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

President's Message



Hello members near and far. This has been a difficult week for all of us. Members who live in southern Sarasota County and south have really gotten a bad deal with hurricane Ian. One of the few positive things about the hurricane is that we are talking to our neighbors and helping each other pull the pieces together. Unfortunately, this sort of reminds me of the days after September 11 when people came together to support each other as we all move forward. Some of us lost more than others but we all lost something. As we move forward, we open our hearts to strangers and either offer to help or accept help. We develop new relationships and grow in different directions. As the old saying goes, we open some windows and potentially close some doors.

Our Club has had some difficult times over the past few months and some transition has occurred. I encourage everyone to open your heart to strangers or acquaintances in the Club and develop new friendships. We all have a kind side to us that can create a smile for someone else. I ask all of you to support our club members and downplay our differences. Life is far too short to fester over little things.

We have lost some long-term members over the last few months. One common theme that came through in our memorials to them was their love for their Corvettes and this club. We have also had a good number of new people join over the past few months. We hope that those memorials will inspire new members to the same level of dedication and commitment that makes VFC the "best Corvette Club in Florida".

We are preparing for the new year with some important items happening in October. We have some Constitution items that need to be voted on by the primary member in each membership. Please don't assume every item up for vote is a good thing. I ask you to review each item and consider them as options not assumptions.

The other item coming up is the election of officers for the coming year. Please take time to go to the website and log in using your username and password. Again, only the primary member may vote in the election.

If you have never logged in to the new website, now is the time. We have a lot going on in the Club and many distractions (travel plans or hurricane recovery). Help each other and may we all grow as we move forward together with bigger hearts and more kindness to share.

Rita Raimer

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message


Welcome to the grand month of October. Some say the best weather month of the year. And there is no shortage of things for our Corvette Club to participate in during October and beyond through the "winter".

I have to say, now living in Florida has certainly changed our outlook on things that we can do during the "winter" months. So different from winters in the northeast. And we are racking up many more Corvette miles than ever before.

The Competition Committee has not met for several months, but now that Holly and I are back from up north, we intend to get these meetings going again and stay on top of the premium car shows and racing events for our club members to enjoy in the remaining months of 2022.

In closing, please get out there and support our club at the various events that are being promoted either through the monthly **Gazette** or the weekly **Start Your Engines**, and I hope to see you out there at some of these events in the coming weeks and months.

Scroll Down to "**Car Shows & Competitions**" to see what is available for us to do in the coming months?

Save The Wave 

Dave Nilson



Please Login - Your Membership Renewal and Vote Depends on it!

We still have quite a few people who have not yet logged into the new website

When the renewal and voting 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 your membership 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



Michael Dinardo

October 1



Susan Kerndt

October 1



Frank Liuzzi

October 4



Steve Nielsen

October 5



Larry Spires

October 5



Pat Nevius

October 6



Larry Dalton & Pam Dalton

October 7



Dick Griese

October 8



Judith Holland

October 12



Paul Serdyski

October 12



Marie Jenulis

October 13



John M Vidas & Gerry Vidas

October 16



Michele Seeley

October 16



Ted Falge

October 16



Kathleen Solntzeff

October 17



Stu Lewis

October 19



Darlene Bieglecki

October 19



Pamela Worcester & Eugene Worcester

October 20



Terry Frever

October 22



Terri Mattar

October 23



David B Elseroad

October 23



Richard Palmer

October 25



Mike Miller & Valerie Miller

October 26



Linda Gomes

October 27



Don Gursky

October 28



Susie Hale

October 28



Charles W Probst

October 28



Erica Downs

October 28



Connie Poynter

October 30



Nick Hrycaj

October 30



Marty Dewey

October 31

Membership Corner

Lately, we have been attracting new members as folks continue to relocate to the Sunshine State and/or purchase Corvettes and learn of our active club. We gained seven new members over the last period. Thus, our ranks now stand at 467 members with 314 of our favorite automobile- The Chevrolet Corvette. Remember that our car count depends on each member correctly entering their information on their profile!

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!

