



VENICE

VETTE GAZETTE

Our Sponsors

Click on sponsor's logo for website



Executive Board

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Director

*Rita Raimer
David Nilson
Bill Jereb
Pat Nevius
Allan Eckle*

Committee Leaders

Jenkins Sponsor Liaison
Sage Sponsor Liaison
Club Photographer
NCM Ambassador
New Member Orientation
Newsletter Editor
Englewood B&T Liaison
Quartermasters
Social Committee
Sunshine Celebrations
VFC Car Show
Web Master
Technical Advisor

*Mike Alexandratos
Don Feurstein
Scott Eckman
Mike Walsh
Allan Eckle
Steve Bieglecki
Darryl & Debbie Norris
Pete & Sue Schwan
Kathy Tracy
JoAnn Royal
Mike Heiner & Terry Tracy
Don Kerndt
Jim Mattar*

Contact information for Board Members and Committee Leaders can be found on our **Club Website** [here](#)

Table of Contents click on heading to go to topic

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....	2
BOARD MEMBER MESSAGES	2
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS.....	3
QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER.....	4
CELEBRATIONS.....	4
MEMBERSHIP CORNER	5
FROM THE MUSEUM	6
CAR SHOWS & COMPETITIONS	6
SOCIAL EVENTS, SPECIAL INTEREST	9
TECH EVENTS, NEWS & WORKSHOPS.....	11
VFC CLASSIFIEDS & MEMBER BUSINESSES	12

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

President's Message



Hello everyone and Happy Thanksgiving. November is truly a time to reflect and be thankful. First, I am thankful the hurricane season is coming to an end!! It was not the usual easy ride we were expecting. I am thankful for my family. Each Thanksgiving we gather for our family reunion. It is a great way to catch up with everyone and see the babies grow up and sadly the elders slow down. My friends inside VFC and outside VFC are always there for me and seem to always provide all the love and kindness one could ever want or need. I am thankful to our club members as you watched me stumble or step on my tongue. I am thankful for the hard-working members in our club who dedicate themselves to making this club a GREAT place to develop friendships with others who appreciate the Corvette. I am MOST thankful to our Board of Directors. These are the folks who work hard behind the scenes to keep the ball rolling. I know there were many times where they made my job easier, and I certainly appreciate their work. This club, 450 people and over 300 cars, is a challenging group to lead. The membership is full of people WAY smarter than I. Again, many thanks to all of you for your help, guidance, ideas, and patience. I have had fun in the driver's seat and would do some things differently if I could go back. I am thankful for the progress we made as a club transitioning to a new website, bringing our annual show back to reality and kicking off some new ideas/events to improve the future. This Club is a great bunch of people and cars, once you start engaging members at events you will find the fulfillment you desire. I am excited to introduce our new club sponsor at the December meeting. They are ALL ABOUT performance and restoration of Corvettes. They are located right here in Venice and have a huge garage where they do complete restorations, build outs, body repairs, upholstery repairs or replacement, paint touch-ups to complete paint jobs. They work on some engine repairs, but more so on re-builds or replacement of engines. They will be speaking at the December Member meeting (12/6/22 at 6pm) and giving a very brief slide show. We hope to schedule a "Cars and Coffee" open house at their shop in January. Did I forget to mention their name? No, come to the meeting and be the first to know their name!! They will be offering discounts for members. Our sponsor program has been modified and now includes show sponsors and club sponsors. Club Sponsors are promoted to members year-round and have opportunities to speak to the membership. Car Show Sponsors are promoted at the annual car show for a significantly lesser amount. If you know someone who wants a booth at our car show, have them contact me for additional information. We are looking for the following potential types of club or

car show sponsors, car parts, oil, tires, or other vendors. At the show some additional categories such as jewelry, crafts, food, insurance, etc. Please contact me for additional information.

See you at the next event,

Rita Raimer

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message

Welcome to the month of December. I am writing this article while up north and the current temperature is 31 degrees. I can't wait to get back home to Florida and decent Corvette weather!!

