

# 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



Goodbye summer!

Hopefully some of you were able to escape to somewhere cooler for at least a few weeks. It's been a bit warm!

We will be welcoming many members back in the next few months. Many things are happening. Like another hurricane! As I write this, we're waiting to hear where the hurricane will hit and if we should evacuate AGAIN! Welcome back to Florida!

There are many events happening in the club that I hope many of our members will take advantage of. The men's breakfasts have been drawing a fair number of attendees and many of the ladies are enjoying the luncheons. These events are a nice way to meet newer members and spend some time getting together in smaller groups.

Being a club with so many members our social committee has tried to provide varied events in hopes to interest everyone. Not an easy task but they are making a huge effort to do so.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Gazette next year as Steve is retiring after many years. Thank you, Steve.

Our new shirt vendor should be in place and Bob, our quartermaster will provide the information needed to our members.

That's all I have for now. Let's hope the storm stays well away from us.

Stay safe and see you in September.

Remember to "Save the Wave!"



**Linda Gomes**

## Board Member Messages

### Vice President's Message

Another nice Men's Breakfast at Skillet's in Venice, we had 14 members for grub and gab. Nice to see some of the guys who have already returned from their northern travels this summer. The quiz this month centered around auto battery types, which I have found needs continuous maintenance, as my C4 again needed replacement. Keep those batteries on trickle charge when your Vette needs to rest for awhile. Next month we will try Pickens in North Port for our breakfast site.

Last month Kathy and I traveled to Ohio for my 60th high school reunion. Always good to see some old classmates again. The affair was held in the afternoon, rumor was that many no longer desired to drive after dark. Ha ha!

We were able to attend the annual Corvettes at Carlisle Show. The show is the largest and most fun-filled Corvette Event in the world. The Car Show features thousands of Corvettes representing all generations of America's Classic Sports Car.



Our Trophy Sponsor, Full Blown Chaos, Mike Lemek, who made the trip to Carlisle to offer many early Corvette parts for sale.



So many Corvettes, TNTC, "Too Numerous Too Count". Notice the Corvettes on the hill arranged as the American Flag.

**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. \*

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** *The September 5th membership meeting has been moved to the library (as shown below) because the Community Center is not available.*

## September 2023

Monday

4

### Englewood Pioneer Days is back on!

7:00 AM

**More Info**

[View](#)

Tuesday

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### Monthly Membership Meeting

William H. Jervy, Jr. Venice Public Library

6:00 PM

**More Info**



[View](#)

Thursday

14

### All Member Dinner at Prime Serious Steak,

**Venice**

6:30 PM

**More Info**

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Saturday

16

### Vettes at the Beach 2023

8:00 AM

**More Info**

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Thursday

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### Mens Breakfast CORVETTES

9:00 AM

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Wednesday

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### Ladies' Lunch - Farlows on the Water

12:00 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.

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

**Brian & Beth Wanzer  
James Wiesner**

## 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



9/1 Lawrence J Lemanski  
 9/1 Barry Louden  
 9/3 Kimberly K Cooper  
 9/8 Rick Mendez  
 9/8 Theresa Buckman  
 9/9 Keith Cain  
 9/9 Tom Christie  
 9/11 Skip Ackerman  
 9/12 Agnes Hiener  
 9/13 Gary E Dowell  
 9/16 Curt Norton  
 9/17 Hank Hajdas  
 9/17 Jim Mattar  
 9/20 Lynn Watts  
 9/21 Geoffrey Card  
 9/22 Lou Sauppe  
 9/24 Arthur Jennerich  
 9/26 Kathy Brunt  
 9/27 Donna Louden  
 9/27 Frank Bates  
 9/28 Ken E Marston  
 9/28 Christine Kirtley  
 9/29 Alice Romano



9/6 Chuck & Sharon Woodrum  
 9/10 Richard & Cheryl Palmer  
 9/18 Linda & Ron Friends  
 9/18 Ron & Linda Wencil  
 9/23 Frank & Dorothy Bates

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: Dan Binks Autographed Helmet

Dan Binks wore this helmet in his first race on the crew of Corvette Racing at Sebring. Winning this race launched Binks' long career as a crew chief with Corvette Racing.

[READ MORE](#)



### Attend the 29th Anniversary Celebration

Registered participants can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special presentations, raffles, and more!

[LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER ONLY](#)

Click [here](#) for more of the latest news from NCM



## Car Shows & Events

**Monday, September 4** - 9:00 - 10:00 AM (Staging at 7:00 AM) Celebrate Englewood's Pioneers Parade at Englewood Shopping Center, 262 S. Indiana Ave. Englewood [Register Here](#)

**Saturday, September 16** - The Miracle Strip Corvette Club 20th Annual "Vettes at the Beach" Casino Beach Parking Lot Pensacola, FL. [Register Here](#)

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

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

### RECURRING CAR EVENTS

Have any questions? Contact Terry Tracy  
Mark your calendars!

***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.***

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

**Sunday, September 3** - 8:00 - 11:00 AM First Sunday Cars and Coffee at Cocoplum Village Shops 17739 Tamiami Trail, North Port

**Saturday, September 9** and Sunday, September 10 Second Weekend Gulf Coast Autocross at Buckingham Airfield 3987 Sunset Road, Lehigh Acres

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

**Saturday, September 9** - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Second Saturday Cars and Coffee at Edison Restaurant 3583 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers

**Saturday, September 9** - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Second Saturday Cars and Coffee at Ford's Garage 295 N. Cattleman Rd., Sarasota

**Saturday, September 16** - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Third Saturday Cars and Coffee at Stingray Bar and Grill Punta Gorda

**Saturday, September 16** - 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, September 16** - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Five Guys Monthly Car Show 1900 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

## Corvettes at Carlisle

Some pictures of the amazing Corvettes at the event courtesy of Terry Tracy



An Awesome Red 1962 restored.



