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

President's Message



Greetings from Rhode Island!
Ray and I are in Westerly visiting friends and family for a few weeks. We're enjoying the cooler weather. It's been in the 80's. Looking forward to visiting Newport Car Museum with the Hieners next week.

Back in Venice, the vendor committee has been busy finalizing a new source for club merchandise. We hope to have news in the next few weeks.

I know that the Social Chair has been busy planning more events and a trip to the East coast in October. Before we know it, we'll all be back together again and enjoying each other's company.

Hope you are all enjoying your summer and staying cool!
As the song goes, "See you in September."

Linda Gomes

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message

As the month of July draws to a close a brief report on Lance's Cruizin' to the Hop Car Show at Ideal Classic Cars in Venice. Geoffrey Card won a trophy for Best in Show. Other cars shows have pretty much taken the summer off, however Flagler, Melbourne, and others are posting their show dates for later this year. Please see our Club Events for details and to sign up.

Kathy and I continued our vacation in our new C8 Caffeine Metallic Corvette. Highlights and issues were a slow leak in a tire, which we were able to have repaired, a tour of Makers Mark Distillery,



a tour of the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, a brief drive on historic Route 66 (much too rough for any extended drive), standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona, and a visit to a few National Parks.



A cracked windshield from a stone off a dump truck, our Novistretch bra took a beating, but has been replaced at no cost,



and we found the "fork and knife in the road", high school projects outside of Nashville, Tennessee.



Hope everyone's summer was enjoyable wherever your travels were. We are now trying to stay cool and look forward to our upcoming club events. Hope to see everyone soon.

Terry Tracy

Upcoming Social & Car Show Events

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

****PLEASE NOTE: The August 1st membership meeting has been moved to the library (as shown below) because the Community Center is not available.***

August 2023

Tuesday

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Monthly Membership Meeting

William H. Jervey, Jr. Venice Public Library

6:00 PM

More Info



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Tuesday

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Ladies' Lunch - Pineapple Tequila

Pineapple Tequila

11:30 AM

More Info



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Friday

11

Dinner and Ice Cream Social - Lickity Split

Lickity Split Cafe

5:30 PM

More Info



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Thursday

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Men's Breakfast C.O.R.V.E.T.T.E.S.

Skillets-Village-Shoppes

9:00 AM

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Monday

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All Member Lunch - Bob's Train

Bob's Train Restaurant

11:00 AM

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Thursday

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VFC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

William H. Jervey, Jr. Venice Public Library

6:00 PM

More Info



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



Start Your Engines

For weekly updates of VFC events

VFC now has a Facebook Page

The club has created a FaceBook page for members to share Corvette and club related information.

<http://facebook.com/VeniceFloridaCorvettesClub>

There is a link on the club website in the top left corner of the page when using a computer and it is at the top of the page when using a phone to access the website. Members who are FaceBook users are encouraged to visit the page and click on the "like" button.

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

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.

Susan Jakob

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

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

Membership News



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Bonnie Smith

Quartermaster's Corner

The club is in the process of selecting a new vendor for our logo merchandise. As we move to a new vendor all new orders should be put on hold. As soon as the board selects a new vendor, information about the company and the available products will be shared with everyone.

Bob Bortolot does have many items currently in stock. Check and see what he has. All items are sold at cost.

Quartermasters: Bob Bortolot and Sandra Lewis

Celebrations



8/2	Anne Cummings
8/4	John R Brunt
8/5	Kenneth A Koslow
8/5	George Mortis
8/6	Kathie Dowell
8/8	Patti A Wasil
8/9	Dan J Mango
8/10	Doug Watts
8/11	Gary G Villano
8/11	Jack Dell'Amico
8/11	Kam Jeffries
8/13	Mike Karr
8/15	Lorri Christie
8/17	Randie A Herzig
8/17	Sharon Hudson
8/21	Karen Jeffries
8/22	Kyle Tuttle
8/24	Kim Hartley
8/25	Bill Jereb
8/26	Susan Schwan
8/27	Barb Sabatino
8/30	David Parker



8/2	Kim & Russ Hartley
8/4	Pat & Lewis Nevis
8/16	Becky & Steve Nielsen
8/18	Gary E & Kathie Dowell
8/28	Cindy & Wayne Miller

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



Artifact of the Month: Greenwood Eagle Necklace

Jewelry artist Bob Shamey became so enamored by the Greenwood Racing team that he volunteered to join their crew and used his talents to craft a very special eagle necklace in honor of his friend, John Greenwood.

