

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.

New Years Resolutions: Well, here we go again, another new year. What does this year have in store for our club? I am sure it will be every bit as good as last year and better in a lot of ways. Some of the things we have been doing I'm sure will continue, like the Mini Golf Tourney and BOTR. But the club is always looking for new things to do. If you have any suggestions please pass them along to Tim or one of the Board members. If you have anything that you would like to see published in the Newsletter please let me know. I have asked for member contributions to the newsletter and from time to time someone will send me something interesting that I can pass along to the membership. I am particularly interested in articles about the members. I have space in the newsletter for articles written by members about your first car, or how you acquired your first Vette, or if you owned a particular interesting car or Vette in the past. If you have any ideas about interesting games or contests that the club can do, like "You'll never guess what I did" or the upcoming "Before and after" photos, let us know. If you know of any interesting road trips that the club can take, pass it along. The club is about doing things together and not just about the meeting.

Before and After: Don't forget those photos! Please give Jim photos of you as a baby or infant and a picture of you in high school, preferably your senior picture if you have one. In March I will bring a board with copies of the

pictures attached and let club members guess who is who. This will be a lot of fun and you will find that some of us have not changed much over the years and some of us have changed a lot.

Tour de' Forest: The Armstrong's (not Lance) and the Quinn's went on a scouting mission to check out the tour. Good thing they did. They missed a turn and went way out of the way. The navigators were too busy checking out the fancy wheels in a store front and missed the route number for the turn at the intersection. Then another wrong turn that sent them in a circle back to Silver Springs, which by the way is not on the tour. Finally the correct road was found and with a little back tracking they think they can find the way it's suppose to go. Now all we need to do is set and date and decide what we'll do for lunch.

There is a place along the way called the Dam Dinner which is supposed to have good sandwiches. We could also plan to take picnic lunches and stop along the way to eat.

Web Site: They call it a web site but I've never seen any spiders. A discussion ensued at the meeting as to whether the club should have a web site. We decided to look into it further to see what the initial costs would be and how much a month it would cost to keep it going. Jim found one site that allows you to set up our own page for free then pay \$9.95 a month to have it on the web. Other members are looking into other

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

sources to see what we can find. A web site would be a great avenue for people interested in Corvette Clubs to find us. Right now we only do a minimum of advertising and a lot of people do not know we exist. There are 22 clubs on the NCCC Florida Region web site. We are 1 of the 5 that do not have their own web site. If you know of someone who does web sites please pass it along to Tim or Jim. Stay tuned for more information.

Newsletter Contest: Our newsletter was entered into the NCCC newsletter contest last year. Unfortunately we did not place in the top 5. As your newsletter editor I do not plan to take this laying down. I am going to try to make this newsletter even better for 2006. I hope it will do better in this years contest.

Conklin Center for the Multi-handicapped: As you know the club has been a supporter of the Conklin Center in the past. We attended their Raceweek Charity Auction for a number of years and supported them with yearly donations. The Raceweek Auction has become one of those "been there-done that" events so attendance has disappeared for us. Last year the club donated \$100.00 in lieu of attending the auction. This year the club is going to do the same thing with another \$100.00 donation. If you are interested in attending the auction tickets are \$40.00 and the event will be held at Indigo Lakes on February 10th. Call the Conklin Center for more information.

Club Calendar: We still plan to do a club calendar, but it may be July before we get it done. If you can do your own photo, email it to Jim. Be sure to use the highest resolution on your camera to get the clearest picture. At the next BOTR we plan to take photos of those cars that attend.

Breakfast on the Run: It's back! We missed doing it in January, but February 5th we will meet at the Beall's in Ormond. Carol made three suggestions to places to visit for breakfast or brunch. One of the suggestions is the club house at Grande Haven. The dress code there does not allow jeans but we can handle that.

The buffet sounds pretty good too and costs \$10.00.

Scavenger Hunt: We have managed to get 6 Polaroid Cameras that we can use on the hunt. From what we can gather Polaroid still makes the 600 film. If you have one of these cameras that take that film you can bring it along. This is an interesting event and is a lot of fun. The basic premise is that your Vette must be photographed with various objects. We just need to set the date.

Ziti With Your Sweetie: The Knights of Columbus is holding its 4th Annual Italian Night on Saturday February 11th. The event runs from 5 to 7 for dinner and dancing and entertainment from 6 until 9. Reservations are required. It will be held at St. Brendan's Social Hall on A1A north of Granada Ave. in Ormond Beach. For reservations call Joe or Terry at 441-0518, Ed at 441-7187, or Vince at 441-4713. Club couples are planning to attend.

Boggy Creek: I know this is short notice but some members are planning to go to Paul Newman's Boggy Creek for kids with serious illnesses. Club members will be leaving from Beall's in Ormond January 21st at around 8:30. If you would like to go, please call Tim for more information.

Speedway Show: This is an event that the club usually attends. It will be held at Daytona International Speedway, March 24, 25, & 26th. Show vehicle registration is \$25 prior to March 5th, \$30 after that. We usually group together under the club tent. We will notify everyone where we will locate on the show field.



