

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.

Coming Up

APPLE FRITTERS IN THE VALLY OF THE PEACH.



Always a hot spot for breakfast and one of the club's favorites, is the beachside Peach Valley in Ormond Beach. HOWEVER, this time we are going to try out the new one in Port Orange for our February Dining on the Run. Located at the southeast corner of Dunlawton and Nova, we will see how it compares to the other. We will meet at the Sunshine Park Mall on Rt. 1 in South Daytona on Sunday, February 4th, and leave from there at 8:00 a.m. to arrive at Peach Valley together. (Remember their specialty is the apple fritters.)

Let's Eat

DAYTONA GEARS UP FOR THE 500:



The Day of the Duels at the Speedway means the Day of the Duels at the drive-in Christian Church on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores. Shine up your Vette, other car, truck, or whatever you want to bring. We'll leave from the Publix on A1A at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 15th. This will ensure we get to park together. Passes can be obtained in advance from John Doria for \$10...\$20 the day of the show, so get them early from John.



The 500 Party at the Quinn's has become somewhat of a tradition with the club, and this year will be no exception. For those of you not attending the Great American Race, but who still want to join in the action, come to the Quinn's on Sunday, February 18th for some fun, food, and fellowship. We can stay warm, cool, or dry for whatever Mother Nature has in store AND there will be no line for the bathroom. Jim will cook up his Sloppy Joes,

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provide a little \$\$ pool for the gamblers in the crowd, and watch the whole thing unfold. Come around 1:00 p.m. and bring some food additions for the Sloppy Joes and the beverage of your choice. The Quinns have a new address at 70 Bear Creek Path in the Bear Creek Subdivision in Ormond Beach. When you stop at the gate, just tell them you are headed to the Quinn's. Let Jim (jquinn4@cfl.rr.com) or Ginny (giraffe30@cfl.rr.com) know what you plan to bring (or request suggestions) so there will be a variety. Some possibilities are slaw, potato salad, condiments, snack assortment, desserts, etc. Watching the race with friends is always much more fun than watching it alone. They will even let you snooze as the need arises.

DINNER NIGHT OUT: Are you ready to experience the wonder of Italy? You will when we dine at Sinatra's "L'aldila" Ristorante. This quaint eatery is located inside the Historic Hotel Cassadaga in Lake Helen, Florida. Built in 1927,



this beautiful hotel & sanctuary is inspired by the rich landscapes of Spain as well as Italy. We will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange on Tuesday, February 27th at 4:45 pm, and prepare to immerse ourselves into a classical Italian atmosphere, enriched by the indescribable ambiance of the Historic Hotel Cassadaga. Now if that description doesn't inspire you, nothing will. All this AND great Italian food!! Maybe the spirit of Sinatra himself can be found hanging around. Who would want to miss THIS experience??

GOOD-BYE OLD FRIENDS: The following members have relinquished their membership for the 2018 year:

- Wayne and Tina Cantrell – sold Corvette, not actively looking to replace
- Bob and Mickey Fritz – moved out-of-state (TN)
- Dan and Karen Niswander – Inactivity

The club will miss you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Another soul we will deeply miss is that of longtime member John C. Reis, Sr., known to many as JR. John passed away on December 23, 2017 leaving a gaping hole in our club and in our hearts. John was the third in seniority with the Corvette Cruisers and was very active in club events. Goodbye, dear friend. Rest in Peace.



If you wish to get in touch with John Doria, please do not do so via Facebook. Use email, phone or text, (all of which you can find in the Members' Only Section), but please do not use Facebook. John does not look at his Facebook account that frequently and might easily miss your request. He thanks you.

