# 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.



## BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S ALFIE'S

Let's begin Sunday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>, with a good breakfast at the little seaside cafe of Alfie's on A1A (1666 Ocean Shore Blvd.) in Ormond Beach. Alfie's can whip up a breakfast of champions in no time and is a great way to start your morning on a lazy, hot August day. We will leave from Beall's parking lot on Granada Ave at 8:15 am. Don't forget to wear those blue club shirts.

## **GIUSEPPE'S NIGHT**

I've stopped calling it Pizza Night because so many of us order different things. One thing for sure is that no matter what you order, it's always good. Meet at Giuseppe's, 3658 S. Nova Road in Port Orange, at 5:00, on August 27<sup>th</sup> where the food is hot and the beer is always cold. Nothing

could sound better on a hot, August evening. Club shirts are not required.

#### ON DOWN THE ROAD

New Smyrna Beach Police Department will be sponsoring their annual Shop with a Cop on December 6-8 at the New Smyrna Beach Speedway. A Bar-B-Que and Car show are planned in conjunction with the event. It would be nice to participate in the show as a club to show off our beautiful Corvettes. Details are just being worked out, and more information will follow, but for now, put it on your calendar.



#### **DOTR FOR JULY**

The Sanford waterfront was the scene of the July Dining on the Run. Following a leisurely ride on a pretty day, we stopped at the St. John's River

Seafood and Steak Restaurant for lunch. Two tables of 10 provided a view of the water and some very tasty items on the menu. Depending on what you ordered, one might say the food was a bit pricey, but the portions were good and most, if not all, were pleased with their meal. A BIG surprise came when the checks arrived. After being warned that the restaurant charges a 25% gratuity for groups, we were pleased to only be charged the usual 20%. Whether this was an error, an oversight, or just a second thought on their part, we didn't ask! Enjoying the day were Bill Wear, Julius and Brenda, Patrick and Aliah, Arnie and AJ, Gary and Cindy, John Doria, Jean and guest Evelyn, John and Rose, Bill and Bonita, Bob and Debbie, and Bob and Linda W.

## AN EVENING AT NORWOOD'S

Eighteen members and one guest enjoyed an early sunset dinner at Norwood's, a great eatery in New Smyrna Beach. Although we were back in our usual corner, the restaurant had been remodeled and was quite bright and cheery. An outside table would have been nice, but with the temperatures as hot as they had been, air conditioning was on everybody's mind. The food got great reviews, service was excellent, and prices were very tolerable. Attending were Bill and Bonita, Bill and Joan, Mark, Julius and Brenda, John and Sally, Evelyn (guest), Jean, Emery and Fran, Gary and Cindy, Bob and Debbie, and Bob and Linda W.



#### ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

The Ponas said goodbye to their 2015 Torch Red Coupe and hello to a beautiful 2023 Hypersonic

Gray Z51 Coupe. The C8s have taken over the top spot in our club with 13 out of a total of 33. Be sure to check out the Pona's new ride in "Who's Who in the Corvette Cruisers," the big blue box on the Home Page of our website.

## **NOTICE SOMETHING ELSE:**

While you're on the Home Page, notice the logo for New Smyrna Beach Chevy. Jeremy and the crew have been so nice to us, a little free advertising is our payback to them. Click on the logo and it will take you to NSB Chevy website.

## **HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:**

Brenda Johnson on the 1<sup>st</sup>
Linda Cornyn on the 2<sup>nd</sup>
Aliah Wall and Fran Alderson share the 20<sup>th</sup>
Rachel Mason on the 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **BIG MONEY WINNER**

Bonita Richardson was the lucky ticket holder in the 50/50 drawing for July. A nice take-home of \$46.00, proving it pays to attend the meeting.

## A NICE GESTURE

Someone at some time in history said that we are all creatures of habit, and that couldn't be more true than at our club meetings. Month after month, we tend to sit with the same folks, and we don't really get to know each other. Let's try to be a little more open and choose to sit (and get to know) others in the club. After all, we all have one thing in common already, and that's our love for our 'Vettes. One can always start off a conversation with that!!

#### MISSING IN ACTION

We haven't seen some of our members in a looooong time. We hope you are all doing okay, and we want you to know WE MISS YOU Jim and Kathleen Bauer, Ron Doria, Shirley Gerstel and Vin and Tracy Giglio. The MacLeods. the Mullenixes, and the Masons will be returning when our weather cools off, but the others, please let us hear from you.

#### **CLUB CALENDAR**

Remember that a quick guide to what's happening can be found on the club calendar. Click on "Club Calendar" on the Home Page directly below Upcoming Events in the upper right-hand corner.

## DON'T FORGET THE OLYMPICS

Cheer on the home team in all the great summer sports. The games begin July 26 – August 11. Let's hear our National Anthem played over and over. GO TEAM USA!!!



#### A SENIOR MOMENT

They weren't in my pockets or purse. I checked everywhere. Suddenly, I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my

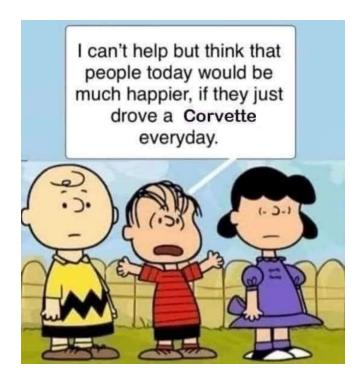
location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car, and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well come and get me." He quickly retorted, "I will, just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!"

Welcome to the GOLDEN YEARS, folks



Cooler days are ahead,
we hope, we hope.
Just keep the hurricanes away,
we pray, we pray.