

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

Port Orange at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 9 for a fishy afternoon.



A FISH FRY FOR LUNCH? If you are a fan of fish, the Deland Fish House is the place for you. Grouper, Mahi, Cod, Tilapia, Flounder, Tuna, Trout and Catfish, as well as Shrimp, Oysters, Crabs, Clams (Whole Belly and Strips), Crab Legs, Scallops - you name it, they serve it. Most side items are homemade. Is your mouth watering yet? They also serve burgers, steak, and chicken for you landlubbers, but for fish, the DeLand Fish House is for you. We'll leave from Kohl's in



A LITTLE LATER ON: The Board of Directors made plans for Dining on The Run for the remainder of the year:

- ◆ August - A Saturday breakfast at the Osteen Diner in Osteen FL.
- ◆ September - Lunch at the Southern Table in Bunnell.
- ◆ October - A late lunch on the Dine and Cruise Paddleboat out of Halifax Marina.
- ◆ November - Breakfast at the Old Spanish Sugar Mill at the DeLeon Springs State Park.
- ◆ December - Christmas Party.

There are also plans for a Dinner Night Out at Norwood's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach in late August. Check the calendar for all these dates.

Plans are in the works for a celebration for the Corvette Cruisers Silver Anniversary. October of 2017 marks 25 years of our club's existence. More information will become available closer to the time.

Reviews



JASON'S CORNER: A sea of orange (excuse me, tangerine)

brightened up the center section of this New Smyrna Beach eatery as the hungry Corvette Cruisers made their way front and center for breakfast. Bill G., Richard, Rick D., Mike, Edie, Liz, John D., Bill N., Evelyn, Dave, Maya, Rick M., Sheila, Ed and Jean met up with Bill S., Bonita, Gary and Cindy for an enjoyable dining experience. Service was excellent as the coffee kept coming and the orders were quickly in front of us. Jason's Corner did not disappoint and will continue to be on our morning radar.



THE FUN RUN: Stand up and take a bow, Ken, Jamie, and son

Greg for making this event one of the best

of the year. Those of you who couldn't make it, missed a lot of fun. The morning began in the hot humidity that Florida offers, but thankfully, no rain. (The forecasters missed it again - hooray!) We munched on Dunkin Donuts as we paid up, received our directions, and rolled the dice to begin the first leg of our adventure. With the highest number of accumulated points being the object, it was off to Stop 2. Here, we drew three cards, added up the amount and listed it on our score card. Then we ventured on to Stop 3 in Osteen, where we tried our luck at bean bag toss. One practice shot, then four tosses later, we had our scores...5 points to sink it, 3 points on the board, 1 point if it touched the board. Unfortunately, some of the best shots were the practice shots, right Liz? After a beautiful drive on a long stretch of highway, watching for a statue for some extra points, we made our way to Stop 4 at River Breeze Park in Oak Hill. Here, we took our chances by blindly drawing a numbered poker chip from a bag of many. Unbelievably, that out of the first group of eight players, 2 selected Chip #1 for only one point. The final stop was McKenna's Bar and Grill for a final dice throw, a great lunch, some wonderful door prizes, and the announcement of the winners with the highest total scores. Many lucky winners won gift certificates from Publix, Fridays, Culvers, Dunkin Donuts, and Panera Bread. Other prizes included Meguiar's Quick Detailer with some buffing towels, an assortment of

Armor All Products, and a free oil change from Tom Gibbs Chevrolet. In the Fun Run Finale, low score of 57 points and \$5 cash went to Maya, 3rd place of \$10 went to Anita, who scored 101 points, 2nd place and \$15 went to Richard with 108 points, and 1st place of \$25 went to Leslie with a total of 127 points. Good at Golf AND dice ... who knew?? Those participating were Jim and Ginny Quinn, Bill Geize, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Rick and Sheila Minor, John Reis, Dave Huber, Maya Branden, Liz Byrne, Edie Byrne, Joanna Oswald and her daughter Connie, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Steve and Anita Slaton, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Richard and friend Marsha, and Ed and Jean Doyle, along with Ken and Jamie Hawes and son Greg, who made it all possible. Thanks also to the manager of McKenna's who supplied a bunch of coupons for free appetizers to all who didn't win a door prize. Everybody ended up a winner, including the club, with some extra cash in its coffers. One bit of irony, a 50/50 drawing was held and who but Ken Hawes won the \$37 pot. At the last Dice Run that was held in November of 2016, Jamie won the \$38 in that 50/50. What better payment for their hard work!!
 (Photos by Bill Simmons)

**HAVE A SAFE AND
 HAPPY 4TH!!**

From the Archives



Do you remember? The year was 2012. Six couples from the Corvette Cruisers "cruised" their way to the Bahamas aboard the Mariner of the Seas. It's five years later and we haven't aged a bit!!

FACTS ABOUT THE FOURTH

★ Three U.S. presidents, including two signers of the Declaration of Independence, died on July 4. John Adams at age 90 and Thomas Jefferson at age 83 both died in 1826 on the 50th anniversary of signing the Declaration. Five years later, James Monroe died on July 4 at age 73 in New York City.

★ The United States imports six times as many American flags as it exports. U.S. flags made in China account for about 95 percent of the imports.



July 4 is the deadliest day of the year on the nation's roads. And alcohol-fueled festivities make it the second deadliest day - just behind New Year's Day - for drunk-driving deaths.



Fireworks, which are pretty much synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day, also make it one of the most dangerous days of the year. Fireworks-related injuries send an average of 200 Americans a day to the emergency room around the holiday.

This & That

A speedy recovery to Barry Phillips, our newest Corvette Cruiser. Barry spent twelve days in the hospital and will be undergoing some further treatment. We wish Barry the best and hope to see him real soon.

