

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



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President: John Doria; Vice President: Arthur Armstrong; Treasurer: Richard Wetherby;
Secretary: Jean Doyle; Directors: David Huber, William Geize, & Elizabeth Byrne;
Newsletter Editor: Jean Doyle (with a little help from Ed)

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Coming Up

The annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, December 10th at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club in Ormond Beach. Happy half-hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be served beginning around 5:30 p.m. By now you have made your entrée selection and sent



your check to Richard. So the only thing left is to make sure you can find your way to the banquet site. Ormond Beach residents probably know their own way, but for those coming from Daytona Beach and places to the south, here are the directions: Take I-95 N to Exit 278 (Old Dixie Highway). Turn right at the end of the ramp. Proceed **1.8 miles** and take a right onto Monaghan Drive into Halifax Plantation. **(You will see other entrances to Halifax Plantation, but be sure to go 1.8 miles before turning into the correct**

entrance.) Take the first right onto Halifax Clubhouse Drive, which dead ends at the Clubhouse. Parking is on both the left and right side. And, **PLEASE** don't forget to share the richness of your life with those a little less fortunate by bringing some nonperishable food items with you for donation to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank. Suggested items from the food bank director in high demand are canned peas and corn, boxed stuffing mix, and chicken noodle soup.

(The Christmas Party is for Members Only.)

DEADLINE FOR DUES: December 31st is



the magic date. If you have not paid your dues by this date, your spot will be filled by someone on the waiting list. No reminders will be sent, no phone calls will be made. If you haven't already done so, please mail your check to Richard Wetherby, 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, FL. 32114

Announcement

A (partially) new Board of Directors for 2018-2019 was elected at the November meeting. Forty-five sealed ballots were turned over to and counted by Jamie Hawes, Bill Neway and Vin Giglio. The results of the election are as follows:

Elizabeth Byrne, Bill Simmons, and Gary Swanson will become club directors and will join returning officers John Doria, President; Arthur Armstrong, Vice President; Richard Wetherby, Treasurer, and Jean Doyle, Secretary. Thanks to all who voted (93% of the membership) and a special thanks to David Huber for serving as a board member for the past three and a half years. Your service is recognized and appreciated.

Reviews

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT as we gathered at the Wolff's Den.



Actually, it was only a light drizzle. The house decorations were "over the top" for the occasion, with black cats and skeletons and other spooky things.

Laid out before us were tasty treats and other good things to eat. The crowd gathered around the food and filled their plates, then congregated poolside to talk and catch up on the latest gossip. There was a pirate, twin sheriffs, a giraffe, and someone bearing a strong

resemblance to Jackie Kennedy. There was a dance hall girl, a Court Jester, and a U of F gator fan. Someone came in a monkey suit – a Curious George Monkey Suit. The host and hostess had fabulous costumes as characters from "Game of Thrones." Then the group was broken down into three teams to create Mummies. Each team was given three rolls of toilet tissue and proceeded to wrap up a member of their team. Check out the photos. Ballots were given out so everyone could vote for their favorite costumed characters. Check out the photos and see if you can guess who was: the Scariest, the Most Original, the Funniest and who was voted to have the Best Costume. Those who were unable to attend missed a good time and good food. Since I was one of the Mummies, let me say, "That's a Wrap!"

Review written by Jim Quinn
(Photos by Bill S. and Richard)

(Footnote from Jean: Due to a typo in the Newsletter, one trick or treater ended up at the Wolff's on the wrong date. So those of you who were there may notice a costume in the pics that you don't remember. My apologies to this monster, but happily all turned out well.. He even won the Best Costume Award for that night.)

HERE A CAR SHOW, THERE A CAR SHOW, EVERYWHERE A CAR SHOW:

While neither was an "official" club event, two car shows were taking place on the same date of November 4th. The Corvette Cruisers were represented at both.

In Holly Hill, blue skies and temperatures in the upper 0000070's greeted over 300 cars for "The Cruisin' the Hill for School Supplies" car show. The show was held at City Hall in Holly Hill. Cars were parked all along the driveway and on

the spacious lawn. A donation of school supplies was your admission to the show. As you can imagine with that number of cars attending, a huge amount of supplies was collected for the students in Holly Hill. Several food vendors were present. Even a restored 1956 Good Humor truck was there selling ice cream. Representing our club were Vin, Liz, Edie and Richard. (Reported by Liz)

In New Smyrna Beach, those same blue skies and great temperatures were enjoyed by those attending the first annual Venetian Bay Car Show. About 200-250 cars of all types were parked along the clock tower boulevard. Wine tasting, cigar rolling, a deli, and an ice cream/candy shop were offering great deals during the show. Danny and Sandy from “Grease” were among the attractions along with a deejay playing tunes from the 60’s. Bill Simmons, Bill Neway, John and Sally, and Ed and Jean represented the club. (Photos by Bill S.)

