

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.

Vacation Edition #2

Coming Up

Reviews

DOTR CLOSE TO HOME: After our long drive to St. Augustine for the June DOTR, we are sticking a little closer to home for July. D.B. Pickles, 400 S. Nova Rd. in Ormond Beach is now serving breakfast, and we are about to try it out. Let's leave from Bealls in Ormond at 8:15 for the short trip to Pickles. The date is July 1st, so we will get a jump on the 4th of July holiday and any festivities you might have planned.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: July 4th means picnics, fireworks and the Coke Zero 400. It's a celebration of the day the Declaration of Independence was signed, freeing us from the tyrannical rule of Great Britain. It only became a federal holiday in 1941. Enjoy your 4th in a safe and fun-filled way.



A VISIT WITH AUNT KATE: Well, one can certainly see that summer is upon us. Only ten members, (Bill Geize, Bill Simmons, Richard Wetherby, Will Masotta, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Tom Bonnett and Sandie VonKutzleben, and Ed and Jean Doyle) met at Beall's for the trip to St. Augustine and Aunt Kate's Restaurant. Although the clouds formed at times, the rain held off and it turned out to be a beautiful day. Several mentioned they had never seen the ocean so calm, not even a white cap where the water meets the sand. Traffic, even through the tourist section of St. Augustine, was relatively light, especially for a Sunday. But St. Augustine is always a bit confusing, so a couple of people got a little mixed up and went straight when they should have turned. But once at the restaurant, we dined on the deck, and although the thermometer hit the 90's, we didn't notice the heat

at all thanks to a nice breeze that blew off the river. Food was very good, especially the pumpkin bread and Johnny cake that was brought to our table immediately. Service was excellent as well, and it was good to visit Aunt Kate again. She hasn't changed a bit. (Photos by Bill and Richard)

FUN RUN = FUN DAY: First and foremost a BIG thank you to Jamie Hawes, along with husband Ken, brother Roger, sister-in-law Eileen, and son Greg for all the work they did to ensure a smooth-running event on Sunday, June 10th.



The FUN RUN, was just that --- FUN!
The day began at the Bed, Bath, and Beyond parking lot where we ate donuts, picked up our directions and score sheets, and played the first competition – throwing ping pong balls (orange ones, no less) into cups of various values for our first score of the day. Then we set out in groups of four or five cars, to Stop 2 where we tried our luck at throwing 6 dice. The total value of the dice became our score for round 2. Then on to Stop 3 at Lake Beresford Park, through some beautiful country scenery in and around the towns of DeLand, Lake Helen, and Cassadaga. At this stop, skill came into play for a ring toss – loop six rings on soft drink bottles for a score. At Stop 4, a game of Corn Hole was played. Here again, skill, more than luck, was involved. Two observation points had to be found along the way for extra points: the amount of Acreage for Sale on a large billboard and the call letters and frequency of a radio station. Our 5th and final stop was for lunch at Brian's Bar-B-Que in DeLand where we had the last competition of the day. While picking five cards out of a box and tallying up the face value, luck had to be on your side for this score. (Aces only counted for 1 point! Huh??? Where else would 3 aces be a losing hand?)

By this time, everybody was famished and ready to eat, and bar-b-que fit the bill. As the

crew was actively calculating the scores from all the stops, the rest of us were ordering up our lunch. Before the food arrived, however, Jamie called out two door prize gift cards, compliments of the restaurant, that could be used toward the winner's lunch. Winners were Anita Slaton and Bill Geize. Following lunch, additional door prizes for gift cards from such places as Publix, Dunkin' Donuts, and Dollar Tree were won by Dave Huber, Leslie Armstrong, Ed Doyle, Liz Byrne, Art Armstrong, Linda Wolff, Sheila Minor, and Edie Byrne. Additional prizes of matchbox-style Corvettes were provided one per car compliments of the Byrne sisters. Thank you, Liz and Edie. They were cute and added to the fun of the day.

Then the winners were announced. With a top score of 117, Cindy Swanson won \$25. In second place with a score of 116 was Bob Wolff, who won \$15, and in third place was Rick Demichina with a score of 112 to take home \$10. The booby prize of \$5 went to Jean Doyle with the lowest score of 68. Others participating in the FUN RUN not already mentioned were Joanna Oswald, Gary Swanson, Richard Wetherby, Jim Quinn, Ginny Quinn, Rick Minor, Maya Branden and Steve Slaton. A 50/50 drawing was held and the winner of \$33 was Richard Wetherby, who purchased only one ticket to make the winnings come out even. Just goes to show you that it only takes one ticket to win.

