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

President's Message



I can't believe it's December and the end of my first year as VFC President.

It's a bit of a learning curve as any one that has taken on a position in a large organization knows. But I have been fortunate to have a great board and so many members to help along the way.

Volunteering is the key ingredient to a successful club whether it be a members dinner, ladies luncheon, men's breakfast or any number of day or overnight trips. It takes teamwork. We've all volunteered in our lives for our children, church and other organizations. There have been so many opportunities to join members in seeing and doing things in and around our area. Volunteering is the best way to get to know members. So please help your club by volunteering for just one thing next year.

I'm proud of the 2023 Vette Together which was at capacity and well organized. 2024 I know will be just as good if not better! This is our Event of the Year and takes 200 people to put it on. Think about helping your club on this special day.

I'm not going to list all of the members that have made the year a success for fear of forgetting someone. But to each and every Board member, committee chairs, volunteers and members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for helping to make this club THE BEST!

You can renew your membership and sign up for the Welcome Back Brunch at the December meeting if you can't sign up on our website.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party or the January 7th brunch.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!



Remember to "Save the Wave!"

Linda Gomes

Board Member Messages

Vice President's Message

What a busy month. Many Great Events. First I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we're able to share the day with family/friends, hope your teams were all victorious.

A Car Show at South Gulf Cove hosted by Peace River Corvette Club member Ed Kerschke. Got to love these old wooden panel vehicles.



And the beautiful new C8, what a contrast.



Kathy and I attended a Veterans Parade in Port Charlotte. We placed military and patriotic items on our Indy Corvette.



I attended the Florida West Coast Car Club show in honor of Dennis Ott who supported their club for many years.

I won a trophy, presented by Mrs. Ott and their son.



A wonder way to spend a Saturday, driving cars for auction in Punta Gorda.



My first drive of the day, a 1950 Lincoln Cosmopolitan. I managed to flood it on the way out of the auction. How embarrassing.



An old Cadillac, would love to have one of these.



A beautiful Corvette.

Bill Zehms being pushed off the auction block, we were being pushed while in the building.



Can you believe, two BMW Isetta's, in 1955 this was the 1st mass-produced car to achieve 78mpg, a single

cylinder vehicle. Has to be even smaller than the Smart Car.



My 2nd ride, Mustang California Special GT, only 16k miles. I



I drove this Vette, it Sold for over 55k, but will definitely need a brake job as the pedal often went to the floor.



Wonderful interaction between area car clubs, hope you can join in whenever possible and that is the rest of the story, until next time have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

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 date change below)

December 2023

Saturday

9

A Holiday Happening

8:00 AM

More Info

[View](#)

Sunday

10

Christmas Party - Venice Yacht Club

5:00 PM

More Info

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Tuesday

12

Monthly Membership Meeting

Venice Community Center

6:00 PM

More Info



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Wednesday

13

Ladies Lunch - Christmas Cookie Exchange

11:30 AM

More Info

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Saturday

16

Holiday Spectacular - Venice Symphony

7:30 PM

More Info

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Thursday

21

Men's Breakfast

9:00 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

Lane & Julie Brown
Thomas & Kimberly Carey
David Cox
Jack & Carol Kinney
John Gula & Christine Prout
Dennis & Maureen Mitchell
Mike & Donna Pascarella
Richard & Sheree Zwiebel



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



12/1	Lonney Ensign
12/2	Andrea H Jennerich
12/4	Ron Casciato
12/6	Randy Brodsky
12/6	Nancy Rushlow
12/7	Tom Overmyer
12/9	John P Gula
12/10	Gerald F Fall
12/10	Robert Marshall
12/12	Ginger Carpenter
12/12	Terry Rogers
12/13	Lee Herron
12/14	JoAnn Royal
12/15	Ronald M Gilgenbach
12/16	Jane Serdynski
12/16	Gary Germano
12/16	Rudi P Tomiczek
12/20	Judy Van Patten
12/20	Thomas R Menken
12/21	Christian T Wiltsey
12/23	Gayle Cain
12/24	Al Royal
12/30	Donald S Eckman
12/30	Bruce Seeley
12/31	Bill Sabatino



12/3	Bobin & Rick Coons
12/30	Michelle & Bill StClair

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



Due to manufacturing advancements, tours offered by the National Corvette Museum of GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be suspended beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. At this time, there is no confirmed date for plant tour resumption. The National Corvette Museum will remain open to the public and continue regular operations. To reserve your spot through Friday, February 2, 2024, visit us online at corvettemuseum.org. As more information is made available, it will be shared by the National Corvette Museum.