The Fun Run wasn't so fun for Richard on his way home. His Corvette gave the signal that his tire was flat. He got out to check it out, but it looked fine. He continued on, now thinking perhaps the dashboard indicator was messed up. More dings, a little tug to the right, 0 pressure on the gage - what the heck?? What was up was Richard's first experience with Run Flat tires. He didn't realize he had them on his C5. Luckily, it was just an imbedded screw

that could be easily plugged up. No new tire needed. Love those Run Flats!!!

Happy Birthday to our two July babies: Wayne Cantrell on the 18th and Cindy Swanson on the 26th.

Happy Anniversary to our two sets of lovebirds who decided to tie the knot in July: Wayne and Tina Cantrell and Jim and Ginny Quinn.

The only snowbirds we have left in the club are Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, who will stay about a month in Colorado. It seems they detoured a little to spend some time in The Big Easy on their way.

The 50/50 drawing at the June meeting was won by Jean Doyle in the amount of \$34. Did Ed's absence bring her luck?? Hmmmm.....

Corvette Chatter



Some Year End Stats Worth

Noting: The Bowling Green

Assembly Plant wrapped up production on Friday, June 2nd and so now it's time to dive into the production statistics for the 2017 Model Year.

For the 2017 model year, Chevrolet built a total of 32,782 Corvettes. The number one selling model is the Corvette Stingray

which accounts for 41.4% of production, followed by the Grand Sport which saw 36.4% of production while the Z06 had 22.2% of 2017 Corvette production.

The top selling color once again across all models was Arctic White by a large margin with 6,199 produced, followed by Watkins Glen Gray with 5,822. Black rounds out the top three at 5,338, with Torch Red coming in at 4th with 4,621.



A visit to the Michelin Bash at the National Corvette Museum

provided the most recent opportunity to assemble a gallery of Corvette vanity plates. As usual, the findings proved that Corvette owners are the best when it comes to custom license plates. Corvette owners can do more with 7 or 8 characters than anyone else on the planet.

Once again, the vast majority of plates noted fit into 1 of 3 categories. Plates like "Z650" describe the car's power plant while "HIYOSILVA" pays homage to the C7's Blade Silver paint. Lastly, tags like "R SMR FUN" describe how the owners plan to use their Corvette. Some favorites included "SO COOL" on a red Stingray, "A ND4SPD" on a Supersonic Blue Callaway C6, "PLAYKAR" on a Laguna Blue C7 Z06, and "BLEUDVL" on a C6 ZR1. Many creative and clever vanity plates can be seen at our local car shows and right here in our own club. Well done Corvette owners, well done.



General Motors is facing a [class action lawsuit](#) over performance problems of its C7 Z06 models produced from 2015-2017, according to a Florida law firm representing the plaintiffs.

"In marketing the Z06, GM said this car was 'conceived on the track,'" said Stuart Grossman, founder and partner at Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen, representing the Z06 owners. "Any reasonable purchaser would have assumed that a car sold this way wouldn't shut down and lose speed and power after only 15 minutes of track driving." The lawsuit claims the Z06s are prone to overheating on the track and on public roads, sometimes after just 15 minutes of track driving, because of a defective cooling system and then enter limp mode, which causes power and speed to be "drastically reduced," creating a dangerous situation when surrounded by speeding cars. According to the suit, "GM enticed race enthusiasts with bells and whistles, promising a car that could maintain safe speeds and power when tracked, but we believe what it sold them was far from what it promised. This defect not only damages the Z06 engine, but endangers drivers." An estimated 30,000 Z06s are included in the lawsuit, the attorneys said. "We believe we've found GM to be guilty of a classic bait and switch - one that cost thousands of consumers dearly, up to \$120,000, and broke state consumer protection laws," said Steve Berman, a partner in the firm. Berman adds: "The defect in question markedly

limits the car's performance - the sole reason these hotrod enthusiasts bought the Corvette Z06 in the first place. If they'd known of this defect at the time of purchase, they likely wouldn't have spent six figures on the Z06."

The suit alleges that GM deceived customers and violated state and federal laws by failing to ensure that the Z06 functions safely, and by failing to disclose the cooling system defect. The suit brings counts of fraudulent concealment, breach of warranty, unjust enrichment and other claims. Hagens Berman asks Z06 owners to contact the firm for more details. Tadge Juechter, Corvette executive chief engineer, says that a small number of customers reported "heatsoak" or overheating issues when running their Z06s hard on the track. The exact number might have been less than five percent of all buyers, Juechter said, but those drivers complained loudly about the issues. As part of his engineering team's emphasis on "continual improvement," the 2017 Z06 received a new hood with improved cooling vents and some other changes "for additional cooling on the track.



Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Hey, you C5 owners! Check out this wild looking C5 Corvette that's been updated with a C7 rear end. CarScoops.com found this C5/7 and notes that the rear treatment, from a distance, actually makes the vehicle look like a legitimate 2017 with a custom orange paint job. They even added custom fiberglass panels around the rear hatch to make the rear roof line closely resemble that of the newest generation. However, as you walk around the side and front of the car, *CarScoops* believes that the "Frankencar," as they labeled it, "falls apart at the seams." Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that's certainly the case with this Corvette. We actually like what they've done with the rear end, and we find the other end appealing, too, with the grills on the bulging hood, fender flares, front spoiler, and rocker panels combining to add a nice touch. However, we do agree with *CarScoops* that the tires need to be larger to fill the wheel wells better. What's your opinion? Should this be the way Chevrolet should have designed the C5 to start with back in the 1990s, or should this Frankencar be hauled to the nearest junkyard and put out of its misery?

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