Again, a big thanks to Jamie and Ken and all their helpers. There is a lot of planning, scheduling, calling, picking the route and driving it, printing, organizing, collecting, and on and on and on that goes into one of these events. If you missed it, you missed a great time and a fun experience. And as an added bonus, \$75 went into the general fund of the club from this event.

A footnote: the day wasn't completely fun for Jim and Ginny, whose 'Vette didn't make it home. A transmission cable broke and they had to be towed. (Photos by Richard).



This & That

Happy Birthday wishes go to Cindy Swanson on the 26th, who has the whole month to herself.

Happy Anniversary wishes go to Jim and Ginny Quinn, the only couple celebrating in July. Congratulations!!

Speedy recovery wishes go to Bill Neway who broke his femur wrestling a 12 ft gator in his back yard (at least Bill would like us to think it happened that way), but it was actually the yard itself, minus the gator that did him in. The miracles of modern medicine put Bill back together and in about 2 more months he'll be as good as new. We always knew that yard work could be a b****. Now we have proof!

Tom Bonnett and Sandie VonKutzleben will escape the Florida heat by spending the next two or three months in Minnesota. Their Corvette and their bicycles went with them to ensure a fun summer for them.

Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson had an adventurous time trying to make their way to Colorado. They were introduced to a little town in Iowa thanks to a contrary Ford, that decided it didn't want to make the trip. You know what we GM lovers say about those Fords. Happy to know you finally made it!!

The 50/50 drawing for June was won by Joanna Oswald in the amount of \$26. The winnings are a little lighter during the summer, but it's still pretty good pay for sitting through an hour-long meeting. (Maybe)

John and Sally Doria have taken up a temporary residence in New Smyrna Beach after selling their home in Port Orange. They will be moving back to Port Orange once their new home is completed.

I realize this is not the usual time for making donations, but I found this quite interesting. You might want to consider this before you donate:

THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE!

<p>The American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' Salary for the year was \$651,957 Plus expenses</p>	<p>MARCH OF DIMES It is called the March of Dimes because Only a dime for Every 1 dollar is given to the Needy.</p>	<p>The United Way President Brian Gallagher Receives a \$375,000 base salary Along with numerous expense benefits.</p>	<p>UNICEF CEO Caryl M. Stern Receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k Per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. Less than 5 Cents of your donated dollar goes to the Cause.</p>	<p>GOODWILL CEO and owner Mark Curran Profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a Very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business And then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing For his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. \$0.00 goes to Help anyone! Stop giving to this Man.</p>
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PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD:

<p>The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett Receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for Managing this \$2 billion dollar Organization. 95 percent of donated dollars go To the cause.</p>	<p>The American Legion National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary. Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>
<p>The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives A \$0.00 zero Salary. Your donations go To help Veterans and their families and youth!</p>	<p>Make a Wish: For children's last Wishes 100% goes to funding trips or Special wishes for a dying child.</p>	<p>St. Jude Research Hospital 100% goes towards funding and Helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and Cannot afford to pay.</p>	<p>Ronald McDonald Houses All monies go to running The houses for parents who have critically ill Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding The families.</p>	<p>Lions Club International 100% OF DONATIONS GO TO HELP THE BLIND, BUY HEARING AIDES, SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. THEIR LATEST UNDERTAKING IS MEASLES VACCINATIONS (ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).</p>

Corvette Chatter

Not only is our Newsletter a bit slim, but the news coming out of Bowling Green is slim as well.

Production is now coming out of the new paint shop, and the word is that there is a remarkable difference. Be on the lookout for the 2019's to see if you can see an improvement.

The 2019 ZR1's are being recalled for a faulty sensing diagnostic module that affects deployment of the airbags.

And here we go again.....A prototype for what's almost certain to be a 2020 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette has been spotted, and the latest tester is wearing the least camouflage gear seen yet, and therefore making that mid-engine design all the more apparent.

Fun Corner

Hospital regulations always require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down, I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

From the Archives



The year was 2006, the first year the club had the website up and running. The first DOTR (or BOTR as it was called back then) recorded on the web for that year was a trip to D. B. Pickles. This was also the very first event attended by Ed and Jean. There are not too many familiar faces in this group to the majority of our members now. For a time, the club held the monthly meetings at Pickles, prior to moving to Fridays.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Say Hello to the Red, White and Blue!! With the 4th of July at hand, it seemed only fitting to feature the flag, and what better way than to have that flag be made up of Corvettes. This photo was actually shot at Corvettes of Carlisle in 2016, but it is my understanding that this display is done every year at their Corvettes of Carlisle show in late August.