This will be my final article for the Gazette as my term as Vice President will be up by the end of December 2022. It has been a pleasure to stand in for Dave Carlson, who was supposed to be the Vice President this year before his illness and subsequent passing. During my tenure this year I have met and worked with many great members on a wide range of events and enjoyed each opportunity to help fellow members as needed. The greatest highlight for me was attending and working at our car show in March. This is a great event and if you are a new member and have not had the opportunity to attend and work at this event, I highly recommend that you do so this coming March 2023. We are still looking for volunteers to work the car show, so give it some thought and then jump in and lend a helping hand where needed. Holly and I will be in charge of parking at the show this year and we could still use some additional people to help us out. We will once again be offering our 2021 HTC for people to sit in and take photos at the show. Last year, along with Al and Joann Royal's 1956 Corvette we had well over 200 people take advantage of the opportunity to sit in the cars and get their photo taken. You should see the wide grins on the kids faces when they sit in the cars. Undoubtedly some of these kids will be future Corvette enthusiasts judging by the size of their smiles!!

In closing, I would like to thank the other members of the Board of Directors for their hard work this year and for the friendships that have been established. They have helped me immensely as I worked to execute my duties as Vice President this year and I am very grateful for their assistance and support.

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



Save The Wave
Dave Nilson

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....



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

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Membership renewal is ongoing and will end Dec. 31st. Dues remain at \$40. Renewal can be done online through the website. **In addition, Bill Jereb and Jim Mattar will be available before the Membership Meeting on Dec 6 to assist anyone who is having difficulty with the renewal process.**

If you are receiving your Start Your Engines by email each week, but have not received your reminder to renew, please talk to your spouse/partner to see if THEY received the renewal reminder. If that has happened, please let [Jim Mattar](#) know.

Allan Eckle

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 Jeréb.

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/clubstore>

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



Lonney Ensign

December 1



Andrea Jennerich

December 2



Bobin Coons & Rick Coons

December 3



Rick Rynberg & Wendy Rynberg

December 4



Ron Casciato

December 4



Randy Brodsky

December 6



Richard Gruenberg

December 6



Nancy Rushlow

December 6



Tom Overmyer

December 7



Robert Marshall

December 10



Gerald F Fall

December 10



Ginger Carpenter

December 12



Terry Rogers

December 12



John Morin & Pat Morin

December 13



JoAnn Royal

December 14



Gary Germano

December 16



Jane Serdynski

December 16



Rudi P Tomiczek

December 16



Judy Van Patten

December 20



Thomas R Menken

December 20



Gayle Cain

December 23



Barb A Breen

December 23



Al Royal

December 24



Bruce Seeley

December 30



Michelle A StClair & Bill StClair

December 30



Donald S Eckman

December 30



William L Sabatino

December 31

Membership Corner

As we enter this last month of the year let us not forget that it is time to renew our memberships. Each of us will be reminded to do so every time we log onto the club website. You will also have the opportunity to update your club profile at that time. Please take advantage of this painless process.

The new member orientation was held on November 17.

The next will be scheduled early next year.

Our members who remain in the Sunshine State and those that are making their return to our area will have the opportunity to enjoy themselves by attending membership meetings, the post-meeting meal, and the club's social happenings!

Memberships as of 10/26/2022 **251**

Members as of 10/26/2022 **469**

Welcome New Members:

Robert W Hoffman

Donna Hoffman

Lisa J Liberatore

Bill StClair

Michelle A StClair

Kyle Tuttle

Ann Tuttle

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

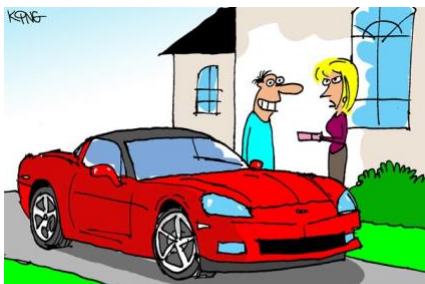
Click [here](#) to log into website anytime for a real time up-to-date list of **new members**

Our Corvettes



Generation		Model		Type		Color	
C1	14	Stingray	167	Convertibles	165	White	37
C2	22	Grand Sport	42	Coupes	168	Red	135
C3	20	Z51	54	Total	333	Black	23
C4	9	Anniversary	12			Silver	30
C5	41	Z06	26			Gray	25
C6	76	ZR1	1			Maroon	3
C7	105	Other	31			Yellow	12
C8	46	Total	333			Blue	48
Total	333					Green	6
						Orange	9
						Tan	2
						Purple	1
						Burgundy	1
						Mahogany	1
						Total	333

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



"For our anniversary, you bought me chocolate, and yourself a Corvette. And you don't see the problem here?"