PANCAKES GALORE: Dining on the Run for November proved to be a unique and interesting experience for the Corvette Cruisers. Eight Corvettes made their way to Deleon Springs



State Park amid some early morning fog to cook up some good vittles. Richard and Rick D. led the way, followed by John Reis, Mike Mills, Bob and Linda, Liz, Edie, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Bill G., and Ed and Jean. Two tables were set up and ready for us when we arrived. At breakfast, everyone surely had their fill of pancakes; some preferring to pour their own and some waiting to be served by the chefs in the crowd. A few eggs were thrown in the mix. One table had hotter grills than the

other and thus finished eating sooner. No spilled syrup this year, no burned pancakes, no burned fingers – gee, such a well-behaved (boring?) group. One tidbit of information learned the hard way is to put a lot of spray on the grill before pouring the pancake batter.



Take note, Jean Doyle, whose cooking and flipping skills have yet to be learned (See photos in Gallery). Following breakfast, we all walked off all the calories we consumed with the little leisurely trek around the swimming area (hahaha). The weather turned out to be beautiful with a slight feel of autumn in the air. This made the day all the more enjoyable. Too bad more members didn’t choose to go. (Photos by Bill S.)

This & That

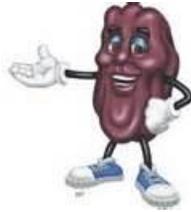
Happy Birthday to Maya Branden on the 3rd, Sandy Cassella on the 11th, Herb Gerstel on Christmas Day, Bob Fritz on the 29th and Ken Crick on the 30th. May you celebrate many, many more.

Art and Leslie Armstrong will be celebrating anniversary #20 in December. Congratulations!

Our guest at the November meeting, former Governor of Connecticut, Jodi Rell, earned more money to spend for the holidays when she won \$37.00 in the November 50/50 drawing. Incidentally, Governor Rell also drew the winning ticket.

Shhhhhh! Remember that when the meeting starts, the talking stops. Sometimes we all get carried away with chatting with those who sit near us. But it is very difficult for the speakers to concentrate on their thoughts when so much chatter is going on around them. Our social time begins at 5:30, and the meeting begins at 7:00. Thanks for your understanding.

I heard it through the grapevine....



If you are interested in a 2007 Z06, see Will Masotta. His is for sale.

John, Sally, Bill and Evelyn got their fill of Spam sandwiches while in Hawaii.

Bill Geize headed to Virginia to visit his new granddaughter born on September 15th. According to Bill, she has already expressed an interest in riding in his 'Vette. (Just wait till she wants to drive it!) She makes grandchild #7 for Bill.

Bill and Bonita are becoming "snowbirds in reverse". While other snowbirds are making their way into our area, Bill and Bonita have headed to Colorado and will be gone from November 16th through December 12th. They also will be visiting a new granddaughter due any time before their departure.

Rick Demichina has been judging sports cars for quite a number of years, lately Alfa Romeos. Maybe Rick will give those of us who enter competitions a few tips.

Seems like the November meeting was singles night. Art without Leslie, John without Sally, Bill N. without Evelyn, Jean without Ed, Joanna without Steve ---- hmmm, what's going on? (And we STILL had 26 in attendance!)

A look ahead shows our next DOTR and our first event of 2018 to be January 7th at the Southern Table in Bunnell. All the details on where and when to meet will be in the January Newsletter.

From the Archives



The year was 2012. The event was the annual Christmas Party, which was held at Mario's in Ormond Beach. Since Bonita is unable to attend this year's banquet, it seemed only fitting to feature her in her Christmas hat, which she dons faithfully every year. We will miss you Bonita, and The Hat as well.



