

# VENICE VETTE GAZETTE



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

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

## President's Message



Well, it's officially fall and time to start welcoming our "snow birds" back!

This is the time of the year that our club becomes more active. Not that the summer was dull!

I am happy to announce that Kathy and Terry Tracy taking over the Gazette in the next few months. Many of our members look forward to this monthly newsletter. I think it is an important part of our club that keeps members informed as to what the club has been doing during the previous month. Along with SYE, Facebook and our new "app" everyone will have many ways to keep up with what we're doing. If you haven't visited our Facebook page you're missing out seeing all the fun things we've been doing. It's easy to join!

As I write this, I hope we will have our "2024 show shirts" available to show and sell at our October meeting.

The nominating committee has been working hard asking for members to volunteer for the 2024 Board. I know many of us have done our share of volunteering through the years and just want to relax in our retirement. But I think there are many of us that still have a little more to give. During my past year as President I have meet so many of our members that give so much to make VFC the best Corvette Club around. Volunteers are what has made and will continue to make our club great. If you can't volunteer as an officer for 2024, I am asking you to consider offering your help throughout the year with various committees .

September feels like the first day of school! Let's make this year a great one to enjoy each other, the upcoming events and driving our Corvettes!

Remember to "Save the Wave!"



**Linda Gomes**

## Board Member Messages

### Vice President's Message

September was another quiet month. A few members took part in the Dearborn Street Parade and Festival on Labor Day. This has in the past been known as the Dearborn Pioneer Days event.



The September Men's Breakfast was held at Perkins in North Port. The change in venue was appreciated and was attended by 11 members. Lin Beverly won the door prize, one of the restaurant's delicious pies.



**Terry Tracy**



# Upcoming Social & Car Show Events

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

## October 2023

Tuesday

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### Monthly Membership Meeting

Venice Community Center

6:00 PM

**More Info**

[View](#)

Friday

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### Troll Music Concert

8:00 PM

**More Info**

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Saturday

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### Flagler County Car Show

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Thursday

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### All Member Dinner - The Italian Grill

6:30 PM

**More Info**

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Thursday

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### Men's Breakfast

9:00 AM

**More Info**

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Friday

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### Lake Mirror Classic Concours Car Show

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Saturday

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### Lake Mirror Classic Concours Car Show

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Saturday

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### Greater New Orleans Corvette Club Car Show

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Sunday

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### 20th "Vettes on the Avenue"

8:00 AM

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Sunday

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### Lake Mirror Classic Concours Car Show

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Wednesday

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### Tripping Across Florida

10:30 AM

**More Info**

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Thursday

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### Tripping Across Florida

10:30 AM

**More Info**

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Friday

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### Tripping Across Florida

10:30 AM

**More Info**

[View](#)

Saturday

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### Bell Tower Car & Truck Show

9:00 AM

**More Info**

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Saturday

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### All Member Lunch - Linger Lodge

12:15 PM

**More Info**

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Sunday

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### Trunk or Treat at Venice Gardens

Venice Gardens Community Center

5:00 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>

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.

North Port Coalition for Homeless/Needy Children, Inc.

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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](mailto:sbieglecki@gmail.com)

## Membership News



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**David & Cherylann OKeefe**

## 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



10/1	Susan Kerndt
10/5	Steve Nielsen
10/5	Larry Spires
10/6	Pat Nevius
10/8	Dick Griese
10/8	Don Kerndt
10/10	Eugene W Bilak
10/12	Andy Deniston
10/12	Paul Serdyski
10/12	Judith Holland
10/12	Brian J Wanzer
10/13	Andrea Showers
10/16	Michele Seeley
10/17	Kathleen Solntzeff
10/17	William Zehms
10/18	Vito Guido
10/19	Stu Lewis
10/19	Darlene Bieglecki
10/21	Don Mager
10/22	Terry Frever
10/23	Terri Mattar
10/23	Lee Snell
10/25	Richard Palmer
10/27	Linda Gomes
10/28	Susie Hale
10/28	Chuck Probst
10/28	Erica Downs
10/30	Connie Poynter
10/31	Marty Dewey



10/7	Pam & Larry Dalton
10/16	Gerry & John Vidas
10/20	Pamela & Eugene Worcester
10/26	Valerie & Mike Miller
10/28	Ann & Mark D Kelly

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: World Series Sports Car: Reggie Jackson's 1978 Corvette Pace Car Replica

General Motors produced over 6,500 replicas of the first Indianapolis 500 Corvette pace car in 1978. That same year, the New York Yankees won the World Series.