NCCC Florida Region: Next Florida Region meeting will be held March 12th at the Wyndham Place Resort and Spa, Walt Disney World Resorts.

2006 NCCC CONVENTION: The NCCC convention is being held in Orlando this summer, August 5 to 11th. Information attached.

Florida in '06—Where It Will Be All About You!

Join us in Florida for a vacation experience we hope you will always remember—one that promises to combine fun, competition, excitement, food, entertainment, and plenty of time to visit with your Corvette friends—a week that will be all about you.

The Florida Region invites you to NCCC's 47th annual convention at the Buena Vista Palace in Walt Disney World® Resort. This premiere facility, located in the heart of one of the largest and most popular vacation spots in the world, is a full-service hotel and convention center located directly across the street from Downtown Disney and near to all Disney attractions.

The competition schedule will follow the NCCC traditional format with a concours, People's Choice Car Show, and funkhana at the hotel. A rally through the scenic and uncongested areas of central Florida will challenge the rally enthusiasts.

If racing peaks your interest, you'll love one of the special treats of this convention: Sebring International Raceway, home of the 12 Hours of Sebring. SIR's 3.7-mile 12-hour track is the site of the high-speed autocross, and large area adjacent to the high-speed track will host the low-speed autocross so you can experience both events at the same time. For the drag racers, there will be both record and bracket drags at Orlando Speed World.

In addition to autocrosses, join us at Sebring on Friday, Aug. 4, for Track Day to learn more about the course during controlled autocross-like conditions, and Pace Laps of the track in a more controlled atmosphere where you can drive your Corvette, tow vehicle, or rental car and just soak in the history, excitement, and awe of driving on a renowned international racing circuit.

Social activities include parties and dinners through the week as well as a trip to Old Town, home of the largest weekly car cruises. With so much to do in the Orlando area, we know we will choose just the right mix of entertainment for your evenings.

To help you get ready for a great week in Florida, Buena Vista Palace has developed a web page just for us so you can book your accommodations online, through a secured site, at the group preferred rate: <http://www.wyndhamevents.com/palace/06nccc.htm>.

For more information, watch for regular updates on 2006 convention plans in *Blue Bars* and on the NCCC website at www.corvettesnccc.org. Direct your questions for the convention director to nccc06convention@comcast.net.

All of us in the Florida Region look forward to your visit next summer for our sixth opportunity to host the NCCC convention. This one, folks, is

All About You!

Tire Hieroglyphics: The air pressure listed on the sidewall of a tire is not the correct air pressure for your Corvette. The number listed on the sidewall is the maximum air pressure for the tire. Follow Chevrolet's published recommendations. You and your Corvette will be much happier.

Tech Talk: GM Service Bulletin

1997-2001: Service Bulletin: Info - Wheel Pressure Sensors Unable to be Reprogrammed after Tire Replacement

Source: Chevrolet Dealer Service Bulletin

Number: 00-03-10-005

Subject: Info - Wheel Pressure Sensors Unable to be Reprogrammed after Tire Replacement

Model Year: 1997-2001

Some dealers may find it difficult to reprogram the wheel mounted air pressure sensors on vehicles which have replacement tires installed. If this is the case, verify the brand and model of the tires. One tire that is known to cause this condition is the Goodyear® Eagle™ F-1. The Goodyear® Eagle™ F-1 uses a unique "all-steel" case construction. The sidewall reinforcement, as well as the tread belts, are made from a woven steel strand material. The presence of this material may cause degradation of the signals generated by the wheel mounted sensors. Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) replacement tires must have Goodyear® Eagle™ F-1 GS EMT molded into the sidewall of the tire. If the tire does not have the GS designation, it is an all steel construction Goodyear® Eagle™ F-1 tire.

This type of interference may not be limited to the Goodyear® Eagle™ F-1 tire. As other manufacturers produce replacements for the Corvette, the individual peculiarities of those tires cannot be predicted. Using OEM replacement tires as identified above is the customer's best assurance of trouble free performance.

What to Advise the Customer

If an inspection of the wheel mounted sensor reveals no visible damage caused by improper installation of the tires, you should recommend that the customer install OEM tires to correct this condition. Further point out to the customer that the current aftermarket tires do not afford the run-flat feature of the original equipment tires. As the Corvette is not fitted with a spare tire, this could be a serious inconvenience to the customer.

GM bulletins are intended for use by professional technicians, NOT a "do-it-yourselfer". They are written to inform these technicians of conditions that may occur on some vehicles, or to provide information that could assist in the proper service of a vehicle. Properly trained technicians have the equipment, tools, safety instructions, and know-how to do a job properly and safely. If a condition is described, DO NOT assume that the bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle will have that condition. See your GM dealer for information on whether your vehicle may benefit from the information.

And just when you thought you have seen everything. Along comes a Corvette pickup truck. One of a kind Convertible Corvette Pickup Truck with removable hard top. This beautiful vehicle was the pride of ownership to one of the principle owners of Bayliner Boats. Specialized molds were created to stretch the 1984 front and 1991 rear Corvette body. This car has a Munci 4 speed transmission and a 350 engine. Over \$115,000 was spent to build this masterpiece.



Sold on EBay for \$30,000.00.