From the Museum



Corvette Campus Connection

Artifact of the Month: Corvette Indy Scale Model



In 1958, Chuck Jordan, General Motors' new Vice President of Design, wished to make a positive statement in his area of expertise. He did when the Chevrolet division surprised the world with an Illmore Chevrolet Indy Car engine scale model in a vision of a mid-engine Corvette.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Our 2022 Banner at NCM

Car Shows & Competitions

Central Arkansas Corvette Club Show

10/18

On October 18th, 2022, 6 VFC members & their Corvettes met at our Laurel Road Caravan starting point. The day was perfect for a nice drive North. We pulled out to travel to our 1st stop of the trip at Crestview, Florida where we would stay the night. Shortly after leaving we ran into a rainstorm that cleaned the dust of our Corvettes. The worst part of this day was the traffic around Tampa. After unpacking and getting settled into our rooms it was decided to go to the local Applebee's close to our hotel for dinner.



The next day after breakfast at our hotel to start day #2 we departed. The GPS in our Corvette gave us some confusion. When we arrived at our hotel it was not as nice as the Website Pictures showed. No cars in the parking lot and no water in the swimming pool and the door to the office was locked. The owner of the hotel cancelled our reservations without and complaint. It was decided that we would go further on down the road to find a better hotel. On our way we saw Cotton Fields as far as you could see. They were harvesting the Cotton and the sides of the highway looked like Snow. There were bales of Cotton everywhere along with flatbed loads passing us in the Southbound Lane. Finally, we found a Days Inn in the small town of Lake Village, Arkansas where we stayed the night. Some of the group went to a local Mexican restaurant for dinner and they had a great time.

Day #3 started out with breakfast down the road at a small restaurant called the Owl's Nest. What a fun breakfast it was with great food in large quantities. We had the whole place to ourselves, met the owner and the chef. Great people! We headed toward Hot Springs after breakfast and arrived around 1:00 PM. We unloaded our Corvettes and took our luggage to our rooms. After checking in the guys headed to the Quarter Car Wash that required more than Quarters like the old days. The guys got their

Corvettes cleaned of road grunge and bugs so that they could detail them the next day. The host hotel had a covered parking garage which was great! We had dinner at the hotel that night as we were very tired of getting in and out of our Corvettes. The food was very good.

On Friday after detailing the Corvettes we took a short walk to and Iris Pub close to the hotel. The waitress we had taking care of us was a real trip, funny and enjoyable along with our lunch. Friday night was the meet and greet at the hotel. The drinks were our expense. The Central Arkansas Corvette Club had a fashion show using their club members. Lots of laughs during the show. Anyone who was hungry could take advantage of the hotel restaurant

Early Saturday morning our Corvettes were driven over to the Convention Center about 1 block from the hotel garage. The guys & girls got started doing the final detail work on their Corvette. They gave us a sign to put on the windshield when we were ready to be judged. There were about 10 vendors for the Corvette owners to shop. For lunch we had to go over by the hotel for a Catfish & Chicken lunch. They had a shuttle to take us there and back which was very nice. At the start of the show, they asked all of the Veteran's in attendance to please come up to the presentation area. Jan Hahn, Bubba Cote & Ted Falge were all given a Medal of Appreciation for their service to our country.



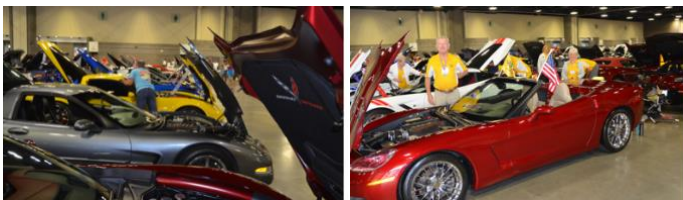
- Bubba & Dee Cote won an award for the most miles driven to the show and a Plaque for Class Finalist in Wide Body C7 Convertibles.



- Ted & Angela Falge won a Plaque for Class Finalist in C6 Convertibles.



- Darryl & Debbie Norris won 3rd place in C8 Corvettes.