Memberships as of 10/26/2022 **252**

Members as of 10/26/2022 **467**

Welcome New Members:

Michael Appleby

Stu & Jill Lewis

Luke H Mitchell

Mike & Rene Perry

(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	13	Stingray	156	Convertibles	154	White	36
C2	20	Grand Sport	40	Coupes	160	Red	124
C3	20	Z51	52	Total	314	Black	21
C4	8	Anniversary	12			Silver	29
C5	38	Z06	26			Gray	25
C6	72	ZR1	1			Maroon	4
C7	102	Other	27			Yellow	10
C8	41	Total	314			Blue	47
Total	314					Green	5
						Orange	8
						Tan	2
						Purple	1
						Burgundy	1
						Mahogany	1
						Total	314

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

From the Museum



Corvette Campus Connection

Artifact of the Month: Yenko Pedal Car



Don Yenko accomplished many things as a racer and builder of high-performance Chevrolets that would become a high point in the muscle car era. He was also a father who wanted to please his daughter, Lynn. He modified a Corvette pedal car that she actively played with for the duration of her childhood.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Our 2022 Banner at NCM

Car Shows & Competitions



Upcoming PREMIUM CAR SHOWS

October 15th, Bell Tower and Corvettes on the Gulf presenting their 23rd annual Car show at the Bell Tower in Fort Meyers. *Check Website for Status*****

This is a show where VFC usually does very well and scores quite a few trophies for those fine specimen's that we call Corvettes. And this year should be no different. We will be challenging for the Club Participation Trophy and so we need your help. I think that it will take at least 40 or more cars to even be in contention for the Club Participation Trophy, so please go to corvettesonthegulf.com to sign up.

Rita and I will be sharing the duties for event captain and please see more information on our website for caravan signup and timing of the event.

December 10th, Harbor Corvettes presenting their 9th annual "Holiday Happening" car and truck show.

This is scheduled from 8 am to about 3 pm. This one is not to be missed as Harbor Corvettes always puts on a great show. Also here is another chance for our club to blow away the competition for Club Participation. We have done it before, and we can do it again!!

Harbor has no shortage of car categories, and they offer some very nice trophies as well. Please note that they limit attendance to the first 150 cars, so please take a moment to sign up early so that we can give these other clubs a run for their money!! Al Royal has volunteered to be the event captain for this show, and we would like to thank him for stepping up to run this event for us.

There are of course several other car shows out there that we will focus on, but these are the two that usually get the most participation from our club thus a little more publicity.

Sunday, Oct.9, 2022 - Corvettes at Palm Coast. Flagler County Corvette Club. This Show is on our Event calendar. There is a link to the show flyer and lots more information. To be in a Judged Class your mailed registration must be postmarked by Sept 30th. John and Sue Marchiando will be leading a caravan there.

Oct 21-22, 2022- 23rd Annual Hot Springs Corvette Weekend. Join other members who are planning to go to this weekend event in Hot Springs, Ak. More information is available on our Event Calendar.

Saturday, November 12, 2022 - Marion County All Corvette Show. Registration is open until Oct 22nd. See our Event Calendar for a link to the show's flyer and registration.

Upcoming BEHIND THE WHEEL EVENTS

Gulf Coast Autocrossers continues their competition events with the following proposed schedule.
<http://www.gulfcoastautocrossers.com/#>

Event # 8 – 10/9 and 10/10 starting at 8:30 am each day. Online registration starts on 10/3/2022. Don't wait like I did on month and lose out. Sign up early, they fill up fast!!

Event # 9 – 11/5 and 11/6 starting at 8:30 am each day. State Championships – 11/12 – We need more information on this event and will get it the next time we are onsite. So ,stay tuned.

Event # 10 – 12/3 and 12/01 also starting at 8:30 am These events are held at the Buckingham Airport at 3987 Sunset Road, Le High Acres, Fl. Directions can be found on their website, and we will set up a caravan to the site if there is enough interest.

Save The Wave
Dave Nilson

Social Events, Special Interest

Historic Sarasota Road Rain Rallye

9/10

It was a dark and stormy night, well, maybe not quite dark and stormy to start. Nine beautiful Vettes and members gathered in the parking lot of the Venice Community Center on Saturday, September 10. After a brief meeting with drivers and navigators, the engines revved up and they were off.