Corvette Chatter

SECRET LEAK??? Just like our government is experiencing leaks, the 2019 Corvette options list was leaked in advance of the release of the 2019 Corvette Order Guide. Within the option checkboxes, the Corvette's exterior color choices expand from 10 to 12 with the addition of new colors. Here are the returning colors for 2019:

- G1E – Long Beach Red
- G26 – Sebring Orange
- G7Q – Watkins Glen Gray
- G8G – Arctic White
- G9F – Ceramic Matrix Gray
- GAN – Blade Silver
- GBA – Black
- GC6 – Corvette Racing Yellow
- GKZ – Torch Red
- GTR – Admiral Blue

The new exterior colors are shown to be:

- GJI – Dark Shadow Metallic (626D)
- GS7 – Rhythm & Blue Metallic (625D)

There is no insight as to what these two new colors will look like. The Corvette team likes to look back to previous Corvette colors so perhaps they decided to resurrect two colors that were related to previous ZR1's.

If that's the case, Dark Shadow Metallic would closely resemble 2009's Cyber Gray. It was the top-selling color for the C6 ZR1's inaugural year. Could Rhythm & Blue Metallic be a throwback to the C4 ZR1's Quasar Blue? Or maybe the lighter Steel Blue Metallic? Both

offer a nice alternative to Admiral Blue, which returns for its fourth model year.

HOW MANY MILES?? Not many people can say they have driven two Corvettes with more than a million miles on the odometer. But Mark Blackwell of Jacksonville, Fla., has that unique honor.

Prior to buying a red 2000 Corvette coupe in 1999, Blackwell was driving a Corvette with 342,000 miles on it. That one sounds like a low-mileage cream puff compared to his 2000, which Blackwell has just donated to the National Corvette Museum after amassing a whopping 773,338 miles behind the wheel over the past 18 years!

Including saving his life one night on I-95 between Daytona and Jacksonville, Mark explains: "It was very late at night, 2 or 3 in the morning, and the bumper off a semi had fallen into the lane of traffic I was in, and I saw it late because it was very dark. I had to pull the car so far to the left quickly down into the median. It blew out two tires but went around that bumper. Had to obviously get the tires replaced and the car towed in that night. But any other car, there was no way in the world that I would not have hit that bumper."

Applause greeted the car recently as Mark pulled it into the museum, where it will be on display to show visitors just how great Corvettes are. "If you do the math, that's over 100 miles a day on this car," appreciative Museum Curator Derek Moore says, noting that the Corvette is still running on its original engine. "About 20,000 miles ago, at 750,000 miles, is when it needed its original head gaskets replaced," Moore says. The museum is always on the

lookout for unique stories about the Corvette,
and I think we can all agree, this one fits the bill.

THE NEW ZR1: Several of our club members sent me the following ad introducing the new ZR1 for 2019. “The 2019 Corvette ZR1 will assume the throne as the fastest, most powerful production Corvette ever. The supercar borrows underwing technology from the race car world, uses carbon fiber extensively, and incorporates sophisticated aerodynamic configurations and additional cooling. Plus, the new hand-assembled LT5 small block 6.2L supercharged V8 engine boasts an incredible 755 horsepower (offered with a manual or automatic transmission). With ample luxury and capability that is otherworldly, Corvette ZR1 lives up to its reputation on the street and on the track. All hail the new king.”

Taken from an advertisement by the
Chevrolet Team

The Fun Corner

You may have seen the following poem before, but since it was from an anonymous source, I took “poetic license” and changed it a bit in a few places. Hope you enjoy it.

‘Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS CORVETTE STYLE

‘Twas the night before Christmas out in the garage,
There wasn’t a trace of a Ford or a Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit
I figured I’d mess with my classic Corvette.

I popped the release and lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said “Looks pretty good.”
As you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol’ Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said “Don’t suppose you’d trade for my sleigh?”
“No way, Santa” I said with a grin,
“But if you’ve got the time, we can go for a spin!”

His round little mouth, tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile, and he said “Let’s go!!”
So as not to disturb all the neighbors’ retreat,
We quietly pushed it out into the street.

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him by surprise,
But I could tell he liked it by the look in his eyes.

With tires a’ screaming and side pipes aglow,
We headed on out to where the hotrodders go.
And Santa’s grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up, as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled “Can’t recall when I felt so alive!”
So I backed off the gas and asked him to drive.
Ol’ Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights, he shook at
the knees!

The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound
When Santa let out the clutch, the tires shook the
ground!
Power shift into second, again into third!
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word.

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
“Merry Christmas to all, it’s been one Hell of a
night!!!”

Author Unknown
Taken from the Corvette Blogger
(with a little editing here and there)

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

And here he is...see poem above!



A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the Season. We have enjoyed bringing you the news of the Corvette Cruisers this past year and look forward to another year of recording Corvette Club memories. Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy and happy 2018. See ya next year on the pages of the "Talepipe."

Jean and Ed