Around 2:00 PM they started announcing the winners. VFC did very well with everyone in our group winning something!

- Bill & Barb Sabatino won 1st place for their Vanity Plate.



- Jan & Leslie Hahn won 2nd place in C5 and a Plaque for Favorite Corvette of Emerald Enterprises as sponsor of C.A.C.C.



- John & Sue Marchiando won 2nd place in C7 Corvette Coups and a Plaque for the show chairs favorite Corvette.



After taking our Corvettes back to the hotel parking garage we all rested and then departed via the hotel shuttle for dinner at a hotel that is 100 years old.

The next day the Falge's, Cote's & Norris's departed for Branson, Mo., for fun. The Sabatino's headed for St. Louis, Mo and a visit with their family. The Hahn's stayed to see the sights in Hot Springs with the Marchiando's heading for home.

Everyone is home safe and sound and all had a great time!

Reporters: John & Sue Marchiando Co-Captains



Upcoming CAR SHOWS



2022 has been a busy year for VFC with quite a few car shows to attend, several behind the wheel events to participate in and a number of social events in which to join-in. There certainly has not been a lack of events to enjoy with our Corvettes.

We have one final major car show before us for 2022 on December 10th that is put on by Harbor Vettes which will be held in Punta Gorda at the site of the old Muscle Car City. In years past we have had anywhere from 40 to 50 cars attend this show and we have won the Club Participation Trophy more than once. As I write this article, our club has at best twenty-five (25) cars signed up for this show. That pales in comparison with years past. So, I ask each of you who is reading this to please think about signing up to attend this great event and help push our club over the top and hopefully win the "Club Participation Trophy" once again. We NEED your support! And to those of you who don't really want to or cannot detail your Corvette before the show, Holly and I will offer up our detailing expertise to help you get ready. Wednesday (12/7), Thursday (12/8), and Friday (12/9) before the show we will make our driveway and garage available for washing and detailing your Corvette. We can discuss this more at our next member meeting on December 6th and set up schedules to help get your car ready for the show.

Upcoming BEHIND THE WHEEL EVENTS

Gulfcoast Autocrossers

For those of us that like to autocross, the Gulf Coast Autocrossing group has cancelled all events for the balance of 2022 due to Hurricane Ian. Buckingham Field, Leigh Acres, the site used for racing has been turned into a support location for the cleanup effort for hurricane Ian. We are hoping that they will resume their normal schedule early in 2023. Stay tuned for updates as they are made available to us.

Save The Wave
Dave Nilson

Social Events, Special Interest

Trunk or Treat Event

10/31



VFC at The Carlisle Auction

11/11-12

On November 11th and 12th, a group of our intrepid members had the fun of once again driving the cars across the auction block at the Carlisle Car Auction in Lakeland, FL. Despite the previous days' rain and winds from our second hurricane of the season, our Club brought 15-17 members to drive each day, earning the Club \$750 to help supplement our funds for Club events such as our picnic and Holiday Party. We drove a wide variety of cars from a 1931 Ford to a 2023 Vette. with everything in between. My most memorable ride was being *pushed* across the auction block in a one-owner 1960 Lotus racing car, complete with trophies on display and the owner's helmet. Memories were brought back when I drove a 2004 Thunderbird like the one I had for 10 years but gave up in favor of our Vette when we moved to Florida. Each of us had our favorites, but no matter what we were driving, we wore our yellow shirts and proudly represented our Club once again. Who wants to go in February ?

Reporter: Pat Nevius



Hmmm... wonder if there is enough room in the car barn for a few more?

Lake Placid Rallye

11/19



On an absolutely beautiful morning, 13 Corvettes and one Jaguar left Punta Gorda for the drive to Lake Placid. VFC members were joined by four Peace River Corvette Club members. On the way to Lake Placid, rallyers had to find answers to clues. All was going well until we made a wrong turn. Oops! But, hey! That's what happens in road Rallies. The first stop was Toby's Clown Museum where everyone got a clown nose and posed for a group picture. They drove around town looking for murals and special items in that mural. It was time for lunch at Secret Gardens Winery. We were given special parking at this beautiful place. After lunch, the winner was announced. President Rita Raimer took the prize - a clown trophy. Other prizes went to Joe Russo, Judy Umbreit and Scott Eckman. We had an interesting drive back and finished off the day with ice cream.



