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

President's Message



Thank you to all that took the time to vote for the new Board of Officers. President Linda Gomes, Vice President Lewis Stogner, Treasurer Bill Jereb, Secretary Kathie Dowell, and Membership Jim Mattar. We all look forward to serving VFC and making it a great year.

We have a lot going on in the next few months. November 25th we will once again join in the Venice Holiday Parade. Last year was our first time and we signed up again. The smiles and cheers from the children is amazing! What a great time.

I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Party at the Venice Yacht Club on December 10th. It's always fun to see all the boats lit up for the holidays.

January 7th our Welcome Back Brunch will be held at the Venezia once again. It gives a chance to welcome our "Snow Birds" back. Sign-ups will begin soon.

On February 20th we will have Mike Marasa, a geotechnical engineer, give a slide show presentation on the sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum. The presentation will be at the Venice Community Center at 6 P.M. Mike is doing this at no cost to the club. He was one of many engineers that studied the cause of the sinkhole. There will be time for questions after the 60 minute presentation. Some of us are going to the museum in August and this will be great information prior to our visit.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the Board members with questions, concerns or suggestions. We're always looking for ways to make our club better.



Remember to "Save the Wave!"

Linda Gomes

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message

A busy October for sure.

New member David O'Keefe at the Cocoplum cruise in. Welcome David, Great Ride.



Gene Bilak showing off his new Lambo doors at the Men's Breakfast. The breakfast was attended with 18 members at Skillet's in Venice as the snowbirds are starting to return. Ray Gomes won the door prize and the Social Committee graciously agreed to buy the winners' breakfast.



Kathy, Rita Raimer and I traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Annual Balloon Festival, over 600 balloons were there. A must on my bucket list.



Finally made it to this Remarkable Car Show “Lake Mirror Classic Concourse Show” in Lakeland, Florida, over 800 vehicles in attendance . A beautiful 2023 Caffeine Metallic Corvette.



On to Santa Fe for the day, where we came across this old panel truck that surely could use Full Blown Chaos.



Another relic that definitely needs our sponsor, (Full Blown Chaos), magic.



Took a balloon ride over the Rio Grande River, a beautiful day and quite a thrill.



Five Venice Florida Corvettes made the “Tripping Across Florida” event to Coral Castle and the Navy Seal Museum. Ray & Linda Gomes, Rita Raimer, Terry & Kathy Tracy, Tim & Chris Street, Susie Hale & Terry Sitzer.



A wonderful trip! How to see you on the next adventure.

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 (Note location change to Venice Library)

November 2023

Thursday

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Members Only Car Show Planning Committee Meeting

Venice Jervey Library Conference Room

5:00 PM

More Info



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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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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 - Fins

Fins at Sharkey's

12:00 PM

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Friday

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Camping at Carlisle Auction

Carlisle Auction Sun 'N' Fun Expo Campground

8:00 AM

More Info



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Friday

10

Carlisle Auction Friday only

Sun 'n' Fun Expo Complex

8:00 AM

More Info



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Saturday

11

Carlisle Auction Saturday only

Sun 'n' Fun Expo Complex

8:00 AM

More Info



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Thursday

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Men's Breakfast

Skilletts-Village-Shoppes

9:00 AM

More Info



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Friday

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New Member Orientation

Valentis Ristorante

5:00 PM

More Info



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Saturday

25

Venice Holiday Parade

Downtown Venice

3:00 PM

More Info



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Tuesday

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CoolToday Park Tour

CoolToday Park

11:00 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 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.

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

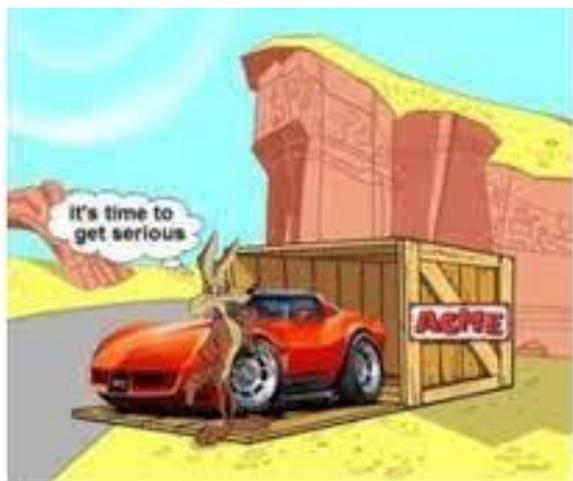
Wish the club would do something you enjoy? Did your old club have an activity that we don't do that you really enjoy? Let us hear from you. Send your ideas to me and I will distribute them to the proper people for consideration. Steve Bieglecki sbieglecki@gmail.com

Membership News



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Robert & Kim Keel
Paolo Fettuccia & Molly Fox
Donald & Pam Eggebrecht**



Quartermaster's Corner

The club has selected a new vendor who is finishing our link to his on-line store. We hope to announce that we are linked by our meeting this Tuesday.

Our goal is for everyone to be able to order any item on-line (including show shirts) as we have very limited quantities on hand. We will still be the sole supplier of member t-shirts and one name badge per new member.