[SCHEDULE A PLANT TOUR](#)



Artifact of the Month: Jack Gerbic Career Recognition Badge

Francis "Jack" Gerbic worked for General Motors for over 40 years. He was instrumental in moving Corvette production to Bowling Green and served as the plant's first Production Manager. His colleagues gave him this badge when he retired in 1991.

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Car Shows & Events



A Message from our VFC Car Show Chair

The VFC Car Show committee chairs will be meeting on Wednesday, December 6 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Royal Order of the Moose in Venice. Be sure to register. [Register Here](#)

Let your non VFC Corvette friends know that registration opened on December 1 for the March 17 show. Tell them to register soon, if they want to participate. Over half the slots have been reserved.

Members, we know the Show is getting closer, so please take the opportunity to help with any of the following show committees: 50/50, Basket Raffle, Door Prizes, Parking, Farewell Salute, Info Table, Judging, Participant Choice, Photographer Assistant, Corvette Photo Op, Registration, Setup, and Takedown.

Many of the committees require only 2 to 4 hours time slots during the show.

Contact Mike Hiener at the general meetings or send an email to VetteTogetherChair@VeniceFloridaCorvettes.org with any questions.

VFC Car Show of the Month

8 AM to 4 PM Saturday, December 9, 2023
Sting Rays Bar & Grill @ Muscle Car City
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

A Holiday Happening, an All Makes & Models car show sponsored by Harbor Corvettes has been chosen as the VFC Highlighted Corvette Event for the Month of December. Let's support Harbor Corvettes. They support our club throughout the year.

Harbor Corvettes is a big supporter of our annual show, lets support theirs. VFC had 29 Corvettes last year, enough to win the \$100 Club Participation award. Let's do it again in 2023!

There will be two caravans, one from the **Home Depot in East Englewood**, the other **across from the Shell on**

Laurel Road in Venice east of I-75. Both caravans will depart at 8:15. Laurel Road will travel down I-75 and Home Depot (on 776 in Englewood) will travel down Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41).

Click here for more information and a link to the registration form. **Early registration is closed, but you can still print the form and take it with you. Please be sure to add your name to the club list, so there will be enough spots allocated for all our cars attending.**

Additional Information and Club Signup

Upcoming Car Shows

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

Sunday, January 21 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Rotary Club Art & Crafts Festival at Venice Community Center and Venice Airport Festival Grounds [Register Here](#)

Saturday, February 10 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM The Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches' Signature All Corvettes Car Show at The Mall at Wellington Green in Wellington, FL. See registration information in Event Calendar.

Saturday, February 17 8:00 AM to noon Members Only Car Show at Ideal Classic Cars 2224 Tamiami Trail, Venice [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.

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

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

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

Saturday, December 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, December 23 - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Fourth Saturday Cars and Coffee at Ideal Classic Cars 2224 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice

Social Events

Cool Today Park Event

11/28

CoolToday is aptly named for the day of our behind-the-scenes tour! At a cool, 58 degrees (and some wind), 28 members and guests braved the chilly air for this awesome tour. Thanks to Sandra Lewis' persistence it finally happened after almost 2 years of planning.

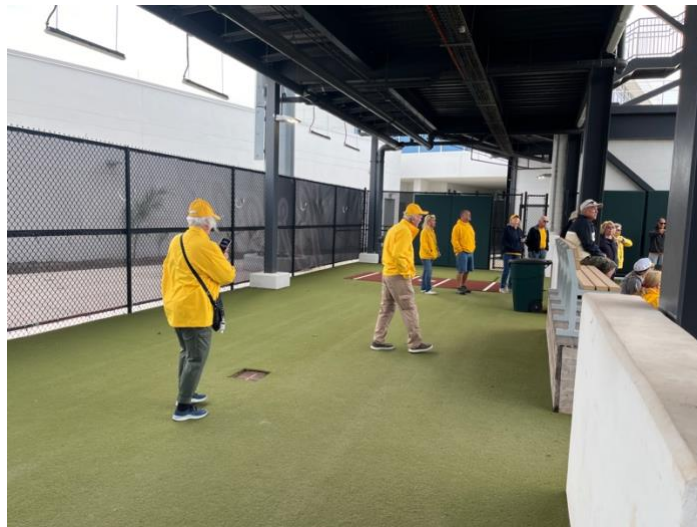


We checked out the press box, dugout, and bullpen.

November Ladies Lunch and Men's Breakfast



VFC Ladies at Fins on 11/9



Matt, our guide, gave us lots of information about the building and facilities. It is one beautiful park. Our tour also included lunch at the Tomahawk Tiki. Despite the chilly temps and wind, everyone had a great time. We are hyped for our Spring Training game with Boston!!



