



# OctoberVETTES 2014

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Event?** *OctoberVETTES* is a chance for Corvette owners to get together and enjoy an entire weekend of fun and relaxing on one of Florida's best beaches. It includes a weekend of relaxing, vacationing, partying and socializing and also includes an all Corvette car show.

**Where is the Event?** The event is at the Howard Johnson Island Resort on beautiful St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida. The Howard Johnson Island Resort is located at 6100 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706. Their phone number is 727- 360-7041.

**When is the Event?** The event begins on **Friday, October 3th** and continues until **Sunday, October 5th**.

**What happens on Friday?** Friday, participants begin arriving at the Howard Johnson Resort, checking into the hotel, getting settled in, walking around the resort, relaxing at one or more of the many spots in the resort, sightseeing or just about anything you would like to do. Friday evening, many guests will gather at the Toasted Monkey Beach Bar for drinks and socializing with friends and other Vetter's.

**What happens on Saturday?** Saturday is "Play Day", relaxing on the beach, relaxing in or around the pool, sleeping on the lawn, sightseeing, dolphin watch tours, Shell Island excursions or shopping. After dinner, there will be more socializing and relaxing. Please remember, the pool is limited to registered guests of the resort.

**What happens on Sunday?** Sunday is primarily the Car Show, and relaxing at the resort. Trophy presentations will be in the late afternoon followed by departure for those not staying longer at the resort. Again, please remember, the pool is limited to registered guests of the resort.

**Do I have to attend the entire weekend?** No. You may attend for any combination of the three days you wish. We hope and encourage you to make the most of the entire weekend, but we also realize not everyone may have the flexibility to do that. Some will arrive on Friday and stay through Sunday. Others will stay Saturday and Sunday, and some will just be there Saturday or Sunday. Whatever fits your schedule.

**Do I need to rent a room at the resort to be in the show?** No. There are many options to choose from. Participants may just come for the show, they can come for the show and spend the day at the resort without staying overnight, or they can reserve rooms for as long as they wish. **The pool is limited to registered guests of the resort**, but you can use the beach and the Sports Bar.

**Do I need to be in the show to come to the event?** Again, no. You may come for just the relaxation and socializing, just for the show or both. If you are not registered in the show, you must park in general parking, not in the show area.

**Are there any special pricing plans for the event?** Yes. Event pricing is \$84.15 per night for a Standard room with a Balcony plus tax, \$118.15 per night for a Suite without a Gulf View plus tax and \$135.15 per night plus tax for a Suite with a Gulf View. Daily room rates are for up to 4 occupants and includes the use of the pool. All Standard rooms have a balcony. Room upgrade requests may be made to Gulf View Suites based upon availability. To get the event pricing, contact the reservations desk at [\(727\) 360-7041](tel:7273607041) and tell them it is for the **Suncoast OctoberVETTES** event.

**What about trailers?** No trailers may be parked on the resort premises. Parking of trailers takes too much space and parking is at a premium on the beaches.

**Is there covered parking?** There is no covered parking.

**Can we bring our own food and/or refreshments?** Yes, every room has a mini-refrigerator, a microwave oven and a coffee maker for your convenience.

**What is there to do outside the resort?** Mostly depending on the time available to you, there are actually many things to do in the area. A shuttle bus will take you to John's Pass if you wish to go shopping, and all the way up to Clearwater should you desire to do so. Johns Pass has an entire village of shops. There are many restaurants in the area should your club desire to go out together for a meal and the resort's facilities are crowded.

**What is the suggested attire?** Since this is October, "Florida Formal" seems to be shorts and tank tops most of the time! Nothing at the event will require a suit or a gown, and most nice restaurants and clubs accept casual wear (not Florida Formal!).

**How do I reserve a room at the special show rates?** Reservations may be made by contacting the Reservations Department at [\(727\) 360-7041](tel:7273607041). To get the event special room rates, you must register under the keyword "**Suncoast OctoberVETTES**" to get the event rates.

**When must I make my reservations?** All reservations must be made by **Friday, September 19th** to get the event's discounted rates. All reservations made after September 19th will be on a space available basis and at the normal rates.

**Where do I park when I arrive?** If you arrive on Friday or Saturday, there is general parking at the front of the resort and additional parking in a gate restricted area on the South side of the resort. Those arriving Sunday morning and not staying at the resort will go directly to the show area, which is in the gate restricted parking area. Once parked, you will proceed to the registration area and register.