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### Corvette Hall of Fame

The Corvette Hall of Fame welcomes its class of 2023! Inductees include John Amgwert, Dan Binks, and David Wickman

Want to attend the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony? Contact [Lexi Stewart](#), Donor Relations Coordinator, to find out how!

**SEE EVENT PHOTOS AND VIDEO**



## Car Shows & Events



### Upcoming Car Shows

**Saturday, October 7 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - VetteFest at Old Town** 5770 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL [More Information](#)

**Saturday, October 7 - Flagler County Car Show at Tom Gibbs Chevrolet** 5850 East Highway 100, Palm Coast, FL [Register Here](#)

**Saturday, October 14 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Keystone Motor Club's FALL Port Richey Rod Run** at Coast Buick GMC 10133 US 19 New Port Richey

**Friday, October 20 - Sunday October 22 - Lake Mirror Classic Concours Car Show** Lake Mirror, Lakeland, FL [Register Here](#)

**Sunday, October 22 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM 20th Vettes on the Avenue** New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, FL [Register Here](#)

**Saturday, October 28 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Corvettes on the Gulf's Car and Truck Show** at Bell Tower Mall Fort Myers [Register Here](#)

### Recurring Car Shows

Before you head to any of these events, be sure to confirm they will be occurring. We've found some cancel, but don't update the webpages.

**Sunday, October 1 - 8:00 - 11:00 AM First Sunday Cars and Coffee** at Cocoplum Village Shops 17739 Tamiami Trail, North Port

**Saturday, October 7 - 7:30 to 10:30 AM First Saturday Cars and Caffeine** at Downtown Wellen: Foxtail Coffee and Antique Automobile Club of America-Venice Region 19795 Wellen Pk Blvd., Venice



Saturday, October 7 - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM First  
Saturday Cruisin' on Dearborn West Dearborn St.  
Englewood

Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 Second  
Weekend Gulf Coast Autocross at Buckingham  
Airfield 3987 Sunset Road, Lehigh Acres

Saturday, October 14 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Ideal Classic  
Car Second Saturday Monthly Show 2224 S. Tamiami  
Trail, Venice

Saturday, October 14- 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Second  
Saturday Cars and Coffee at Edison Restaurant 3583  
McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers

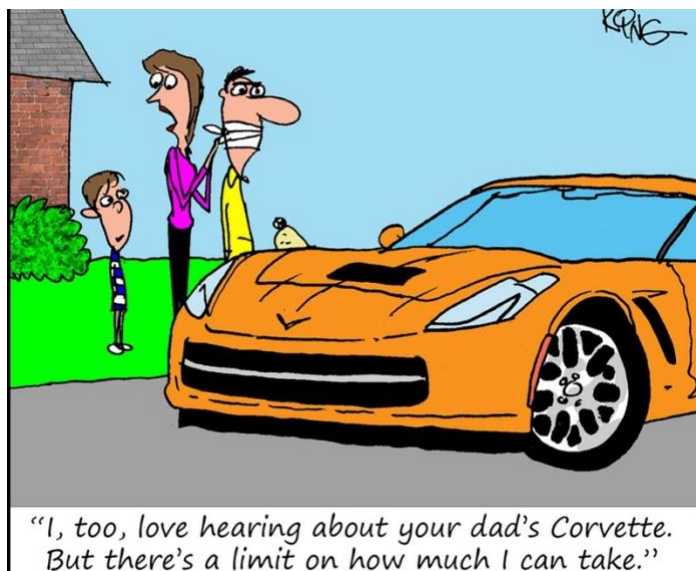
Saturday, October 14 - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Second  
Saturday Cars and Coffee at Ford's Garage 295 N.  
Cattleman Rd., Sarasota

