

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Breakfast on the Run:

Oh Well! We tried to partake of the buffet brunch at *Daytona Ale House*, but missed it by a week. It appears they are no longer doing the buffet. Thirteen of us met at the Beall's in Ormond to make the trip and meet up with five members who were going directly there. Along the way we got the call about Ale House being closed. A quick review of our options sent us just up the street to *Cracker Barrel*. Luck was with us and amazingly all sixteen of us were seated right away and two more joining us a few minutes later.

The next BOTR will be a new experience. We will dine while others fall from the sky. August 3rd we will try "*The Perfect Spot*" at Sky Dive DeLand. The trip to lunch will begin at the usual spot at Beall's in Ormond. Meet there at 10:30 then motor on over to the DeLand Airport off Rt. 92. Hope you will join us.

Race Day Party:

The Coke 400 race was as exciting as expected. A good group of members enjoyed the race and the eats. The race pool was won by Ginny who had Kyle Bush (luck of the draw) and Carol R. had the draw of the first one out of the race.

Birthday Greetings:

I'm sorry I missed putting the July birthdays in last month's *Talepipe*. So a belated birthday greeting to Shirley and Joe C. August birthday salutations go to John R. and Sharon Z. (Pete's wife). Congratulations on another trip around the sun.

Board Meeting:

Officers and Directors will meet at the Quinn's July 28th at 7:00. They will be working on the remainder of the club calendar and other club business. If you have any ideas for things the club can do please pass it along to a board member or attend the meeting.

Web Update:

If you visited our web site lately you will have found a new icon located at the bottom of our home page. If you click on it a map will pop up with a series of thumb tacks. Click on the thumb tacks and you will find a picture related to somewhere the club has traveled to. It is really neat. Mike J., our web master, came up with this idea. It is just another suggestion of his that makes our web site so awesome. Thanks Mike.

Night Out Against Crime:

Last year the club participated in the South Daytona Night Out Against Crime parade. We joined forces with the SD Police and Citizen Patrol to drive around the city to make the citizen aware to be on the lookout for crime. This year the event will take place on August 5th. President Bob will be forwarding more information to you, so be on the look out.

Cruise In:

Flagler Beach will be hosting another Corvette Cruise-in on September 5th. This was a great show last year, so it appears they are doing it again. Mark your calendars to save the date. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona web site: www.corvettecruisersdaytona.com

Silver Springs Show:

If you attended last year, you probably already received your entry form for this year's show. If not, check out the web site at www.ocalacorvettes.com to print off a copy. This is really an awesome show. This year's show is a little disappointing because they do not have a headline act. Last year Bobbie Vinton performed and it was a really good show. This year's flyer just states "Live entertainment – DJ" but I'm sure it will still be great.

For this show the club usually meets up and drives over together so we enter as a group and can all park together. Stay tuned for more information.

Special Guests:

Friends of Ginny and Jim joined us at the July meeting. Brian and Donnette from Pennsylvania were here visiting with them to celebrate their mutual wedding anniversaries. They have joined us at our meetings before and have also joined us for our BOTR's. Welcome back.

50 / 50:

Speaking of Ginny, she was the winner of this month's 50/50.

A Little Help Please:

I have about exhausted all my resources for "Picture of the Month". If you know of any web sites or have interesting pictures with a Corvette twist, please forward them to me for possible future pic of the month.

I have also considered featuring a member's car for the pic of the month. But I would also like to have a little information about the car. What would really be neat if you have a photo of your first Vette with a brief story of how you came to own it.

RPO L84 Engine:

1957 was the first year that the fuel injection unit was offered by Corvette. It was mated with the 283CI engine and developed 283 brake horsepower. This was the year that Corvette made the world aware that this was a sports car of note by winning both production and the modified classes at the 12-hour Sebring Race. A total of 1,040 buyers opted for the fuel injection option in 1957. This option would continue to be available through 1965 when, by then, the engine had been increased to 327CI and the horsepower had jumped to 375.

This cutaway model (pictured) of a 1965 fuel injected engine was a project of Explorers of the GM Tech Center in Flint, MI. The Explorers are an offshoot of the Boy Scouts, a co-ed career aware program for youths 14 to 20 years old, and the GM Tech Center donates time, space and materials to the over 20 explorers.



Picture of the Month:

This month's pic of the month shows Jean pointing to the club's brick at the National Corvette Museum. If you are ever there and want to see the brick in person Jean is showing you where it is in relationship to the front doors.

Here is an up close look at the club brick.



History Revisited:

Does anyone remember that John Luther had his '57 featured in **Vette Magazine** in August 2002? Well he did. It was a 3 page article with a 2 page spread showing him and his car. The article was titled "It's a 'Ruff' Life" stating "This 'slightly' worn '57 still does its job."