

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The “Talepipe” Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Houligans Speedway Grille, 1725 W.. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting at 6:30.

BIG NEWS

Change is in the air and one BIG change is our monthly meeting location. For reasons unknown to this editor, we will no longer be meeting at the Red Lobster. Beginning this month, our monthly meeting will be at Houligans Speedway Grille at 1725 E. International Speedway Blvd. Still the same date (third Tuesday of the month), still the same time (5:30 for dinner; 6:30 for meeting). Houligans is located across from the Volusia Mall next to the Outback Steakhouse, near Midway Drive and the airport. We will have a private room on the upper level of the restaurant (elevator available), so come join us and be part of our first inaugural test.



BUSY MONTH

April is notoriously our busiest month for activities. Read through what's coming up and plan to participate in as much as you can.

1) DINING ON THE RUN

Pay careful attention. Our DOTR is on Saturday, this month instead of the usual Sunday. We will venture over to the newly remodeled Fly-In Café at the Spruce Creek Fly-In and have breakfast as the planes take-off and land around us. We will leave from Kohl's at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Since this is a gated community, your ID will be requested at the entrance.

2) ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ready to build your own Sundae? (On a Monday?) Jeremy and the folks at New Smyrna Chevrolet have invited us to a fun evening of ice cream, trivia, and prizes on Monday, April 8th from 6:30 – 8 pm. We will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 5:45 pm to go as a group, or you can go directly to New Smyrna Chevy at 6:15. It

would be nice if everyone would wear their blue NSB Chevy shirts, so we can look like the staff.



3) MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT

We may compete with our cars at times, but now comes the real competition. Who is the best miniature golfer in the club? Who is ready to take the golden putter away from Randy Sweeney, last year's winner? Who has the strength and prowess to make it through a course of up the hills, down into the dungeons, under the waterfalls, and through the caves to prove we can just do it?!! Let's put it to the test beginning on Tuesday, April 9th at the Pirates Cove Course on A1A in Ormond Beach. Tee off begins at 6:30 pm.

There are three locations of golf courses at which we will play. Each course will be played twice for a total of six games. All courses are located on A1A: one in Ormond Beach, one in Daytona Beach Shores, and one in Port Orange. If you wish to be in the competition, you must play at least 4 games. If you play all six, only your best 4 will be considered.

You do not need to compete to play. All members are welcome, whether you play one or two games or all six. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to enjoy the nice ocean breezes and the beautiful view. Believe me, none of us are in the ranks of the pros, and even the most avid golfers find challenges in miniature golf.

Oh yeah, one more thing. There is this little place called Cherry Hill, (138 Beachcomber St. right off A1A), that the club considers its 19th hole, where we unwind, discuss the game (LOL) and enjoy some of the best home-made ice cream ever.

The following is the golf schedule, and it is also on the club calendar. Mark the days:

- Tues Apr 9 – Pirates Cove – OB
- Fri. Apr 12 – Congo River - DBS
- Fri. Apr 19 – Pirates Island – PO
- Tues Apr 23 – Pirates Cove- --OB
- Fri. Apr 26 -- Congo River – DBS
- Tues Apr 30 – Pirates Island - PO

A rain date (just in case) is set for Friday May 3. Wear any Corvette shirt you wish, whether it be a club shirt or any other kind.



4) CLUB BAR-B-QUE

Another change this year will be the location of the annual Club Bar-B-Q. Instead of the usual Reed Canal Park, we will be picnicking at Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park, 1933 S Palmetto Avenue in South Daytona, on Saturday, April 20th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Directions to the park: Off of Ridgewood Ave. (RT 1), turn east onto Big Tree Rd, then right onto Palmetto. Parking will be on the right or left. Joe, the "Grillin' Villin" will be back with his sausages w/ peppers and onions, pulled pork, and all the sides to make this bar-b-que one of the best. Come join us and bring only yourself for this free lunch. No alcohol allowed per park rules.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Since Diversity is such a hot-button issue, the Corvette Cruisers have decided that we want our club to be a little more diverse in car color. Right now, over half of our membership drives a red Corvette. So, from here on out, anyone seeking application to our club who drives a red Corvette (any shade of red) will be excluded from membership until the numbers become more diverse. If you want to know more about how this policy will work, particularly for those who already own a red Vette, please see the first article under This & That below.