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Honoring Reeves Callaway

"As we mourn the passing of Reeves Callaway, we celebrate the indelible mark he left on the automotive industry. His creativity and innovation transformed the way we perceive performance. His legacy will forever be engraved in the hearts of car enthusiasts," said Sharon Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum.

Callaway passed peacefully on July 11, 2023.

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Social Events, Special Interest

Mystery Ride

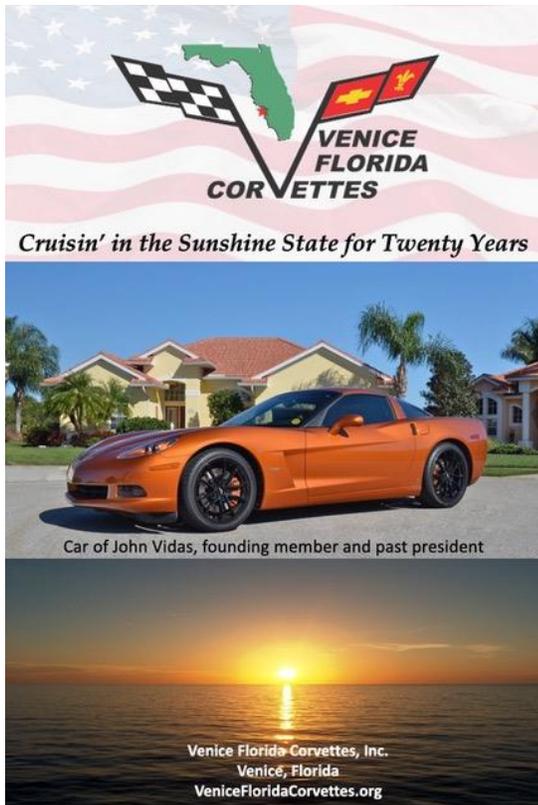
7/18

The club took a fun mystery drive on Tuesday, July 18 that was organized by Paul Schnackenburg and Ginger Carpenter. The day started at our regular north travel caravan location - Laurel Road and Knights Bridge. Our hostess handed out decorated Koozies with an ice-cold bottle of water. Promptly at 11:00, we were off, zooming up I-75 and onto I-275. We were instructed to stop at the rest area after the Sky Way Bridge. At the pit stop we were given "emergency directions" and instructed to "follow the car in front of you." That worked well until we exited I-275 and had to deal with traffic lights. Only two cars were left behind, but they found their way to the endpoint - Quaker Steak & Lube. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch, great atmosphere and above all great company. Our hostess also had little party favors of candy and a drawing for a car wash! Thank you, Paul and Ginger, for a great outing!

See VIN 001 at the 29th Anniversary Celebration

At this year's event, be among some of the first to view 1953 Corvette VIN 001 in our seminar highlighting *An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette*. Event registrants will hear from Curators, Bob Bubnis and Bryan Gable, with Corvette owner, Corey Peterson.

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Reporter: KathyTracy

Men's Monthly Breakfast

7/20

The regulars at the monthly Men's Breakfast enjoyed "A Trip Down Memory Lane" trivia quiz. The quiz was all about the history of VFC. Questions like who were the first president and vice president? And, where was our first car show held? Even some seasoned members didn't get them all correct but it certainly was a trip down memory lane.

Reporter: Terry Tracy



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>

Happy 70th Birthday, Corvette! We Look Back at Some of the Biggest Moments in Corvette History

By: Joe Kucinski, *The Corvette forum*



First completed on June 30, 1953, in Michigan the Corvette celebrates its 70th birthday today as one of the most iconic cars ever made.

*****IMPORTANT*****

Holiday Spectacular

The Venice Symphony erred in announcing the cut-off date for groups. They need our final numbers by **Wednesday, August 1 at 8:00 AM**. If you would like to go to the Holiday Spectacular, please register immediately so you can be in our group.

Reporter: KathyTracy

The big seven zero. Every **Corvette** die hard knows that June 30 is a special day in Corvette history. But June 30, 2023 is even more special. It is the **70th birthday** of the American sports car. Can you believe it has been that long already? In 1953 the average house cost \$8,200. A gallon of gas was 22 cents. And the brand new for 1953 Corvette was \$3,498. Well, those prices are long gone. But the Corvette is still here. In fact, a case can be made that the 2023 Corvettes are the best ever. You may not agree with that, but you must concede that to stick around this long the Corvette has generally been a terrific car that introduced a **number of innovations** along the way.

