

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 T.G.I. FRIDAYS, located on the corner of Granada Avenue and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

ATTENTION!

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hey Cruisers:

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer. I just want to do a follow up after the last club meeting. As you are aware, the political season is upon us, and it seems to be hotter than the weather. I am asking that you please refrain from sending information to our members that support(s) any candidate(s) or issue(s). Our website and emails should not be used as a political forum.

Thanks

John

JULY 31ST REMINDER: Although complete information on the Lost Lagoon Car Show and brunch was in last month's Newsletter, since it occurs on the last day of the month, perhaps it bears repeating. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona. Check the July issue of the Newsletter for any other details.

OL' BLACK WATER...KEEP ON ROLLIN':



Who remembers this old Doobie Brothers hit from the early 70's? Well the Corvette Cruisers are going to keep on rollin', right to the Blackwater Inn for our August DOTR. Besides the nice drive inland to Astor, Florida, the Blackwater Inn is an interesting restaurant with a good view and good food. Let's leave from Bealls in Ormond at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 7th. (FYI...Inside eating with AC. Hahahaha)

NINE VETTES, 16 MEMBERS, AND 2 GUESTS.....not bad for an impromptu, last minute get-together for breakfast at The Golden Biscuit in New Smyrna Beach. If you recall, this restaurant was on the original calendar for our July DOTR. But when the "Mystery Cruise" was initiated, the Board thought it might be too much, too close together. But hey, say the words "Let's Eat" to our members and look at the turnout. Bob W., Linda, Rick D., Gloria, Richard (with friend Pat), Dave, Maya, Bill N., Evelyn, John R., John D., Sally (with her daughter Mallory), Ed and Jean met up with Gary and Cindy at the restaurant for a good old-fashioned breakfast at a cozy little spot just off Canal Street. The prices were good, the food was delicious, the biscuits were colossal, and, of course, the company was terrific!! (Photos by John D.)

THE MYSTERY IS REVEALED: When twenty Corvettes pulled out of the Sunshine Park Mall, only four members knew where we were going. After a short trip via the backroads of Port Orange, John D., Sally, Art, Leslie, Tracy, Vin, Jim, Ginny, Bill S., Bonita, Wayne, Tina, Dan, Karen, Joanna, Bob W., Linda, Bob F., Mickey, Bill N., Evelyn, Liz, Edie, Arne, Sherry, Gary, Cindy, Frank, Leanne, Ken, Jamie, Richard, Bill G., joined by the two Vettes of Dave and Maya, and John R., pulled into the Mellow Mushroom off Dunlawton Ave. But the real surprise came when we entered the parking lot, only to be met with sixty-two other Corvettes.

Puzzled looks prevailed - huh, what's going on? We soon found out that the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club and the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club were also taking part in this same "Mystery Cruise." The staff of the Mellow Mushroom was very welcoming, extremely gracious and quick to get our meals to us. While we were eating, the staff snuck out to the parking lot and selected their top three favorite Corvettes, with 2nd place going to Vin and Tracy for their '74 Laser Red Stingray. They were presented with a pizza pan, hand-painted with a picture of their car...SWEET!! Then it was announced that this was only Part 1 of the mystery. Part 2 involved a trip back toward Daytona with a stop at Hankster's Hot Rod Emporium (my word, not theirs) on Nova Road. Here we were invited to view an array of cars mostly from the 50's, 60's, and 70's, all of which were for sale. I don't think any sales were made that day, but it was fun to look at these oldies and bring back the nostalgic moments of the past. Then came Part 3. Not part of the original mystery, this little side trip was devised by 17 members who felt the day would not be complete without a visit to Culver's for an ice cream finale to a fun day. Mystery solved.....and curiosity satisfied!! So, when can we do it again???

(Photos from John D. and Cape Kennedy Corvette Club)



A NEW FASHION STATEMENT Check out the latest craze in our club...the addition of the *STRIPE*.

THIS AND THAT



Arne and Sherry



Gary and Cindy



Eddie and Liz



Bill and Bonita



Dave and Maya



All our members who were born in August fall under the sign of Leo the Lion. They are generous and open-minded. They enjoy being in the spotlight and love drama. Leos may tend to lose their temper quite easily, but are very loving and very caring. Like kings, they show great love for magnificence and luxury. Our lion kings and lionesses celebrating in August are Richard Wetherby on the 3rd, Edie Byrne, Liz Byrne and Steve Terrell on the 6th, John Reis on the 8th, Rick Minor on the 14th, and Anita Slaton on the 19th. Happy Birthday!!!

Upcoming Events Being Considered: No dates have been set for the following events yet, but committees have been established to get these shows on the road (so to speak)

- 1) Poker Run - Jamie, Pat and Art
- 2) Scavenger Hunt - the Quinns and the Swansons
- 3) Progressive Dinner - Looking for three Hosts (appetizers, main course, dessert)

Remember, if you have a suggestion for an event, let a Board Member know about it. We want your input!

FOR SALE: Here's your chance to own an oldie but a goodie.

