

# VENICE VETTE GAZETTE



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

## President's Message



It's been a bit warm here lately! Hope you are all staying cool.

Things are pretty quiet for our club at the moment but that doesn't mean there's not work going on behind the scenes.

I know the Social Chair is busy lining up a few things for the fall.

The search for a new shirt vendor is going strong. There are several businesses that have been contacted and the committee has sent requirements to vendors to insure the membership will be able to purchase club merchandise. We are trying to stay with a local company.

Our thoughts are with our members who are spending the summer in the Mid-West that are experiencing severe weather.

Wherever you are spending your summer please stay safe!

Have a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Linda Gomes**

## Board Member Messages

### Vice President's Message

The month of June proved very exciting for Corvette Racing in the World Endurance Championship in the Le Mans Grand Touring Endurance (LMGTE) AM class as they placed 1st in the at the 24 hours of Le Mans. The team staged an unbelievable come from behind victory after trailing by more than 8 laps early in the race as many of their competitors fell victims to the rain marred event.

As many Club members headed north for the summer Kathy and I decided to travel to Watkins Glen for the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA),

WeatherTech Championship Event, commonly known as the "6 hours at the Glen". On display were a few of the new Corvette E-Rays. Also in attendance very fellow VFC members Rick and Cheryl Palmer. More to follow next month as Kathy and I continue our vacation to Bowling Green and points West.

A Silver and Torch Red E-Ray



A cut away look at the interior frame of the Corvette, very interesting!



**Terry Tracy**

# Upcoming Social & Car Show Events

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

## July 2023

Saturday

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### First Saturday Cruzin' Dearborn St.

1:00 PM



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Sunday

2

### Cocoplum Cars and Coffee

8:00 AM



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Thursday

6

### VFC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

William H. Jervey, Jr. Venice Public Library

6:00 PM

**More Info**



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Saturday

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### ICC Monthly Car Show

Ideal Classic Cars

9:00 AM

**More Info**



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Tuesday

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### Monthly Membership Meeting

William H. Jervey, Jr. Venice Public Library

6:00 PM

**More Info**



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Thursday

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### Ladies Lunch - Rum Bay

Rum Bay Restaurant

11:00 AM

**More Info**



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Saturday

15

### Harbor Freight / Firehouse Subs Cruise In

5:00 PM



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Saturday

15

### Joey D's Pizza Venice Car Show -- CANCELED

Joey D's Pizza

5:00 PM



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Tuesday

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### Mystery Drive and Lunch

It's a mystery!

11:00 AM

**More Info**



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Thursday

20

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

Skillet-Village-Shoppes

9:00 AM

**More Info**



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Thursday

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### VFC Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Venice Police Station

6:00 PM

**More Info**



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Saturday

29

### Caladium Festival and Car Show

Devane Park

8:00 AM

**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 New 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.

North Port Coalition for Homeless/Needy Children, Inc.  
AKA



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

**Ron Houck  
LouAnn Houck  
Rick Mendez  
Gia Mendez  
Christian Wiltsey  
Lisa Ferrell**

## 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



7/1 Linda R McKee  
7/3 John Schulz  
7/4 Charles Jackson  
7/4 Connie Billiter  
7/8 Bill Watts  
7/8 Robert Metzger  
7/8 Mark D Kelly  
7/11 William Regina  
7/13 Charlie Wiles  
7/13 Jay Nicks  
7/14 Ron S Kubala  
7/15 Janice Kaplan  
7/15 Nigel Mison  
7/18 Thomas McCombs  
7/18 Jon J Schneider  
7/21 Robert Dandrea  
7/22 Cheryl Krasker  
7/22 Sandra Lewis  
7/26 Gerry Vidas  
7/26 William Bartlett, II  
7/26 Jody Forman-Fall  
7/27 Paul Schnackenberg  
7/27 Tom Hammis  
7/27 Lex van Brero  
7/30 Scott Findlow  
7/30 Lawrence O Price  
7/31 Larry Dalton  
7/31 Bob Winstel



7/6 Jerry & Connie Billiter  
7/31 Sue & Scott Trapp

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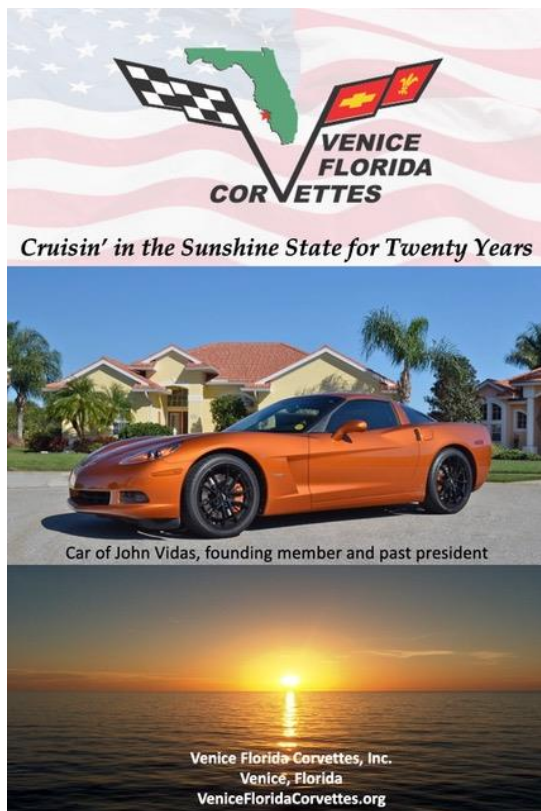
## From the Museum



