

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter

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**President: Jim Quinn, Vice President: Art Armstrong, Secretary: Jean Doyle, Treasurer: Alice Luther,
Directors: John Doria, Ed Doyle, David Huber
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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 at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Need help making your resolutions? We hope you will make one to attend as many Corvette Cruiser Club functions this year as possible. There are many members that we seldom see. Make your dues money count and attend the functions. We need you!

SOME SAD NEWS: It is with deep regret and sadness that we mourn the loss of Carol Ruland, wife of George and sister of Ginny Quinn. Carol, who had been a member of the club for many years, fought a long hard battle with cancer. Our hearts and prayers are with George, Ginny and Jim, and all Carol's family at this sad time.

WE CONTINUE TO GROW: Welcome back new "old" members Bob and Mickey Fritz,

snowbirds from Tennessee. The Fritzes were founding members of the Corvette Cruisers way back when our club was just a thought in the minds of a few. Bob and Mickey spend their Florida time in South Daytona and own a '69 Bridgehampton Blue convertible and an '01 Magnetic Red convertible. A big welcome also goes out to Joanna Oswald and Steve Terrell who reside in Daytona Beach. Joanna and Steve drive a 2000 Millennium Yellow Coupe.

LET'S EAT!! What better way to begin the year than with our Breakfast/Brunch on the Run (BOTR). This time we will be motoring north to Palm Coast to dine at Arnie's Grille at the Pine Lakes Golf Club. If you haven't eaten there, you are in for a treat. Mark your calendar to meet at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 8th.

CRUISE-IN AT THE FLY-IN: On Saturday, November 19th the Spruce Creek Fly-In was the scene of an "experimental" car show/cruise-in that the sponsors hope will grow into a monthly event. John and Sally,

Ed and Jean, Lars Connelly, and Dave Huber enjoyed eyeballing about 100 cars of various makes and models. Ron Strauss and his grandson brought Ron's 1966 Mustang to the show. (I guess we will forgive him THIS time.) It was a fun night topped off with pizza and a live band playing the oldies but goodies. If the show continues, it will be planned for earlier in the day due to the lack of lighting, at least until the time changes to daylight savings in the spring. (Photos by Lars)

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Who ARE these people in the photos? Hey, we clean up pretty good, don't we? A record crowd was on hand to celebrate the season at Mario's Restaurant in Ormond Beach at our annual Christmas Party. A last minute change was necessary thanks to our growing membership. We literally outgrew the room at the Ormond Beach Steakhouse and a quick change was necessary to allow elbow room. Everyone seemed pleased with the dinner selections, service and atmosphere at Mario's. Jim Quinn, our president, presented the "year in review," a recap of the year's activities, highlighting some of the adventures and misadventures that occurred throughout the year. He thanked the outgoing directors for their service, and the continuing officers for always going above and beyond their job description: Art Armstrong, for filling in at functions and meetings Jim was unable to attend, Jean Doyle for her work as Newsletter Editor and keeping the website up-to-date, and Alice Luther for her relentless pursuit of all who owe money. Jim is eagerly looking forward to working with the new directors for 2012-2013; John Doria, Ed Doyle, and Dave Huber. The generosity of the Corvette Cruisers was shining brightly as a large table quickly filled with nonperishable food items to help feed the needy. Dave Huber agreed to

play Santa Claus and deliver the food to the Second Harvest food bank. Door prizes were awarded to all throughout the night. It proved a nice evening and a great opportunity to wish everyone the joys of the season. (Photos by Lars and Bob)

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Board of Directors met in October to set up a budget and tentatively plan the 2012 calendar.

Breakfast/Lunch On The Run (BOTR's):

- Jan. 8 Arnies Grille, Palm Coast (B)
- Feb. 5 Aunt Kate's, St. Augustine (L)
- Mar. 4 Mom's, New Smyrna Beach (B)
- Apr. 15 Joe's Crab Shack, Sanford (L)
- May 6 Peach Valley, Ormond Bch. (B)
- June 3 Bahama Breeze, Orlando (L)

Some other events to look forward to in 2012:

- Jan. Rolex Corvette Corral
Caribbean Cruise
- Feb. Daytona 500 Race Party
- Mar. Spring Car Show at DIS
Tom Gibbs Car Show
Mini-Golf Tournament
- Apr. Mini-Golf Tournament (cont.)
Club Picnic
Charitable event w/ S. Daytona
- May ---- Sept. Open for suggestions.
- Oct. Flagler Corvette Show
Halloween Party
- Nov. Silver Springs Corvette Show
- Dec. Christmas Party

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: The Membership List in the "Members Only" section on the website has been updated to reflect paid memberships through 12/31/11. Presently we have 44 members. All members should have received a new ID and Password to enter the "Members Only" section by now. If you haven't, please contact Jean by email at

jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com . Also, you can find the most recent update of the club By-Laws and a printable membership list in this restricted area of the website.

SHIRT PROTOCOL: Since we have several new members, questions may arise as to when to wear our club shirts. The official club shirt is the Jonathon Corey tangerine golf shirt containing the club logo, and perhaps your name, which is optional. The club shirt is to be worn to all official club events, with the exception of the monthly meeting. Of course, you are welcome to wear it to the meeting if you wish, but it is not required. Some events, such as those at a member's home (i.e. pool parties, race parties, cookouts, Halloween party, etc.) or the Christmas Party, do not require the club shirts. At events where we represent the club in public, we are to wear the official shirts. Official shirts are purchased from Chuck Konopsky, our shirt master.

FLAGLER CAR SHOW: After a breezy, chilly, rainy start, the rescheduled Flagler show went off without a hitch. The Quinns, the Armstrongs, Bill and Bonita, Mike Mills, the Doyles, and new members Joanna and Steve, motored up the coast to meet up with Jack and Yvonne, the Gatzes and new members Bob and Mickey Fritz at the event. Tim O'Leary and the Luthers stopped by for a short visit. Our new members still seem to be having luck when it comes to winning trophies. This time, Bob and Mickey won a 2nd place trophy for their sharp 2001 Magnetic Red convertible. Way-to-go, Bob and Mickey!! (Photos by Leslie & Jean – We miss your photography skills, Bob)

REMINDER SSYS: Start Saving Your Stuff for the charity event in April. In conjunction with the South Daytona Trash to Treasures

community event, our club will be putting on a Yard Sale for charity as we show off our cars. It's a great way to get rid of those things you no longer want or need and raise money for a good cause (yet to be determined) at the same time. So, start your spring cleaning now and begin to **SAVE YOUR junk, I mean STUFF.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: January is a double celebration month for Betty Strauss who has a birthday on the 17th and Linda Blake who celebrates on the 18th. Happy New Year AND Happy Birthday to you both!

DID YOU KNOW....that the Jaguar XK120 was believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette? And that the Corvette was the first and last car with a true "wrap-around" windshield? Just wondering if you knew these things.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): This is the new emblem that will grace all 2012 Corvettes, signifying the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet. Notice the small "100" in the right hand corner next to the Chevrolet bowtie.