Quartermasters: Bob Bortolot and Sandra Lewis

Celebrations



11/1 Terry P Tracy
11/2 Pamela Dalton
11/2 Charles Begin
11/3 Cheryl L Davis
11/7 Bob Getz
11/9 Jim R Jennings
11/10 Barbra Dandrea
11/10 Walter Solntzeff
11/11 Dan J Larson
11/12 Wanda Dallman
11/12 Robert Arrighi
11/13 Donna Collins
11/16 Becky Nielsen
11/20 Lynn Mison
11/22 Jim Wunderlich
11/25 John F Reutemann
11/25 Timothy Ebel
11/26 Larry Calp
11/26 Dorothy Bates
11/29 Deborah Price



11/4 Robert & Carol Spreter
11/6 Ron & Joan Kubala
11/13 David & Anne Cummings
11/24 Theresa & Don Buckman

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: Corvette Color Samples Wheel for 2000

General Motors designers may have used this color sample wheel to plan Corvette's colors for model year 2000. This wheel shows all 10 colors offered, including the popular Torch Red, the trendy Light Pewter, and the brand new, more expensive, Millennium Yellow.

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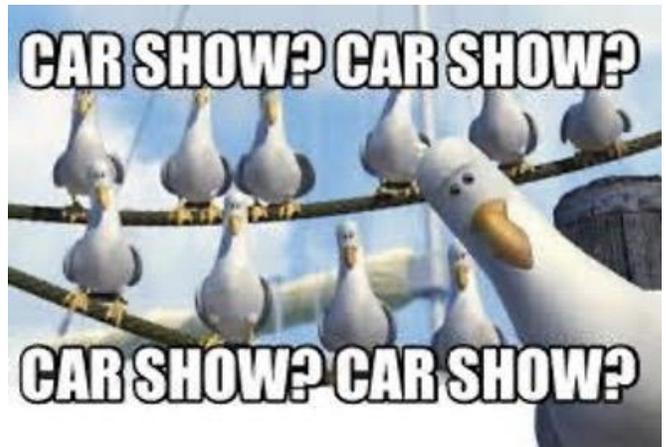


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Car Shows & Events



Upcoming Car Shows

Saturday, December 9 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Harbor Corvettes: A Holiday Happening (Club's 10th Anniversary Show) at Sting Rays Bar and Grill 10175 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda [Register Here](#)

Saturday, January 20 11:00 to 2:00 PM Full Blown Chaos 2nd Anniversary Celebration and Car Show 899 US Highway 41 Bypass, Venice See Event Calendar for Information

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.

Saturday, November 4 - 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, November 4 - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM First Saturday Cruisin' on Dearborn West Dearborn St. Englewood

Sunday, November 5 - 8:00 - 11:00 AM First Sunday Cars and Coffee at Cocoplum Village Shops 17739 Tamiami Trail, North Port

Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12 - Second Weekend Gulf Coast Autocross at Buckingham Airfield 3987 Sunset Road, Lehigh Acres

Saturday, November 11 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Ideal Classic Car Second Saturday Monthly Show 2224 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice

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

Saturday, November 11 - 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Second Saturday Cars and Coffee at Ford's Garage 295 N. Cattleman Rd., Sarasota

Saturday, November 18 - 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Third Saturday Cars and Coffee at Stingray Bar and Grill Punta Gorda

Saturday, November 18 -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, November 18 - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Five Guys Monthly Car Show 1900 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

Saturday, November 25 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM Fourth Saturday Cars and Coffee at Ideal Classic Cars 2224 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice

CORVETTE RACING - FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Your Calendars.

November 4 The Bapco Energies 8 hours of Bahrain returns November 4 for the spectacular culmination of the 2023 World Endurance Championship (WEC). The race will be available on Motorsport TV.



Social Events

Tripping across Florida 10/25

Five Corvettes took to the roads on Wednesday, October 25th to explore Florida. After meeting in Punta Gorda, we traveled to Everglades City for lunch in the quaint Island Cafe. Stopping at the Big Cypress Oasis Visitor Center was a little disappointing as there were only a few alligators. Onward we went to Homestead to our hotel and dinner at Outback. Getting ready for the day, Thursday morning became a challenge as the power kept going off! All managed to get themselves ready and we were off to Coral Castle. What an interesting place. Rudimentary tools were used to create a castle with different "rooms." Imagine huge stone rocking chairs, a transmission "crockpot" and natural refrigeration. Fascinating! On to our next stop - Port Myaca Dam and Lock. A quick stop and photo shoot then a drive on a canopy road to Ft. Pierce. Friday morning found us traveling to the Navy Seal Museum. Wow! These guys are amazing and so is the equipment. I'm glad they have our back. It was a great trip with many fascinating stories to keep us entertained.

