sky-high rev machine like the Z06, however, and it will also apparently have a flatter power curve. The new engine's monumental performance will be supported by a newly revised version of GM's Magnetic Ride Control suspension, bigger wheels and tires, and beefier brakes. On the outside, most expect the C8 ZR1 to be an aggressive-looking machine that may even offer things like active aero and lightweight materials as GM looks to once again offer an affordable, world-beating sports car.



Thankfully, we shouldn't have to wait too terribly long for the C8 Corvette ZR1 to arrive, as it's slated to launch for the 2024 model year, which means that it could go on sale at some point next year. We'll certainly be looking forward to seeing what GM is cooking up with the latest and greatest version of its mid-engine wonder.

Photos: Chevrolet

Apollo Astronaut's 1971 Corvette is Being Restored—by his Grandson

By: Jeff Peek, Hagerty Media

Three cheers for the red, white, and blue ... which, when it comes to the famous Corvettes of NASA's Apollo 15 crew, might as well be red, white, and gold.

The customized 1971 Chevrolet Corvette that was once leased by Apollo 15 command module pilot Al Worden—is painted white with red and blue stripes—is ready to take flight again. The rare and treasured "AstroVette" is being restored by Will Penczak, Worden's grandson, and Max Kaiserman, owner of Luna Replicas, a space collectibles

company licensed to reproduce the late astronaut's flight jacket. The two have titled the Corvette restoration "Project AstroVette Endeavour."

"It's a unique preservation of what we deem as a very important part of American history," Penczak told [CollectSpace.com](https://www.collectspace.com). "It is a symbol for a very important chapter in aerospace history, as well as my own family's history."



Project AstroVette Endeavour co-lead Max Kaiserman re-enacts Al Worden's 1971 pose by standing up on the seat and poking through the T-top. Project AstroVette Endeavour

According to CollectSpace, Penczak and Kaiserman bought Worden's Corvette after it was rediscovered by a collector. It had been sitting in a field.

"In its current condition, it will continue to deteriorate," Kaiserman explained. "It is not only the consumables—the rubber goods, seals, and gaskets—that need to be replaced, but we are also looking at some [fiberglass](#) and paint damage because it sat outside for so long. There is a certain level of invasive preservation ... that need to happen. It cannot just be preserved."

In 1969, the Apollo 11 crew of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins were part of the first mission to land a man on the moon. Although NASA prohibited astronauts from endorsing a product or company, [Jim Rathmann found a loophole](#). Rathmann, winner of the 1960 Indianapolis 500, owned a Chevrolet-Cadillac dealership in Melbourne, Florida, not far from the Kennedy Space Center, and he convinced GM president Ed Cole to agree to a special program that allowed astronauts to lease up to two Chevys per year for \$1 each. Most picked a wagon and a Corvette.



The only Corvettes that carried special paint schemes were the gold and black 1969 coupes driven by the crew of Apollo 12 (Charles "Pete" Conrad, Richard Gordon, and Alan Bean) and the red, white, and blue 1971 coupes driven by the crew of Apollo 15 (Worden, Dave Scott, and Jim Irwin).

Worden and his team were members of the fourth mission to the moon—the first to use [a lunar roving vehicle](#) and take a deep-space EVA (spacewalk), which was performed by Worden—and they also served as the backup crew for Apollo 11. So they were all-too familiar with Conrad, Gordon, and Bean's gold and black Corvettes.

"Our crew saw those Corvettes not only as a deliberate challenge, but also a little tacky," Worden wrote in his 2011 biography, *Falling to Earth*. "So we did something a little different (and went with a patriotic color scheme)."



Worden's AstroVette was white, Scott's blue, and Irwin's red. Worden selected a 454-cubic-inch V-8 engine with a Muncie four-speed manual transmission.

The three astronauts returned the cars at the end of their lease, and they were sold into private ownership. Three of the six custom Corvettes, including Worden's, eventually ended up with Corvette collector Danny Reed, and two years ago, Penczak convinced Reed to sell the one his grandfather drove. Sadly, Worden died on March 18, 2020, before he could be reunited with the car.

[Foxnews.com](#) reports that the 80,000-mile Corvette currently runs and is mostly-rust free, but it's had some minor repairs and a few parts replaced over the years. Penczak and Kaiserman are doing the initial restoration work themselves, and they hope to raise money to have it completed in time for the 53rd anniversary of Apollo 15 in two years. Kaiserman told Foxnews.com that a refresh could run over \$100,000, while an extensive rotisserie show car-quality restoration might cost \$250K or more.

Eventually, Penczak and Kaiserman plan to take the AstroVette on a 250,000-mile nationwide road trip so as many people can see it as possible. "We want to drive it as many miles as it takes to get to the moon," Penczak said. We're pretty sure Worden would approve.

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VFC Classifieds

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Member Businesses

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Click on the card for more info about this business



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