

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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

Breakfast on the Run: February 5th saw a small gathering of club members' show up for breakfast. (Armstrongs, Konopskys and Quinns) We crossed the bridge to Peach Valley only to find the Flagler Corvette Club already there waiting to be seated. This was their first "Breakfast at Dawn" event. They now meet once a month to drive their Vettes to breakfast. We had some nice conversations and enjoyed each others company. But we couldn't get them to buy us breakfast. We had decided to do our road trip after we ate and ended up following the Flagler club up A1A to Rt 100. We then turned west to Dixie Highway and then south to the loop. We stopped by Art and Leslie's lot to walk the property to get a feel of how the house will sit on the lot.

In March we plan to come back to the Club House Restaurant for their breakfast buffet. We will meet on March 5th at the usual place. We will do a cruise to somewhere or maybe nowhere and end up at the restaurant to eat.

Ziti With Your Sweetie: Good friends, good food, and good music, that's what you can say about this outing. The O'Leary's, Armstrong's, Konopsky's and the Quinn's celebrated Valentines Day at the Knights of Columbus event held at St. Brendan's Social Hall. Pasta, sausage, meat balls, beer, wine and dessert were served. Big band music was provided by the Moonlighter's for our dancing pleasure. The

Fedele's were a no show and we missed the pleasure of their company.

Before and After: Next month we will see who can recognize members from their baby picture and from their high school daze. It's not too late, email your pictures to Jim so he can include them in the contest. This is a fun event and no prizes for the winners. Just a good chuckle and a little ooooh and aaaah's as we examine the pictures.

Speedway Spectacular: It's time for a spring fling. The show is now known as the Spring Daytona Beach Car Show and Swap Meet. No matter, we call it what we want and we know what we mean. The event will be held March 24, 25, and 26 at the Speedway. The plan is to find a better spot than where we've been in the past. The club has a tent and we will rally there to enjoy the day with good friends. Although we don't have a meeting spot yet, hopefully we will know by the March meeting. Get your entry form in by March 5th and it's only \$25.00. It will be \$30.00 after that date and at the gate.

Meeting Our Neighbors: On March 15th we plan to travel north to attend the Flagler Corvette Club's Cruise In. They get together at the Woody's Barbeque on Rt 100 in Flagler. The event begins at 5:30 and the food is good at Woody's. There are other restaurants in the center if BBQ isn't your bag.

Member: National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). Please visit their web site (www.corvettesnccc.org). Florida Region web site at (www.ncccsouth.com).

Corvette History - February

- **February 2, 1993:** The term "STINGRAY" is registered as a trademark to General Motors.
- **February 9, 1995:** The first alpha test C5 Corvette enters public roads for the first time.
- **February 11, 1962:** At the Daytona Continental race, Dick Thompson and Don Yenko race a 1962 Corvette of the Gulf Oil racing team to first in A/Production class, and seventh overall.
- **February 19, 1994:** Reeves Callaway decides to produce a modified Corvette to race at Le Mans, the first time for a Corvette in almost 20 years.
- **February 20, 1954:** The Ford Motor Company shows the Thunderbird two-seat convertible in Detroit. The Thunderbird is a major part of General Motors' decision to continue production of the Corvette.
- **February, 1955:** The basic design of the 1956 model Corvette is completed.
- **February, 1966:** At the Daytona Continental endurance race, Roger Penske's 1966 Corvette with 427 ci engine finishes first in GT class.
- **February, 1968:** At the 24-hour Daytona Continental race, Sunray DX Oil Company enters three Corvettes. Jerry Grant and Dave Morgan race a 1967 L88 Corvette (car No. 31). Revson/Yenko race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 29). DeLorenzo/Thompson race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 30). This is the racing debut of the 1968 model Corvette. The Grant/Morgan car finishes first in GT class and 10th overall.
- **February, 1993:** General Motors Power train Division decides to discontinue development of the Gen II engine as a small-block, and create a new medium-displacement V-8 engine.
- **February, 2000:** The Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona is held in Florida. Chevrolet enters its two C5-R Corvette race cars. One places second, 31 seconds behind the winner. The other places 24th.



Club Charity of Choice: Last year the club chose a charity to donate items to for a period of three months. Jim brought up the idea of continuing with this practice this year. He presented the Children's Home Society to assist in some way for the next three months. The CHS helps children from newborns to age 18. the CHS offers adoptions, foster care, child abuse and neglect prevention, family and individual counseling, case management, clinical services, supervised visitations, and emergency shelter and group homes for more than 1,100 abused, neglected and abandoned children and at-risk families annually in Volusia and Flagler counties. To assist this organization the club asks members to purchase gift cards from Walmart or other department stores to assist

clients with the purchase of food, clothing and personal hygiene items. Please bring your donations to the club meetings and Jim will see that they are forwarded to the CHS.

Desire for Attire: The club is looking for new club shirts to adorn our bodies. Shirley, Valerie, and Ginny were selected as a committee to select our new togs. They will be selecting a sampling of choices to present to the club at the next meeting. Already heard were words like pink, lime, lavender. This group needs close watching.

What a Tangled Web(site) We Weave: Valerie and Jim are to collaborate on the prospect of developing a club website. Some potential

avenues are out there for ways to do this with minor investment. More exploration is to be done before a choice can be presented to the club.

Welcome: Guests Bob and Sadie Compton visited the club checking us out for possible membership. We hope they liked what they saw and will join us again for our events and meetings.

50/50: Last month we saw the club treasurer (Valerie) win the 50/50 and this month the club secretary (Leslie) had the lucky number. Whazzup with that?

Picked From a Corvette Website: Oh gossip, you dark mistress, how can we resist your smoky seduction. We can't. That's why we had to share some chatter picked up from the *Digital Corvettes* pipeline. It's about the 2008 "Corvette SS," which rumor indicates will be a range-topping limited edition (yes, above the Z06), powered by a new, "charged" LS9 motor, similar in displacement to the LS7 and producing in the range of 600hp. Before you say it's the "[Blue Devil](#)" Vette that was seen raging about this past summer, the tipster says this car isn't even near that stage yet. Still, we wouldn't be the least surprised if ol' blue was a test mule for the LS9. Shhh, top secret.



Dyno Days: An interesting outing for the club is possible if we can find 5 people minimum who would like to have their car run on a dyno. The cost is \$45.00 for each car for two pulls. Daytona Street & Performance offers this to car

clubs. Normally the cost is \$125.00 for a 1 hour session. If you are interested let Jim know. If we can find five he will try to set this up.

Upcoming Events:

Eckler's Springfest 2006
Titusville, FL
Saturday April 8th
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Car Show; \$20 pre-register, \$25 day of show.
Showroom Discounts & Specials
Scratch & Dent
Manufacturer's Midway
For Sale Corral
Swap Meet

Vettes At The Light
Ponce Inlet
Saturday May 20th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration 7:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Limited to 100 Corvettes
Awards, Live Music, Food

Job Opportunity: If alligator wrestling is a career interest of yours, you should know that Florida dominates the industry. Gatorland, in Orlando, has been staging gator versus human wrestling matches since long before Disney got there. And at Okalee Indian Village, a competing venue, they offer frequent employment opportunities for gator rasslers (\$12 an hour, no experience necessary but quick hands are an asset).

Funny: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are going camping. They pitch their tent under the stars and go to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes wakes Watson.

"Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you deduce."

Watson says, "I see millions of stars, and if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets like Earth, and if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life.

Holmes replied: "Watson, you idiot, somebody stole our tent!"