Reviews

FIRST DOTR OF 2018: Ahhh, the holidays are over, the rushing around has subsided, and it was time for some rest and relaxation. And what better way to do that than meeting up with old friends and going to lunch. Although it started off on the cool side, it was nothing like the 21-degree day discussed in last month's Newsletter. None-the-less, twenty-three members and four guests didn't let the weather hold them back from a nice lunch, southern style, at the Southern Table in Bunnell. The small, homey restaurant was ready for us when we arrived, although the other patrons may not have been. Our many voices echoed loudly in the dining room that wasn't really equipped for noise. Soon after we were seated, plates of steaming cornbread arrived at the table. Some ordered breakfast that was served all day on Sunday, and some ordered lunch. Fried chicken, greens and a few other dishes made it feel like a southern kitchen, but notably absent from the menu were the pinto beans that would have been delicious with that cornbread. Enjoying the southern cuisine were John and Sally Doria, Richard Wetherby, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Ken Crick, Trish Ardler, Mike Mills, Visitors Bud and Mary Mullinex from Michigan with their "Cool '58", Art and Leslie Armstrong, Liz Byrne, Edie Byrne, Anita Slaton, Rick and Sheila Minor in their new ride (see [This & That](#) below), Bill and Evelyn Neway, visitors Tom Bonnett and his friend Sandy in their beautiful 2016 black coupe, Bob and Linda Wolff, and Ed and Jean Doyle. Especially good to see Ken and Trish after a lengthy absence while Ken has been battling some health issues. Welcome back!!

*A little irony occurred as we were departing the restaurant parking lot. Ken found his car had a dead battery since he hadn't driven it in a while. Ed supplied the jumper cables and Dave Huber supplied the necessary jump to get Ken on the road. Everyone was merrily on their way having waved goodbye to all remaining. Ed packed away the cables preparing to leave the parking lot and guess what? Car would not start – deader than dead. Instant panic, (Jean, not Ed), with no one around. Luckily, a little trick Ed had just provided to Gary Swanson the day before, saved the day. In the glove box of a C6, a transmitter pocket for a weak fob is located. That did the trick – Jean had calmed down and the Doyles were on their way home. Time to change the batteries in the fob. Do you know where your key fob transmitter pocket is located in your C7??? (Only the C6 and C7 have this feature.) (Photos by John D.)

From the Archives



The year was 2014 and the event was the 500 Race Party at the Quinn's. Pictured are John Doria, Jim, Steve Slaton, and Skip Crowder (past member). These guys are tending bar, so it must be the women that are watching the race.

This & That

Rick and Sheila must have been really, really good last year. Santa Claus rewarded them with a sparkling, 2017 Torch Red Convertible for Christmas. Congratulations on this new addition to your household.

We all know that February is the month of presidents: Washington, Lincoln, Doria???? Yep, that's right, John Doria, our president, will celebrate his birthday on February 13 right in between Lincoln and Washington. I guess that's why we have the President's Day holiday in February, huh John? Happy Birthday!

Anniversary wishes go out to the following members who will be celebrating this month: John and Sally Doria; Steve and Anita Slaton; Will and Donna Masotta, and Gary and Cindy Swanson. Congrats and keep the fires Burning!

Bob Wolff wanted a dramatic reading of the winning number for the 50/50 drawing. He wanted the slow build-up to the climactic announcement. But Bob quickly changed his tune when Linda's number was drawn for a nice little sum of \$47. No more whining from Bob!

Who would've believed it? Bill Geize is "Corvetteless." He sold that white beauty and is on the lookout for a replacement. Bill was the first in our club to own a C7. Will he be the first to own a C8, or maybe the mid engine???

Speedy Recovery Wishes to Steve Slaton who is recovering from some recent eye surgery.

The Oasis of the Seas will be the home for eight of our members the last week of this month.

Steve, Anita, Liz, Edie, Bill, Bonita, Ed and Jean will be cruising the Caribbean together. Hey, this might just count as a club event. Should we pack our tangerine club shirts?? Just kidding.

The Fun Corner



An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

Corvette Chatter

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 2019 ZR1

So you have read everything about the new 2019 ZR1, but did you know these fun facts?

- The starting price of the ZR1 will be \$119,995, with the convertible version starting at \$123,995.
- For the first time in ZR1 history, you have the choice of a manual or automatic transmission.
- For the second time you can get a drop top ZR1. Can you name the first drop top ZR1?
- The new engine was named LT5 to honor the 1990 ZR1.
- To keep it Cool, the ZR1 now has 13 radiators. Can you name where they are and what they do?
- It can be very loud and uses the active exhaust of the CTS-V, which actively tunes the sound level.
- The 2.65-liter blower on the ZR1 moves 52% more air than the Z06, is 3" taller and takes about 110hp to drive.
- The ZR1's throttle body is 95mm in diameter and is capable of sucking in 1,450 cubic feet of air per minute.
- The ZR1's Z07 front carbon-ceramic rotor is manufactured with a special heat treatment in order to improve its resistance to the higher thermal load and to increase the heat dissipation.

