

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at T.G.I. Fridays located on the corner of Granada Avenue and A1A in Ormond Beach, on the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00. **REMEMBER THE NEW MEETING PLACE OF FRIDAY'S**

WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS: Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson have returned from Colorado, and Steve and Anita Slaton are back from spending the summer in Kentucky. We're glad to have you back, snowbirders. We missed you! Lars and Carole Connelly are usually back from NC by this time, but they have unexpectedly hit a bump in the road and are spending some extra time in Atlanta GA. We look forward to them returning periodically.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/CHARITY DONATION: Let's end the year on a high note with a charitable Christmas celebration at the Ormond Beach Steakhouse. Please bring some non-perishable food items to donate to those less fortunate this holiday season. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant in The Trails Shopping Center off Nova Road on Tuesday, December 13th, for a good meal with some great folks with kind and generous hearts.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: Many things were discussed for the upcoming year, with several suggestions coming from our new board members. You will be able to read what is in store for the Corvette Cruisers for the New Year in the January Newsletter. Let's face it, if we told you now, you would forget by then

anyway, right? (Besides, we will need some news for the January edition anyway.)

BOO – WHO? Thanks to the Crowders for hosting a “spooktacular” Halloween party at their home in Ormond Beach. Those joining Skip and Joan for some treats and eats were Art and Leslie, Bob and Sadie, Ed and Jean, Ray and Sandra, Dave and Maya, Jack and Yvonne, John and Alice, Bill and Bonita, and Steve and Anita. Two witches, two Indian princesses, a Roarin' 20's flapper, a ghost, a ghost buster, a ghostly apparition, an Executive chef and his Sous chef, a cowboy and a cowgirl, Batman (who turned into Bruce Wayne on the group picture), a fanatic football fan, Miss Piggy and Kermit, the “Slasher,” Bigfoot (or was that Chewbacca -- or a tree, we're not quite sure), and early visitors Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were treated to an unbelievable spread of yummy appetizers and desserts. The best male costume award went to John Luther for his indescribable Bigfoot/Chewbacca/tree (?), and the best female costume award for the second consecutive year went to Leslie Armstrong, this year portraying an Indian Princess from the “Massahoe” tribe. (Think about that one.) Be sure to check out the Photo Gallery to see if you can match the identity of these bewitching and spooky “Trick or Treaters.” (Photos by Art and Bob)

SPEAKING OF TREATS -- One outstanding dessert that got rave reviews and numerous requests for the recipe came from Anita Slaton for her delightful "Graham Cracker Delights." I promised the recipe would be in the next Newsletter, so here it is:

2 sticks butter (not margarine)
½ cup sugar
½ box of graham crackers
1 cup chopped pecans

Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil, making sure the foil comes up on all 4 sides. Break the crackers apart and arrange to fit pan. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Bring the butter and the sugar to a boil and boil for about 2 minutes. Spoon the mixture over the crackers and pecans. Bake at 325 for 10 minutes (no longer). Cool, break apart and store in airtight container. They are SO good!!!

BOTR AT BOSTON'S: WOW! Eleven Corvettes made a showing to have lunch at Boston's Fish House in New Smyrna Beach for our November Brunch/Lunch On the Run. Enjoying the wonderful seafood and excellent service were Art and Leslie Armstrong, Al and Linda Blake, Bob and Sadie Compton, John Doria and Sally Klutter, Ed and Jean Doyle, Chuck Konopsky, John Luther, Mike Mills, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson (who met us at the restaurant), Steve and Anita Slaton, and 3rd time guests Bob and Linda Wolff. John and Sally took the opportunity to show off their "new" 1971 Sunflower Yellow Coupe, which they had just picked up the day before – Sweeeet! What could be better – a sunny day, an extra hour of sleep (time change), a great bunch of people, delicious seafood, our picture on Boston's Facebook page (see us at www.facebook.com/bostonsatthebeach) and a colorful array of hot Corvettes – Just perfect!! (Photos by Bob)

SILVER SPRINGS CORVETTE SHOW: Armstrongs, Slatons, Chuck Konopsky with his young friend Aiden, Doyles, Mike Mills,

Crowders, Dave and Maya, Bill and Bonita, Jack and Yvonne and their friend and our guest Joanna Oswald, Rulands, John Reis, John Luther, and Quinns made their way to Silver Springs on a chilly but sunny Saturday morning. Several members won some interesting and some unusual door prizes, with Jack Kiember, John Luther, the Doyles, and Joanna Oswald winning People's Choice awards. And to top off a really fun day, "The Best Participation Award" went to....drum roll please....**The Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona.** We had the most cars (14) entered for any one club. Congratulations to all the winners, and a big thank you to all who participated. (Photos by Art, Bill, and Dave).

START SAVING YOUR STUFF (SSYS): The city of South Daytona will be having a community wide yard sale on April 28th. The Corvette Cruisers will take part to raise money for Charity while displaying our cars. More about this later, but SSYS now!

FLAGLER CO. CAR SHOW: Remember that December 4th is the date for the Flagler Corvette Show that was originally rained out. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Bealls in Ormond Beach to drive up together. Bring your chairs and wear your colors (tangerine, that is).

MILESTONES: Birthdays celebrated in December include Sadie Compton and Maya Branden sharing the 3rd, Chuck Konopsky on the 10th, and Skip Crowder on the 17th. Anniversaries for December include 9 years for Bob and Sadie Compton and 14 years for Art and Leslie Armstrong.

50/50 WINNER: Dave Huber won \$18 in our monthly drawing. Hopefully he can turn that in to big bucks on his upcoming trip to Vegas.

UPDATE ON THE THROWDOWN: Due to everyone's busy schedule around the holidays,

the Lasagna Throwdown planned for December 3rd has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for some time in the near future.

STATS ON OUR CLUB: As of this date, we have 41 paid members, and 4 soon-to-be members. As for our Corvettes, there are 12 reds, 5 yellows, 5 blues, 3 silvers, 3 blacks, and 1 green in the club. And just in case you're interested, there is 1 C-1 ('53-'62), 2 C-2's ('63-'67), 4 C-3's ('68-'82), 2 C-4's ('84-'96), 11 C-5's ('97-'04), and 9 C-6's ('05 +). Don't you just love trivia?

CORVETTE NEWS: Ed reported that Grand Am Racing and Chevrolet announced that after an absence of several years, Corvette will again compete in the 2012 Rolex Series beginning with Daytona January 26-29. Four teams will campaign the Corvette Prototype throughout the series. The new car had been testing at the Daytona track in November.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Nothing says Ho, Ho, Ho like a '63 split window coupe -- wouldn't you like to find THIS under YOUR tree on Christmas morning? We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season, be it a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, or whatever the reason you are celebrating. We wish you many, many blessings for a wonderful 2012. See ya' next year.

Your Newsletter Editors
Jean and Ed



'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS CORVETTE STYLE

'Twas the night before Christmas and 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,
So 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 "Sure! Let's go!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,
We quietly pushed it out to 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 hot rodders 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've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and asked if he'd like 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!!!"

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(with a little editing here and there)