Saturday, October 21 - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Third  
Saturday Cars and Coffee at Stingray Bar and Grill Punta  
Gorda

Saturday, October 21 -9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lance's Third  
Saturday Car Show (Pride and Joy) at Sarasota Classic  
Car Museum 5500 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Saturday, October 21 - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Five Guys  
Monthly Car Show 1900 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

Saturday, October 28 9:00 - 11:00 AM Fourth Saturday  
Cars and Coffee at Ideal Classic Cars 2224 S. Tamiami  
Trail, Venice



## Social Events

### Pioneer Days Parade

9/4

On Labor Day, the annual Englewood Pioneer Days event was resurrected this year and a few of us were able to join in the parade. This was a very last minute event and began at a very early hour but three VFC Corvettes were able to make it. Since our number was very small, we joined Peace River Corvette Club and made our way down Dearborn Street to the delight of kids and adults alike.



**Reporter: Kathy Tracy**

### All Member Dinner

9/14

A group of 27 members gathered at Prime Steakhouse for dinner on September 14. We were given their private room upstairs and we filled it up! The group was able to take advantage of their summer special or order from the menu. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and great conversation with a very lively group! To the delight of all, we were given a bottle of wine to enjoy at home. Thanks Art and Andi Jennerich!



**Reporter: Kathy Tracy & Andrea Jennerich**

## 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>

### Mystery History: Do you recognize this vintage Corvette racer?

By: Brandon Gillogly, Hagerty News



Larry Carpenter has a long history with Chevrolet Corvettes, stretching back more than 40 years. The backstory of one of his more recent purchases, however, is still clouded in mystery. This '56 was a former drag racer and certainly must have had a colorful past, but Carpenter, of Ogden, Utah, hasn't had much luck digging into its

quarter-mile exploits. Perhaps you or someone you know remembers seeing this straight-axle Corvette competing in Modified Sports Car classes in the '60s and can help shed some light on details. Here's a look:



Carpenter's love of Corvettes goes back to his teens. "My dad was a Ford man," said Carpenter, who let brand loyalty skip a generation. "In high school, I decided I wanted a Corvette." His father thought that Corvettes were hard to work on. We suppose anyone who's tried to service a big-block Corvette would have a tough time arguing. Despite his father's protests, Carpenter bought his first Corvette just before his senior year in high school. It was a 1964 convertible with a 365-horsepower L76 327.



"I've probably had about 35 different Corvettes," Carpenter admitted. His collection was never too large though, because his desire for a different Corvette would necessitate selling one to free up the room and the money to grab another. Today though, he's less interested in selling any of his current fleet to acquire a new one. Over the past 40 years or so, Carpenter's collection has included mostly second-and third-generation Corvettes. If there's one theme tying them all together, it's that none have remained stock. On the contrary, Carpenter seems to have a habit of buying banged-up race cars or basket cases and giving them a new life, with little reverence for concours-type restorations. "I'm not a purist," Carpenter



stated, completely at peace with the fact that his cars would be shunned by the National Corvette Restorers Society. "To me, NCRS means 'No Components Remain Stock'."

Indeed, his idea of a "100-point" car is one that has 100 aftermarket parts. We're not casting aspersions on Carpenter's taste, far from it: [We're fans of race-prepped 'Vett'es](#) and the godfather of Corvettes himself, Zora Arkus-Duntov, was a big proponent of giving Corvette buyers the parts needed to make them competitors on the track. Even if Carpenter's Corvettes don't remain stock, there is a theme, and it's often a period-correct look from the late '60s to early '70s.

The car that's spent the most time in Carpenter's fleet is a '66 coupe he's owned since about 2014. It was a big-block drag racer that Carpenter swapped to a [small-block](#) and then back to a [big-block](#). "It's really a hot rod," Carpenter explained, and it's now equipped as a road racer, complete with Hooker side pipes. He also owns a 1972 Stingray that wears side pipes along with Torque Thrust wheels and an L88 hood.



## 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](mailto:sbieglecki@gmail.com))

Click on the card for more info about this business