SALES FIGURES ARE IN – THE TOP CORVETTE DEALERS FOR 2017:

1. Kerbeck	Atlantic City NJ	950
2. McMulkin	Nashua NH	685
3. Les Stanford	Dearborn MI	416
4. Criswell	Gaithersburg MD	354
5. Bomnin	Miami FL	271

Jon Hall came in at 19th with 95 Corvettes sold.

WHERE IS CHEVY'S MID-ENGINE CORVETTE??

One of the most talked-about cars leading up to press days at the North American International Auto Show isn't even at the show. In fact, it has not even been confirmed by General Motors. We're talking about the next-generation Chevrolet Corvette, widely expected to have its engine placed behind the seats for the first time in its 65-year history. Enthusiast car magazines and websites have been breathlessly reporting that the eighth-generation Corvette would make its long-awaited debut this week in Detroit. Turns out it was premature speculation. Although the car has been caught testing numerous times by spy photographers, and appears nearly fully baked, apparently no one outside GM knows when it will debut. The next major global auto show happens in early March in Geneva and nearly all the world's supercar manufacturers are on this year's list of exhibitors. GM and Chevrolet are not scheduled to attend -- but that may be a ruse to tamp down speculation. I guess we will continue to breathlessly await along with everybody else

THE SUNKEN '62 RETURNS

Nearly four years ago many Corvette enthusiasts across the globe woke up to some startling news. A massive sinkhole had opened inside the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky – taking eight Corvettes into its depths. In the years that followed, the hole has been mostly filled (a manhole into what's left of the cave with viewing window remain), and two of the Corvettes were restored by General Motors. In 2017 it was announced that restoration would begin on the final repairable Corvette – the Tuxedo Black 1962.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Over the past year, restoration work has been performed on the Museum-owned Corvette in-house with most of the work being viewable by visitors to the Museum. In some cases, guests would get an up-close view and share in the process that was being accomplished that day. On Monday, February 12, 2018 the restored 1962 will be placed back in its original pre-sinkhole display space in the Skydome and revealed to the public. A ceremony will be held in the Skydome at 9:00am CT, and broadcast live on the Museum's Facebook page.

CORVETTE PAIR FETCHES BIG BUCKS:

General Motors has raised \$2.325 million for charity, although the automaker didn't do it all on its own. It had a little help from none other than George W. Bush, plus auction house Barrett-Jackson. The former president attended a Barrett-Jackson auction on Saturday in Scottsdale, Arizona and personally dropped the hammer on the first retail 2018 Chevrolet Corvette Carbon 65 Edition. The car was being sold to raise funds for the Bush Center's Military Service Initiative, which helps rehabilitate post-9/11 veterans and their families. Bush also signed the car for the buyer, John Staluppi, owner of Atlantic Automotive Group, who paid a total \$1.4 million. GM also sold the first retail 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 for \$925,000 to Rick Hendrick, chairman of Hendrick Automotive Group and owner of NASCAR team Hendrick Motorsports. The sale of the ZR1 benefited the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which works to support wounded veterans and builds mortgage-free smart homes through its Building for America's Bravest program. The homes also help the most impaired veterans regain some independence.

Check it out – an electric Corvette.

Genovation, an engineering company based in Rockville, Maryland, is almost ready to show its Corvette-based electric sports car. The company has confirmed the debut will take place at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show.

Called the Genovation Extreme Electric (GXE), the car in prototype form hit a top speed of 209 mph during testing last year. It also hit a standing mile record speed for electric cars of 190.4 mph.

While the prototype was based on a C6 Corvette Z06, the production GXE will actually use C7 Corvette Grand Sport as its donor.

The company plans to build just 75 GXEs in total, each priced from \$750,000. Ouch!

Power in the GXE comes from two electric motors delivering a peak 800 horsepower and 700 pound-feet of torque. The motors are positioned at either end of the car to create a 50:50 weight distribution, and uniquely they send their drive to the rear wheels only. Yes, they power a common shaft. Also unique as far as electric cars are concerned is the availability of 7-speed manual transmission. An automatic is standard.

Performance claims for the GXE include a 0-60 mph time of less than 3.0 seconds and a top speed of over 220 mph.

Genovation isn't providing details on the battery though we know it will have a 60-kilowatt-hour capacity. We also know the car will be fitted with carbon fiber wheels.

But hey, check out those tail lights!!!