VFC Men at Perkins on 11/16



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

Venice Christmas Parade

11/25

On Saturday, November 25, eight club member cars and one guest car participated in the 47th annual Venice Holiday Parade. What a great time everyone had! We decorated our Vettes, took our place in line and waited for our turn. We had a picnic lunch and put last minute touches on them. Then around 7:00, we were off! All the cars looked great and the crowds loved them. Shouts of "Rev it up" and "I love your car" were heard all along the route. Downtown Venice looked beautiful. The city anticipated about 30,000 spectators and I think they were correct. It was a great event and everyone is looking forward to doing it again next year. You can watch the parade on YouTube. The Vettes are at 1hour 13 minutes. Here is a link: <https://youtu.be/18Kh0XUbPUI?t=4470>



Reporter: Kathy Tracy

Tech Events, News & Workshops

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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>

Seeing the 2024 Corvette Family Together is a Dream Garage Come True!

By: Michael S Palmer, The Corvette Forums

Chevy brought a 2024 Corvette trio to the LA Auto Show to highlight the newest model, latest colors, and upgraded technology.

I've been writing and learning about Corvettes almost every day for the last four years. And what a journey it's been, with all the ups and downs and deliveries and delays as Team Corvette finally debuted the long-rumored **mid-engine eighth-generation Stingray**, a major leap forward in capability and quality. Five model-years later, the 2024 Corvette isn't just a car, it's a growing family of three. (And hopefully to be four or five.)



2020: The **Stingray** is probably the single greatest sports car bargain on the planet at the moment, combining supercar looks and improved mid-engine traction with a modern American V8.



2023: The **Z06** is unlike any Corvette ever made, a wide-body track weapon with optional carbon fiber everything and the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 engine of all time.



2024: The **E-Ray**, a fellow wide-body monster, is the quickest accelerating Corvette in history thanks to its V8 engine in the back and electric motor up front, making it

not only the first hybrid Corvette, but also the first all-wheel-drive Corvette.

Hitting up the 2023 LA Auto Show this week, it was my first time seeing all three in one place so I could really get a sense of their style and dimensions and unique features. So I shot a quick video (above) to share a few specs, give a few hints about how to tell them apart if you find one in the real world, and — more so in this post — share a few subjective reactions to all of them.

2024 Corvette Specs – How to Tell Them Apart

Here's a quick breakdown of the power and pricing for all three 2024 Corvette models

Stingray



The Stingray is going to be narrower compared to its siblings. It's also adorned with a few Stingray badges that don't appear on the others. Out back, a stock Stingray will have what some call an "outboard" quad-tip exhaust (exhaust tips on the sides). And if you look at a Stingray's doors, the angular accent pieces look almost like greater-than or less-than signs.

- 6.2L LT2 V8
- 495 horsepower (with performance exhaust)
- 470 lb.-ft. of torque
- 8-speed Tremec dual-clutch transmission
- 0-60 mph – 2.8s (MotorTrend)
- Quarter mile – 11.1s at 123.2 mph
- Pricing ~ \$70K to \$110K

E-Ray



The easiest way to know you have an E-Ray? It's a widebody C8 Corvette with an "outboard" exhaust. Naturally, the badges say E-Ray. And it will come standard with carbon ceramic brakes. Looking at its doors, it features a different accent piece that some call the "wishbone" that it shares with the Z06. E-Rays will *often* come with a body-colored wishbone and revised front grille, but that's not a guaranteed way to know you have an E-ray because you can option up to a carbon flash or dark grey painted version of the wishbone, similar to the Stingray.

- 6.2L LT2 V8 (rear) + Electric Motor (front) performance hybrid
- AWD
- 655 horsepower
- 595 lb.-ft. of torque
- 8-speed Tremec dual-clutch transmission
- 0-60 mph – 2.5s
- Quarter mile – 10.5s at 128mph
- Pricing ~ \$107K to \$160K

Z06



The Z06 was the first wide-body C8 variant and it (as I write this) is the only C8 Corvette with a center-exit quad-tip exhaust. It's also the only widebody C8 Corvette that you can order with traditional steel rotors as well as the only one you can order with the "Carbon Aero" package. So if you see a massive wing on the back made of carbon fiber, it's probably a Z06. Or if you ever hear a Z06 engine start up, rev, or drive by, it's going to sound much more like a European exotic V8 than an American V8. That's because it's the first Corvette with a flat-plane crankshaft, which allows it to rev north of 8,000 RPMs.

- 5.5L LT6 dual-overhead cam, flat-plane-crank V8
- 670 horsepower
- 595 lb.-ft. of torque
- 8-speed Tremec dual-clutch transmission
- 0-60 mph – 2.6s
- Quarter mile – 10.6s at 131.6 mph
- Pricing ~ \$115K to \$180K

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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)



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