Of course, no car is perfect and there is no one on earth that has celebrated a 70th birthday that can honestly say they have never made any mistakes. The Corvette has had a few missteps as well. In honor of this milestone date, we are going to look back at some of the key highlights and a few lowlights in the life of the Corvette. Celebrating the American sports car as we head into the Independence Day holiday weekend. Does it get more American than that? Grab yourself a beer and a hot dog and enjoy this look back at Corvette history.

Highlight #1 – Corvette Number One



We had to start here, right? On June 30, 1953 in Flint, Michigan the very first production Corvette rolled off the assembly line. A star was born. All three hundred of the first year Corvettes were built by hand, and all were Polo White with Sportsman Red bucket seats. With a six-cylinder engine and an automatic transmission these were not the most sporting of Corvette models, but it was the start of something special.

Lowligh #1 – 1953 and 1954 Corvettes



The first Corvettes were historically important. But they were also expensive, not very sporty, and were sales flops. Was the new Corvette supposed to be a sports car? Or was it supposed to be a boulevard cruiser? The potential customers were not sure. GM almost killed the entire Corvette experiment but did not want to give in to the recently introduced (and hot selling) Ford Thunderbird. So, the Corvette stuck around but with significant changes to come.

Highlight #2 – 1955 GM Small Block V8



Now GM was getting serious about making the Corvette a true sports car. A 265 cubic inch small block V8 was dropped under the hood. Power jumped from 155 horsepower in 1954 to 195 horsepower with the new V8 in 1955. 0 to 60 times tumbled from 11.2 seconds to 8.7 seconds. A case can be made that the GM small block is the most important and successful engine in the history of the automobile.

Lowlight # 2 – 1975 Base Corvette



Emissions mandates strangled performance cars of this era and the Corvette was no exception. After years of producing immensely powerful cars the base C3 Corvette in 1975 made a humble 165 horsepower from its 350 ci V8. It managed to get from 0 to 60 mph in 7.7 seconds which was ok for the time. But when you consider that nearly a decade earlier a 1966 427 Corvette could hit 60 mph in just 4.8 seconds the performance of the 1975 car was disappointing.

Lowlight #3 – 1983 Corvette



To celebrate the 30th birthday of the Corvette GM offered...nothing. Forget any special commemorative edition. There was no 1983 Corvette at all. The C4 generation Corvette was to be the most advanced ever. But persistent delays meant that the entire 1983 model year would be skipped. The C4 finally came out for the 1984 model year. So, maybe instead of celebrating the 70th birthday this year, we should really call it the 69th?

Highlight #3 – 1957 Fuel Injection



Starting in 1957 you could order your Corvette with a fuel injection system instead of carburetors. Fuel injection might not seem like a big deal now, but it was a massive step forward in 1957. The Corvette may not have been the first car ever to introduce fuel injection. But it certainly made it more popular and introduced it to more people than ever before.

Highlight #4 – C2 Corvettes



Even with a short 5 model year run there is so much good with the C2 generation cars we decided to lump them all into one category. There was of course the 1963 split window. Also in 1963 was the first Corvette Z06. The 1966 big block rated at a conservative 425 horsepower. And of course, the 1967 L88. The C2 generation is full of highlights.

Lowlight #4 – 2020 Corvette Automatic Only



The C8 Corvette is an amazing performance car. It allows the Corvette to compete with (and beat) the likes of Ferrari and other exotic supercar makers. However, there was a casualty with the move to the C8 generation. The Corvette lost its manual transmission. That stings. For some, a sports car is as much about involvement as outright performance. And as good as the dual-clutch auto in the new C8 is. It can't match the involvement of a true three-pedal car.

Bonus Highlight – 70th Anniversary Z06



We are celebrating a 70th birthday here, so we can't end things on a low light. And the reality is there were a lot more highlights than lowlights in Corvette history anyway. So, here is another highlight for you. The C8 Z06 is a groundbreaking Corvette. A flat-plane crank engine, carbon fiber wheels and just an incredible overall package that makes this the most track-capable Corvette of all time. Sprinkle on top some 70th Anniversary badging and other styling upgrades and this becomes one of the most capable and collectible Corvettes to ever roll off the assembly line.

We can't wait to see what the next 70 years bring.

Images: Joe Kucinski; GM; Chevrolet; Bring a Trailer

Highlight #5 – 2019 ZR1



GM gave the C7 a beautiful send-off with the 2019 ZR1. 755 horsepower and 715 pound-feet of torque. The most powerful Corvette ever made. A top speed of 212 mph. And unlike the C8 that replaced it, the C7 ZR1 could be had with a manual transmission. This is the ultimate expression of the traditional Corvette.



Thanks to Bill Jereb for this photo.

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