Unfortunately, around 10:30, Snoopy's opening line came to fruition. It became dark and stormy. The Tracys called the participants and called off the historic marker hunt and told everyone to head to Philippi Oyster Bar for lunch. Too much rain, too much lightning made this event too dangerous.



While the group was enjoying lunch, no one realized one couple was missing. At 12:30, Scott Deagan and Erica Downs rolled in, wet but happy. Apparently, the phone number that came up on the registration was a home number and they never got the message to abandon the hunt. (Lesson learned - confirm cell phone numbers!)



October. As a side note Family Table is still closed as is rumored to have been sold.



September Ladies Lunch

9/10

What a terrific time the ladies had at the tea on Friday, Sept. 16, at Le Petit Jardin in Venice. Genell planned an afternoon of food and fun. We had a French Mixer (tell a story about something French), a tea etiquette true or false game, and a pass the tea cup right and left game. Everyone came out a winner with Lynn Mison and Linda Gomes winning the left/right game. We enjoyed some quiche, petite sandwiches, scones and desserts. Oh, also lots of tea! All guests left with a list of tea etiquette rules, a lavender sachet and a jewelry travel bag. Thanks Genell for a wonderful afternoon.



Reporter: Terry Tracy

All Member Dinner at DaRuMa

9/20

What a fun night at DaRuMa in Sarasota. A big thanks to Patti Wasil for setting this up and for the favors. We got tumblers from the Corvette Museum filled with goodies - car stuff and candy! I made the ladies' hair decorations of flowers and beads. Terry Sitzler won the door prize - a nice plaque that says it all. The chefs did not disappoint! We saw flying spatulas, spinning eggs, fire and a beating heart. Everyone was thoroughly entertained and had a great time.



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

September Men's Lunch

9/15

The Men's Breakfast for September had a change of venue again. This time it was at Austin's which used to be Olde World, with the new owners and management the restaurant has been renovated and has a new menu. Gone are the Olde World names which have been replaced with more traditional terms. Thirteen members enjoyed a hearty breakfast and agreed to return in



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

Never too Early for Some Corvette Training!



Will have to remind her to wear a yellow shirt!

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>

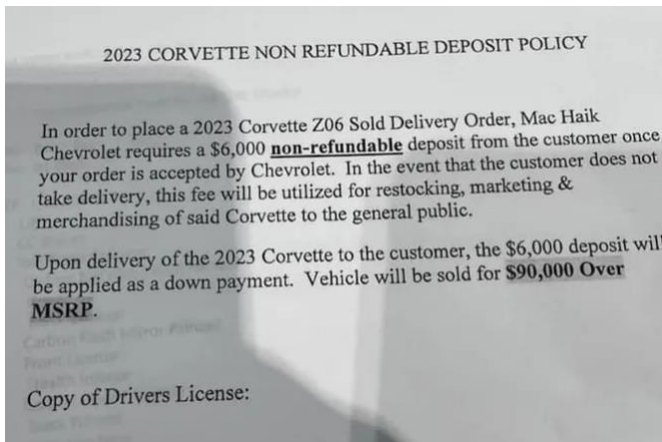
Corvette Dealer Gets Roasted on social media for \$90K Markup

By: Alex, Muscle Cars, and Trucks

The United States and Canada are currently experiencing some of the most ridiculous dealership markups in history, and as long as there is demand, there doesn't appear to be a clear end in sight. And, unfortunately, there's little that automakers have been able to do. However, now there is a surefire way to squash dealers in their tracks, and it's as easy as causing a little bit of a stink online.



Mac Maik Chevrolet in Houston was pressured to walk back on its decisions when the purchase agreement for a new Corvette Z06 was posted online. As indicated below, the agreement required a \$6,000 non-refundable deposit, and that the vehicle would be sold for \$90,000 over MSRP.



Luckily, Josh Potts, the dealership's general manager, took to social media to apologize for the markup, and even notified those with a Z06 on order that the cost would be lowered back to MSRP.

