

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through February, 2021) at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club, 35 Fairgreen Ave., New Smyrna Beach. If this location changes, it will be noted in the body of the Newsletter. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



We are all ready to look ahead to 2021, as we kick 2020 to the curb and make it a mere memory. Here's hoping there are great things in store for the club as well as for each of us in our personal lives. WELCOME 2021!!

A Message from our President:

Wishing you a Happy New Year certainly has taken on new meaning for 2021. As we close the book on 2020, let's take a look back. A new vocabulary emerged along with words we would say three or four times in our lifetime became an almost daily occurrence; including asymptomatic, social distancing, facial coverings, shelter in place, quarantine and

flatten the curve. Even the name Dr. Fauci became a household word.

Who would have ever thought that we would have a shortage of hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies and of course toilet paper? Along with that, C8 Corvettes selling upwards of \$25,000 over MSRP if you could even find one!! As in Sally and my case waiting over 14 months for our C8.

As we enter a new year, I am hopeful that we will be able to do all those fun activities we had to cancel. The friendliness and quaintness of our club makes us unique and truly special along with the passion of Corvette ownership.

As you read this, Sally and I wish all of you a very safe and healthy 2021!

John



Welcome

Welcome to new members Barry and Beverly Luckenbach, our first members for 2021. Barry and Beverly are true Corvette enthusiasts ...Beverly owns a 2018 Torch Red Convertible, and Barry owns a 2020 Accelerate Yellow Coupe and is awaiting a 2021 Red Mist Metallic Convertible. The Luchenbacks live riverfront in Daytona Beach. Please introduce yourselves to them and welcome them into our club.

Coming Up

DINING ON THE RUN (DOTR): We are either gamblers, positive thinkers, or just plain nuts that we planned our first DOTR to be an outdoor breakfast on the first Sunday in January. Perhaps we are all three, but we will head south to Goodrich's in Oak Hill to dine on the deck. Let's leave from Sunshine Park Mall on U.S. 1 in South Daytona at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 3rd.

P.S. There IS a Plan B in case of bad weather.

REMINDER: Even though 2021 dues were due by December 31st, I'm sending you a reminder since the Newsletter usually comes out before the end of the month. If you haven't done so already

please make your check out to CCGD and send it to Bill Simmons.

Review

The Christmas Banquet was a nice way to say adieu to this crazy year of 2020. Hidden Lakes was ready for us with the twinkling lights throughout, leading to the Christmas tree in the lobby. Several of the 28 members and guests attending got in the spirit quite quickly with the open bar. (Personally, I can vouch that Hidden Lakes makes a very good Bloody Mary!!) Dinner choices were prime rib, crab-stuffed flounder or corriander pork chop. The prime rib got rave reviews as did the flounder. Although the pork chop was a little on the tough side, it was quite tasty, especially with the creamy scalloped potatoes hidden beneath.

Following dinner, John thanked the Officers and the Directors for their steadfast help throughout this strange year, with special thanks to Jamie Hawes for her help in navigating the Zoom Board meetings. Thanks were also given to Jean Doyle who prevailed with the Newsletter; a real challenge since there was very little news to report. John introduced our newest members, Barry and Beverly Luckenbach.

John then proceeded to lead a discussion about the Corvettes in our past, along with some quirky things we didn't know about each other. Did you know that Bill Geize has owned five different C-7's, or that John Pona's first car at age 16 was a Corvette? Ed Doyle didn't get his first Corvette until he was 49, but Art Armstrong has owned his '67 for almost 50 years. Edie and Liz have owned 17 Corvettes, at times each owning one at the

same time. Bud Mullennix couldn't remember how many he and Mary have owned, but announced he sold his split-window coupe and got a white 2018 stingray convertible. Steve Slaton picked up Anita in a Corvette on their first date, as did John with Sally. Barry Luckenbach is waiting for a 2021 (he already has a 2020) and John continues to wait for his. We found out that Pat Cassella has restored many Corvettes over the years, and Lars and Bonita both raced them. Who knew all these things??

Jamie then announced that the recipient of the \$300.00 donation, made possible by your purchase of the 50/50 tickets throughout the year, went to Family Renew, an organization who offers a hand up to those in need, and not merely a handout. The voting was very close on all three charities choices. Three different charities will be selected next year at which time the membership will again be asked to choose the recipient. So keep buying those tickets for a worthy cause (and a chance to line your pockets with a little extra cash).

To end the evening, some door prizes were awarded to the lucky holders of the magic tickets: 1) Bill Geize finally got his C8 and beat out both Barry and John, thanks to Edie and Liz. Only problem is, Bill's car can only be displayed, not driven. The Doyles presented some beautiful poinsettias to winners Leslie Armstrong and Mary Mullennix. And finally, the club presented a logo-embossed umbrella to Liz, who will most certainly be able to fit Edie under it too.

Many thanks to all who brought food for the hungry. Although it was displayed in a nondescript location, it looked as though the amount shared was significant and our generosity came through once again. Jamie and Ken Hawes were nice enough to deliver the food to the Jerry Doliner Food Pantry, an organization that serves both Flagler and Volusia Counties.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN: As we have done in previous years when our Christmas Party was held at a new venue, we ask for your input. How was your meal? Did you have adequate selections? Was it worth the price? What about service, the location in general, the room itself? Please let your comments and review of Hidden Lakes be known, and email them to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com. Your remarks will then be compiled and presented anonymously to the Board to aid in determining next year's location.

This & That

NEW CALENDAR: The 2021 club calendar is available and can be accessed from the Home Page under "Upcoming Events." It is not advisable to make a copy of this calendar as it continues to evolve as events are added, deleted or changed. It is updated monthly when the Newsletter comes out. If you have an event you wish to add to the calendar, please give Jean a head's up.

A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW IDEAS...and we want yours!! Do you have an event you want the club to participate in, a new restaurant for the club to try out, a new car show for the club to attend? Let a board member know. Don't know who the board members are? They are listed right at the top of this Newsletter, in the yellow box. Remember, this is YOUR club. Let your voice be heard.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



John and Rose Pona will be celebrating an anniversary this month. Congratulations to you both as we drink a toast to many more.

GOOD-BYE OLD FRIENDS: The following members have notified the club that they will not be renewing their membership for 2021-2022.



Rick Demichina (sold Corvette)
Will Masotta (moved to CT)
Sheila and Rick Minor (sold Corvette)

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

Next month, we will have an updated membership list in the Members Only section on the website.

Corvette Etc

By Jean

Monday, December 14th was the first date the 2021 rolled off the assembly line at the Corvette plant in Bowling Green. What is also interesting (and maybe historic) about this date is that the first 50 cars off the line were 2020's completing the 2020 run. The remaining 154 were the start-up of the 2021's. Running two model years in the same day without a set-up time is quite unusual.

Fun Corner

Are you tired of COVID-19 jokes yet? Hopefully you are not, because as we navigate all the guidelines, restrictions and rules, we need to keep a sense of humor. Here is my final attempt to make you laugh as we wrap up 2020. Enjoy!!

- 1) 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people
- 2) The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay inside.
- 3) Does anyone know if we can take showers yet, or should we just keep washing our hands?
- 4) This virus has done what no woman has been able to do...cancel sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!
- 5) Some of us need to social distance from the refrigerator.
- 6) Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and asking for money.
- 7) The rate of COVID-19 is based on two things:
 1. How dense the population is
 2. How dense the population is

(You might have to think about that last one a bit.)



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!