Port Myaca



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

Canopy Rd



Navy Seal Museum



Coral Castle



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

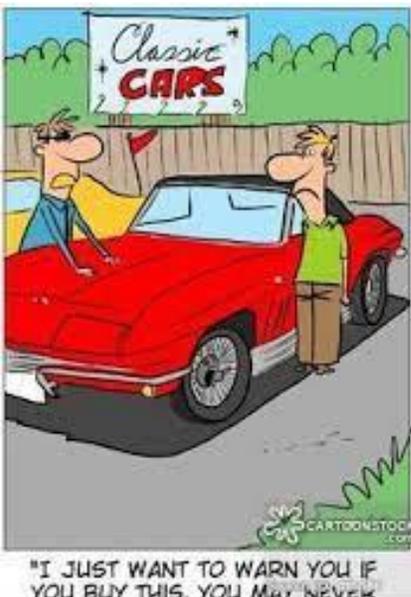
All Member Lunch at Linger Lodge

Fifteen cars zoomed up I-75 to the residential area of Braden Run to find this hidden gem. This is a true old Florida eating establishment that has entertained and fed many locals and visitors for many years. The group had a great lunch and great company at this quirky place!

A Message from Kathy Tracy

To All VFC Members,
After two years of serving as your Social Chair, the time has come for me to step down and pass the responsibility on to another member. My last official day will be December 31, 2023. It has been a fun two years and I have met many members whom I would not have met otherwise. Terry and I joined the club in 2020 during COVID and were happy to find a club that was willing to have some activities. We went to local car shows and to open air restaurants. When things settled down, I worked with then Chair, Rita Raimer, planning events. Rita moved onto membership and Gayle Cain took the lead. Due to her work schedule she could no longer manage the committee and I agreed to take the position. During the past two years, with the help of Terry, we put together some fun activities and events. He and Alan Eckle started the monthly Men's Breakfast. Someone will need to step in and take the lead starting in January. We continued planning a monthly lunch for the ladies where I was able to use my crafting skills and make party favors, door prizes and some fun stuff. We also planned a few road rallies, went to the rodeo, the symphony and just recently did a three-day trip in Florida. It all has been work but fun. Best of all is meeting other members and sharing stories about cars and travel and activities. I will not be out of the picture completely and will help wherever I can, but I must pass this position on to another member. Terry and I will be publishing the Gazette to keep in touch as we make plans to relocate for a few years. Thank you for this opportunity. Please let me or one of the Board members know if you are willing to take this position.

Sincerely
Kathy Tracy



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C8 Corvette ZR1: Everything We Know So Far

By: Brett Foote, The Corvette Forum



The C8 Corvette ZR1 was recently spotted testing with less camo than ever, along with some clues as to what's lying under the hood.

As we watched the C8 Corvette debut a few years ago, it was already immediately clear that **multiple variants would follow**, as has traditionally been the case. In fact, the since-revealed **Z06** and **E-Ray** were two of the worst kept secrets in the automotive world, as **is also the case** with the forthcoming C8 Corvette ZR1. Over the past few years, we've heard all sorts of rumors and speculation pertaining to the C8 Corvette ZR1 – including conflicting information **regarding what will power it** – and given the recent sighting of a camouflaged prototype at Germany's

Nurburgring, we're learning even more about the range-topping variant.

Firstly, we have to talk about the elephant in the room – styling. To date, we've seen some C8 ZR1 prototypes **clad in heavy black padding**, which concealed much of the car's finer details, but this newly-sighted model has some more traditional coverings on it, along with the Z06's rear wing. That isn't the case with this new prototype, which is wearing a rather massive rear wing that's even bigger than one present on the C7-gen model.



That wing isn't the only thing that makes this C8 Corvette ZR1 prototype unique, however, as it's also sporting a front-end design that's similar to the Z06, yet equipped with some sort of extra trim piece on the nose. Otherwise, the dive planes look like the ones present on the Z06 Z07 package, and there's a heat extractor in the hood, interestingly enough. Moving down the sides, we see the familiar wide body treatment, albeit one with an additional air intake in the rear fenders, while the spear trim is gone. The rear looks very much like the Z06, right down to its center-mounted quad exhaust.

Perhaps most notably, this prototype isn't wearing any decals noting that it's equipped with a hybrid powertrain, which are required for cars testing at the Nurburgring to alert emergency personnel if the car is involved in an accident. Those stickers were seen on E-Ray prototypes testing at the iconic circuit last year, meaning that it's quite likely the C8 ZR1 won't be an electrified model. Rather, as originally expected, it could be utilizing a twin-turbocharged version of the Z06's 5.5-liter LT6 V8 **dubbed the LT7**.

For the most part, readers in the **CorvetteForum forums** are reacting favorably to this design, though some obviously aren't huge fans of the huge rear wing. "I am digging that hood!" said **ChevyChad**. "I also knew those rear intakes on top of the hatch were gonna show up at some point on the C8 platform." "Interesting to see the side scoop trim tail changed into an inlet. Also, I too recall the hatch inlets in an early design sketch. Front brakes look massive," added **RapidC84B**. "Yooooowza! That is some epic aero, and I love the extra functional ducting front and rear," said **Electron Mike**. "Tough to up the game over the Z06, but you have my attention Corvette team!"

Click [here](#) to see a video of the 2025 ZR1 with its' pants down.

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