A 60th Anniversary 427 Corvette at Carlisle

## Social Events

### July Ladies Lunch - Rum Bay

7/27

Seven "brave" ladies took to the water for the 15-minute water taxi ride to Palm Island and Rum Bay Restaurant. Prior to departure we dressed up and had fun singing the theme song from Gilligan's Island. The trip out and back was so pleasant despite the heat and luckily it wasn't a 3 hour tour and we didn't get stranded (darn! Palm Island is beautiful!). At the restaurant, we enjoyed their special drink of the day, strawberry/banana daiquiri plus wonderful lunch dishes. After the raffle of buckets of rum, we wandered down towards the beach, then onto the dock to await our ride back. Once we were back on the mainland, everyone received a small box of yummy rum balls. It was a great afternoon!



**Reporter: KathyTracy**

### Caladium Car & Bike Show - Lake Placid

7/29

Club members enjoyed driving some of the back roads to Lake Placid to participate in the car and bike show at the annual Caladium Festival. We found shade but it was still a hot, humid day. We trekked up the street to see what the vendors were selling then found our way to Schooni's for some much-needed air conditioning and lunch. A few of us checked out Toby's Clown Museum too. Sam and Sue came away with a door prize - the only winners in our group. Despite the heat, everyone enjoyed the day and getting to know each other better.



**Reporter: KathyTracy**

### August Ladies Lunch - Pineapple Tequila

8/8

Another fun ladies lunch. This time we were at Pineapple Tequila in Venice. I couldn't get over the gorgeous pineapple lights. We had a really nice group of ladies who chit chatted the entire time! Everyone enjoyed the food and atmosphere. The fiesta favors were mini piñatas. We took them home to break them open even though our waitress said we could break them there! Thanks, Donna, for making the arrangements. If you haven't been to Pineapple Tequila yet, check it out, especially the lights!





**Reporter: KathyTracy**

## Lickity Split Caravan

8/11

On Friday, August 11, VFC members who wanted to caravan met in the same Englewood parking lot we've used for several years. This year, something was different. We all stayed in our Corvettes, engines running, AC on high. It was 96 degrees and too hot to stand outside and socialize.

The caravan with 6 Corvettes and one tin Chevrolet left the lot at 5:15 for the 4 mile trip to Lickity Split. Two other club Corvettes joined us on the way.



The larger side of the restaurant was reserved for the 27 club members and one guest who enjoyed great service, good food and those of us who had room, great ice cream. You can tell from the photos we all had a good time.



VFC has supported Lickity Split during the off season for many years and they appreciate it. Think about joining us next time.



**Reporters: Al & JoAnn Royal**

## Bob's Train Event

8/21

August 21 proved to be another great VFC member luncheon; this time held at Bob's Train restaurant off Fruitville Rd in Sarasota.



Owner Bob Horne treated us to many years of circus, military and aviation history and nostalgia. Then while Bob and his daughter prepared our wonderful meals,



we were able to tour this wonderful museum. Bob didn't stop after preparing our meals as he came back into the dining car to continue with his wonderful history stories.



We were entertained from the minute we entered until we left for home.



**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>

### 2002 Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark Is the More Powerful C5 That Should Have Been

By: Brett Foote, The Corvette Forum



Though it never quite achieved the success its maker envisioned, the Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark is still quite appealing.

Concepts are something that **have existed in the automotive world for decades**, giving us a **sneak peek at the future** in many cases – though many of these **one-off creations** never actually come to fruition. Sometimes that's a good thing and other times, well, we long for

production versions of concept cars, and that certainly applies to the 2002 Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark. A special machine designed and built by the folks at a company called Tecstar, the Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark was intended to be a hotter version of the already quite capable machine, though this particular outfit had bigger ambitions, a story that was recently retold via this episode of *Jay Leno's Garage*.

Tecstar wanted to sell the Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark via GM's own dealer network, making a production version of the 2001 concept of the same name that debuted at that year's SEMA Show. Thus, it set out to create something that was both visually distinctive and more capable than the regular old run-of-the-mill Z06, starting on the outside with a new front bumper, hood, and rear bumper, though the aggressive front section meant that Tecstar couldn't really lower the Z06 without risking turning it into a snow shovel of sorts. In fact, Leno admits he's had to replace the front bumper of his own car more than once.



The most notable thing about the Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark, however, was what lies under the hood – a stroked-out version of the factory LS6 V8 that raised displacement from 347 cubic inches to 402 with the addition of a new crank – just like the 2001 concept – a combination that churned out 525 horsepower thanks to that one big modification, along with a new exhaust and a tune.



Unfortunately, Tecstar never managed to totally convince GM that the Corvette Z06 Tiger Shark belonged in the C5 lineup, and the company was eventually bought out by Quantum Corporations in 2005. However, the Tiger Shark kit lives on today, and can even be purchased by those that dig the look – at least in terms of the exterior body parts – for less than \$2k.

See Jay Leno's take on the Tiger Shark [here](#)

## VFC Classifieds & Member Businesses

### VFC Classifieds

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### 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