Men's Monthly Breakfast

11/17

The November Mens Breakfast was held at Eggs-traordinary on the 17th at 9am. Ten members attended including returning Pete Schwan and new member Jack Babich. Lively discussions were summer vacations, Corvette maintenance issues, hopefully Autocross returning to Buckingham Airfield in Fort Myers, and the terrible devastation that Hurricanes Ian and Nicole wrecked on members and Southwest Florida.

Next month's Decembers breakfast will return to Austin's (Olde World) on the 19th at 9am, register on our website so we can let them know how many to expect.

Reporter: Terry Tracy

Venice Christmas Parade

What a great time everyone had decorating their cars and participating in the Venice Christmas Parade. The VFC theme was Santa and his reindeer. Led by Rudolph, 7 additional reindeer pulled the sleigh for Santa.



The decorating and fun began on Alhambra. Several cars were already decorated, so those drivers and passengers helped the others. One inverter died, but a quick trip to Harbor Freight fixed that. At the staging area, final touches were performed and then it was time to relax, have a bite to eat and watch the beginning of the parade. Soon we were in line and waving to all the Corvette fans. Although one reindeer's lights wouldn't work, "I love your car!" was a recurring shout to each Vette. With the parade route modified, many more spectators were there to enjoy this Venice tradition. Following the parade, all gathered at Paul and Ginger's for a post parade party. Everyone had a great time and are already thinking about how to decorate for next year's parade.



Reporter Kathy Tracy

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>

C8 Corvette Variant With 'Incredible Performance' Teased by GM Exec

By: Brett Fotte, Corvette Forums

GM President Mark Reuss says TWO new incredible sports cars are on the way. The next C8 Corvette variant and something else C8-based.



Even before the C8 Corvette debuted in 2019 for the 2020 model year, rumors of more powerful and capable variants were flying. Of course, this was to be expected, as America's sports car has long been available in more than one guise throughout its illustrious history. The Z06 recently joined the lineup, giving customers two options in that regard along with the base Stingray, but others – such as the hybrid E-Ray, ZR1, a range-topping Zora model, and even an EV are reportedly in the works, but General Motors President **Mark Reuss** recently teased at least one, and perhaps two of them.

While speaking at the General Motors Investor Day presentation in New York City, Reuss said that two new sports cars are on the way, and he noted that one of them is the “next version of the C8,” a car that “you won’t be able to imagine from a performance standpoint.” Perhaps even more interestingly, Reuss also said that another new model will ride on the C8’s architecture and will be an “incredible performance car,” one that’s poised to “set the standard of the world for performance for Chevrolet.



Reuss didn't specify whether or not that second model will wear the Corvette name or not, which makes it rather intriguing. Thus, we're left to speculate – what, exactly, is he referring to in both cases? Could it be the next ZR1, which is rumored to be packing a twin-turbocharged version of the Z06's LT6 V8 (perhaps the LT7) generating roughly 800 horsepower? Or is it the Zora and its rumored hybrid version of that same engine, which has been said to make over 1,000 horsepower?

As far as the Corvette-based model, well, the sky is the limit there. Perhaps it's simply the Zora, a car that could send the internal combustion-powered version of the long-running model out with a bang as a proper halo model for the brand, or maybe it's something else entirely that won't even wear a Corvette badge. Either way, we're certainly intrigued by this news, and you can bet that we'll be watching closely as more rumors inevitably surface in the coming months.

Photos: Chevrolet

VFC Classifieds & Member Businesses

VFC Classifieds

Click [here](#) to go to our club classified section of our new website

Member Businesses

If you have a business and would like to see it displayed in the newsletter, please e-mail your business card to Steve Bieglecki (sbieglecki@gmail.com)

Click on the card for more info about this business



Erica Downs
Sales Associate
941.445.4726 office
941.544.4754 cell
941.375.8240 fax
erica@hallmarkbrokers.com
www.hallmarkbrokers.com



230 Tamiami Trail S., Ste 1
Venice, FL 34285



Buying Gold & Silver Coins
Coin Collections & Bullion
Free Appraisal
Free Pickup
cytolab4@yahoo.com
Linwood Ashby Beverly, Jr.
(781) 956-8891