Chevrolet itself can't be fully blamed (unless you consider the creation of a desirable vehicle as culpable), as way back when the Z06 was first brought out, the brand sent out a letter to its dealership network warning of the consequences of markups. Dealerships, of course, took no mind to this letter and attempted to gouge customers regardless.

There are multiple layers to keep buyers from making money on their sports cars, too. Chevrolet introduced a system for owners that would reward them with \$5,000 dollars (in the form of 500,000 Chevrolet points, to be redeemed at participating dealerships) if they didn't flip their Z06 for 12 months. A more direct approach to flippers was also implemented, a voided warranty for those that sold early. Obviously, none of these tactics could override the greed of opportunistic dealers, or of car flippers.

Hopefully we see a lot more of this public shaming of vehicle dealers online, as it hurts the entire industry for the middleman to extract more of our hard-earned cash, and for what? To put it on a nice pedestal and offer us some putrid brown water in a feeble paper cup as we gaze at its magnificence? Not on our watch. Cancel culture can go too far at times but charging almost \$100,000 over the MSRP for the privilege of purchasing a product is a crime punishable by severe derision, in our books.

And maybe that's the way to ultimately control both dealer markups and flippers, by everybody collectively policing the market ourselves.



Photos: Chevrolet

Lime Rock Raceway's Corvette Marquee Event

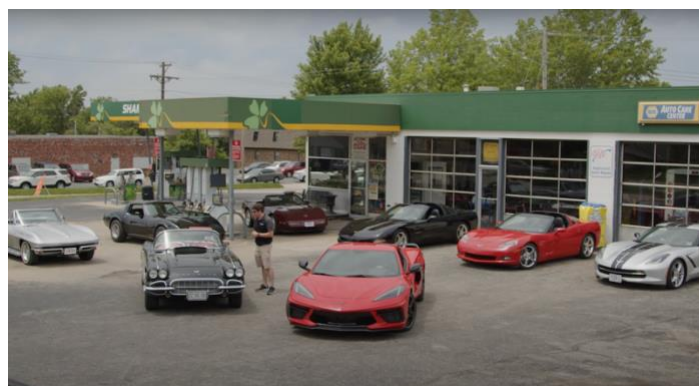
Every September Lime Rock Raceway in Lime Rock, CT holds a Marquee event. This year was the Corvette's turn. Here are some of the Corvette concept cars present at this year's event.





not a lot, but accomplishing that task is something that one might expect to do over the course of several years or even a lifetime. In the case of Adam from the YouTube Channel [DriveltOut](#), however, he managed to drive all eight Corvette generations in a single day.

What seems like a difficult feat actually was, because Adam had to round up the owners of all of these vehicles and convince them to allow him to take them for a spin, which took a bit of work. Regardless, what follows is a fascinating look at how each of these cars – built over the course of 70 years now – compare to each other, as well as taking a look at how the Corvette has evolved in general.



Ultimately, one of the most interesting things about this video is the fact that while these cars are obviously quite a bit different, there also quite a few similarities between them as well. Each pushed existing boundaries in a host of ways, presenting customers with a sporty and stylish sports car at a reasonable price. But the ultimate question is – which one did our host prefer the most?

Watch the video [here](#)

Well, in terms of styling, that win goes to the C2, which isn't a huge surprise given its incredible popularity. Aside from simply being one of the most beautiful vehicles ever made, the C2 also offered up some seriously exciting performance with a number of engine choices, too. However, Adam professes his love for each generation and the pros and cons of each while also pointing out what makes the newer cars so good, too. It's a trip through Corvette history worth watching, and it makes us wonder – who else out there has driven all eight Corvette generations, and which one is their favorite?

Driving Every Corvette Generation in One Day

By: Brett Foote, Corvette Forum

Over the course of most of our lifetimes, many of us have driven more than one vehicle from more than one Corvette generation, or perhaps multiple Corvettes from the same generation. However, we often wonder – how many people out there have driven at least one car from each Corvette generation? The answer is likely

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VFC Classifieds

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Member Businesses

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