### Artifact of the Month: Corvette 35th Anniversary Commemorative Plate

This plate depicts the 35th Anniversary Corvette and the unique emblem that adorned the car.

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Our 2023 NCM Banner

## Social Events, Special Interest

### Monthly Ladies Lunch at The Lighthouse Grill

6/8

We had a great lunch at the Lighthouse Grill and Tiki Bar. A beautiful breeze kept us cool on the warm summer June day. A few of us walked around the damaged lighthouse to view the snook. Those are some big fish. A big thanks Sue Jakob for organizing this Ladies Lunch. As always, there was great conversation and great company. Those who attended received a cute solar lighthouse!



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

### Three Club Lunch

6/11

Three local clubs got together to have a good time at Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda. Hosted by Peace River Corvette Club, VFC and Southwest Florida Corvette Club were also in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and meeting members from another club. It was a great opportunity to share what your club was doing.



Following lunch, several members went to the Working Cow for ice cream. A big thanks to PRCC for organizing this event. We are hoping to do more joint club activities.



**Reporter: Kathy Tracy**

## Men's Monthly Breakfast

6/15

The monthly men's breakfast took place on the third Thursday of the month at Skillet's in Venice. With many members up north for the summer and others on vacation, attendance was down but good conversation prevailed and made for another enjoyable morning.



**Reporter: Terry 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 prices have remained high for years now, but there are signs that now might finally be the right time to buy on.**

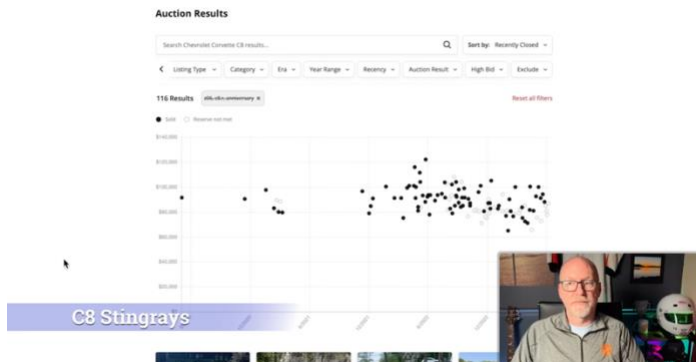
**By: Brett Foote, The Corvette forum**



Since the day it launched, we've seen C8 Corvette prices **stay inflated**, mostly because of the simple **laws of economics**. Supply has always been low thanks to **global supply chain issues** that have endured for years, while

demand for the mid-engine sports car remains high. However, with things somewhat returning to normal thus far this year, production has improved, while the launch of the Z06 has given buyers a new shiny object to focus on. Thus, it seems as if used C8 Corvette prices are indeed finally coming back down to a reasonable level, according to some research from the YouTube channel *Car Auctions Weekly*.

Over the past four years, GM has built a whopping 100k C8 Corvettes, and yet, prices have remained quite high. Typically, this isn't the case, as popular new models quickly become "just another used car" and prices inevitably come back down to reasonable levels. Recently, *Car Auctions Weekly* took a bit of a deep dive into auction results from *Bring a Trailer* and *Cars & Bids* to see if this is finally becoming the case with the C8.



**Editor's note:** Click [here](#) for a video on the subject along with a much more detailed look at the graphic above.

In this case, however, the data includes both the Stingray and Z06, the latter of which remains in high demand and low supply, with some examples selling for tens of thousands over sticker, as we've seen a lot of recently. However, out of the 10 Z06s listed on *Bring a Trailer* recently, five of them didn't sell, with one particular dealer refusing to take a \$50k profit on a \$138k car. Eventually, this won't be the case and Z06 prices will decline, but that day seems a bit far off at the moment.

However, the same cannot be said for C8 Corvette prices when it comes to the base Stingray. After peaking back in 2021, the Stingray is still a common sight on auction sites, with 19 out of 33 listings finding a new home on *BaT* recently. However, only three of those 19 cars that sold managed to reach the \$100k mark, with the majority trading hands for at or under MSRP. This is obviously great news for those that have been holding out, waiting for the right time to buy, as we may have finally turned the proverbial corner in that regard.

## 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