1963 Corvette split window coupe, red on red, frame off restoration, number matching, 4-speed, PS, PB, rebuilt original engine under 3K miles, 327/300 hp, knock off wheels, all new chrome, paint, interior, tires and shocks....and much more...\$135K or best offer or trade with Vette 1972 or older plus cash.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, call Will at 203-214-6873

Move over Harley, Corvette has arrived.

In case you haven't noticed, TGI Friday's now has a Corvette sign hanging prominently in our meeting room among the Harley-Davidson and beer memorabilia. Be sure to notice it at our next meeting.

Mike knows how to celebrate a birthday!!



This was Mike Mills' second birthday tandem jump. He made his first jump on

his 80th birthday in 2011. Mike has more than 8,000 hours flying as a U.S. Air Force pilot and 500 of those hours as combat mission flying in the Vietnam War. His daughter, Tracy Woodman, says he is the

most energetic man she's ever known, and we all can sure attest to that. Way to go, Mike!

The facts, ma'm, just the facts. With so much political smears and slams going around about both parties, (much of which is untrue), you can check out the facts at either www.truthorfiction.com or www.snopes.com.



Don't be a perpetrator of misinformation and forward political junk to your friends and/or your enemies. Check it out first!!!

Happy anniversary to Bill and Evelyn Neway.

Have one on us as you celebrate another year.



Congratulations.

Thanks go to Jamie Hawes who gifted the women at the Mystery Cruise with a real flea-market-find of a beaded bracelet that perfectly matches our tangerine club shirts. Thank you, Jamie.

Snow Birds (sort-of): The Swansons will be returning to New York for a couple of months making them "semi-snowbirds." We will miss you. Hope you can cool off from the excruciating heat FL has had this year.

Carlisle or Bust: Eleven members will be making the trip to Carlisle for the Corvettes at Carlisle Extravaganza on the 24th through

the 28th of this month. Safe travels to all and bring back lots of photos.

A Fire Truck of a Different Kind: Last month we featured a Corvette "fire engine" from Dubai as the Photo of the Month, capable of reaching speeds of up to 200 mph and costing in excess of \$136,000. This one is just a tad different. Lars Connelly, who has a home in The Villages as well as Port Orange, joined the other 50,000+ with this fire engine golf cart to make his trips around The Villages a lot more fun. Have you put out any fires yet, Lars?



Green Assembly Plant with the money going to upgrade and modify the plant's vehicle assembly operations with new technologies and processes. The new investment is on top of the \$439 million currently being spent to build a new state-of-the-art paint shop which is slated to open in April 2017.

Mid-engine rumors have been flying for quite some time now. Might this new amount of money GM is putting toward the plant be for the start of the mid-engine Corvette? Another rumor is that the Cadillac, which was once manufactured at the Bowling Green plant, might be the one getting the mid-engine? Hmmmm ...Only time will tell.

CORVETTE CHATTER

2017 Model Year Rolls Out: On July 11th, the first 2017 rolled off the assembly line. However, only Stingrays and Grand Sports will be produced, while production for the 2017 Z06 is expected to start up the week of September 5th. Apparently, the delay for the Z06 is due to problematic engine cooling issues, but changes are being made to correct the problem.

More Money More Money: Another \$290 million: General Motors has announced that it will invest \$290 million into the Bowling

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page):

Barrett-Jackson recently kicked off their inaugural Northeast Auction in Incasville, CT with a list of 42 Corvettes on the docket. One classic hybrid restomod, a custom 1955 Chevrolet Nomad Wagon, featured both Corvette looks and Corvette power. This 1955 Nomad bears the front end treatment of the early Corvettes including one round headlight per side separated by the Corvette's toothy chrome grille. More directly, this Chevy Nomad takes on the look of the nearly-produced 1954 Chevrolet Nomad Concept car that GM showed off during the 1954 Motorama shows.

The Nomad Wagon's beautiful black paint highlighted with chrome, rides on a frame featuring the front suspension and rear axle from the C4 Corvette ZR-1. Under the hood rests a 405-hp DOHC LT-5 V8 engine which is coupled with the ZF 6-Speed manual. This Nomad also features long-tube headers and an Edelbrock stainless-steel crossflow muffler, so we can imagine it sounds pretty sweet, too. The final touches of the ZR-1 are the C4 Corvette's brakes and drilled rotors which are then covered with polished 17" 1994 ZR-1 wheels on ZR-rated Goodyear Eagle tires. A pretty nice combination exterior look ---- the '55 Chevy Nomad (a favorite with some of us) and the C-1 Corvette (a favorite with all of us.)

HERE'S A LITTLE FLORIDA HUMOR TO GET YOU THROUGH THE SUMMER:

Four retired guys are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents." They look at each other and then go in, thinking, this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour you one! What'll it be, gentlemen?" There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis - shaken, not stirred - and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please." The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They just can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents,

please." They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet. Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?" "I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer - it's all the same." "Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says. As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there. Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, "What's with them?" to which the bartender replies, "Oh, they're people from Florida. They're waiting for Happy Hour when the drinks are half-price."

In light of the recent shootings,
violence, and unrest in the world,
consider the following:

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW
IS LOVE, sweet love. That's the only
thing that there's just too little of.

Burt Bacharach

AN EYE FOR AN EYE leaves
everybody blind.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.