**Where and when is the show?** The show itself is **Sunday, October 5th** between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM in a reserved portion of the Howard Johnson resort south parking lot.

**Where do I register for the show?** Once you have parked, there will be Suncoast members assisting you towards the registration area.

**Is the show open to the public?** Yes.

**What classes will be in the show?** Currently, we plan to have trophies in C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, Modified, Custom and an Overall Best of Show, which will be selected by the resort. SCA Corvettes are not eligible for the Overall Best of Show award.

**Will there be Suncoast Corvette Association cars in the show?** Yes, but you will not be competing with them for trophies.

**How will the judging be done?** Judging will be by Participants Choice, BUT, Suncoast members will vote for the non-Suncoast entries, and the non-Suncoast entries will vote for the Suncoast entries. Again, Suncoast entries will not be eligible for any special award trophies.

**How will classification be done?** Once classification requirements have been finalized, they will be posted here. Stock pretty much means stock, but modified and custom will be based on specific modifications.

**When does pre-registration end?** Currently, pre-registration must be done before **Sunday, September 21, 2014** or before **50 cars** have been registered. We are guaranteed 50 spaces and while we may have the ability to exceed 50 spaces, that will be controlled by the number of other activities at the resort at the same time as the show.

**How do I pre-register for the show?** Pre-registration forms may be downloaded from the Suncoast Corvette Association web site or you can contact Bob Bryce for pre-registration forms at (727) 686-2131 or [rbryce2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbryce2@tampabay.rr.com).

**Can I register after Pre-registration has ended?** Possibly, but it may be difficult. Registration after the deadline may be done on a space available basis only.

**What if you have 50 Pre-registered Corvettes before Pre-registration closes?** If this occurs, we will contact the resort and attempt to get more spaces. If they can accommodate more spaces, we will accept the entries. In the event they cannot accommodate more entries, then registration will stop at 50 Corvettes.

**What is the Howard Johnson web address?** The link to the Howard Johnson web site is: [Howard Johnson - St Pete Beach](#). REMEMBER ... to get the event special room rates, you must call the Reservations Department by telephone at **(727) 360-7041**. You must register under "**Suncoast OctoberVETTES**" to get the event rates.

**How do I get to the Howard Johnson Resort?** The Howard Johnson Resort is located in the Tampa Bay Area directly on the Gulf of Mexico. Located on the island of St. Pete Beach, the resort has a breezy, casual ambience, yet shares the diverse cultural events and active night life of the Tampa Bay metropolitan area.

Howard Johnson Island Resort  
6100 Gulf Boulevard  
St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706  
727- 360-7041

## **From points North**

From I-75, take I-275 to Tampa and remain on I-275 through Tampa and across Tampa Bay on the Howard Franklin bridge. Continue South on I-275 approximately 15 miles through St. Petersburg. Exit I-275 at the St. Pete Beach/Pinellas Bayway Exit. Proceed West across the Pinellas Bayway (\$.75 toll) which takes you directly to St. Pete Beach and ends at Gulf Blvd. Turn right onto Gulf Blvd and the Howard Johnson Resort is on the left hand side of the street, about 1-1.5 miles north.

## **From points East**

Take I-4 west into Tampa. Follow the signs for I-275 South "To St. Petersburg". Remain on I-275 through Tampa and across Tampa Bay on the Howard Franklin bridge. Continue South on I-275 approximately 15 miles through St. Petersburg. Exit I-275 at the St. Pete Beach/Pinellas Bayway Exit. Proceed West across the Pinellas Bayway (\$.75 toll) which takes you directly to St. Pete Beach and ends at Gulf Blvd. Turn right onto Gulf Blvd and the Howard Johnson Resort is on the left hand side of the street, about 1-1.5 miles north.

## **From points South**

From I-75 take the I-275 exit "To St. Petersburg" (not Tampa), and over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge (\$1.25 toll). Once across the bridge, exit I-275 at the 34th Street exit (St. Pete Beach/Pinellas Bayway Exit). Proceed West across the Pinellas Bayway (\$.75 toll) which takes you directly to St. Pete Beach and ends at Gulf Blvd. Turn right onto Gulf Blvd and the Howard Johnson Resort is on the left hand side of the street, about 1-1.5 miles north.