REVIEWS

DOTR:

If you missed the March Dining in the Run, let me tell you, you missed a good one! Praise and accolades all around on the Bistro 424 in Venetian Bay. Service was excellent, especially with special requests like “Leave this out” or “May I substitute this for that?” or “Can you add a little more of that?” The staff handled all requests pleasantly and quickly. Oh, and let’s not forget the food...it was a unanimous thumbs up as everyone expressed pleasure in their food selection, with many going home with dinner for later or lunch the next day. Enjoying the Bistro 424 were John and Sally, Julius and Brenda, Gary and Cindy, Mike and Barbara, Randy and Peggy, Bill and Bonita, Jean with friend Evelyn, John and Rose, Keith and Cindy, Dean and Rachel, and prospective member John Osborne.

TOM GIBBS:

A beautiful day was in store for the annual Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR and Chevy powered hot rods in Palm Coast. Although the rain stayed away, the heat did not and the temperature hovered around the 85 degree mark. We were a little disappointed in the turnout, but we did manage to take the trophy for the most Corvettes from one club, which was ten. In years past, we had as many as 18 or 19 cars participate; however, attendance was down at the show itself, which perhaps helped us win. Winners of door prizes were Bonita, John Pona, and Mark Anthenien, a prospective member (and yes, we did count his car as one of ours). Others attending were Don and Susan Veatch, John Pona, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Bill Rowe, John Doria, Jean Doyle, Bob Dutcher, and Vin and Tracy Giglio. Edie Byrne, a past member, stopped by to say hello, and past members Alan and Loudette Segal were on hand with their Yenko Camaro. Unfortunately, the big prizes weren’t won by any Corvette Cruiser, but our group had a good time visiting with each other. Be sure to check out the Photo Gallery for some interesting car tags seen at the show.

DINNER NIGHT OUT:

John and Sally, Arnie and AJ, Julius and Brenda, Bill and Bonita, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill and Joan, Del and Patty, Randy and Peggy, Bud and Mary, Evelyn, and Jean set out for Sanford on a beautiful March evening to get a taste of some authentic German cuisine. Hollerbachs Willow Tree definitely fit the bill. When it comes to German food and our members, some either love it or hate it, some are adventurous to try something new, some clung to familiarity, and some were German connoisseurs. The extensive menu made it a little hard to decipher at first glance, but everyone seemed satisfied with their choice. Several can vouch that the desserts were wonderful!! Lucky for us, we arrived before the room filled to capacity as we competed with the Bingo crowd on a Tuesday night at Hollerbach’s. Can ya hear me now?

THIS & THAT

Did you remember what month this is? Did you remember what the first day of this month is? Did I fool you into thinking we would banish one of the most popular and beautiful Corvette colors of all time? Never! We love our red Corvettes, and I say, the more the merrier.



We Have a Runner:

Congratulations to Rachel Mason, who has competed **AND WON** several 5k runs in her age group throughout the area, from local races to the Cape Canaveral rocket runway. Corvette speed and running speed...definitely a factor in the Mason household.

We Have a Winner:

The winners of a whopping \$57.50 at the 50-50 drawing for March were Mike and Barbara Augun. Perhaps a little bit of left-over Irish luck or beginner's luck may have helped, especially since they are some of our newest members.

Happy April Birthdays to:

Gary Swanson on the 7th
Mary Mullennix on the 19th
Bill Simmons on the 21st
AJ Marquardt on the 28th

Happy April Anniversary to:

Bud and Mary Mullinnex (who will be returning to their Michigan home soon.)

CORVETTE CLIPS

Have you seen the three new colors Corvette has for 2024? Two are represented in our club – Bob and Debbie Dutcher with the Riptide Blue Metallic, and John and Sally Doria with their Sea Wolf Gray Tricoat. You may not have seen the third new color, Cacti Green, which is pictured here at the Tom Gibbs car display.



There was no consensus on the color. It seems that some were not sure about it, or some just didn't like it at all. Perhaps it's one of those colors that will grow on you. Who knows!

HAPPY SPRING

Well, we made it through Speed Week, Bike week, and the snowbirds returning to their summer nests. Now if we can make it through Spring Break, we have smooth sailing for the month of May. But why does the traffic never seem to lessen? Drive carefully out there.

