

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Breakfast on the Run:

A nice Sunday morning saw seven Corvettes leaving Sunshine Park mall and heading towards Sunglow pier where Crabby Joe's is located. Within the cars were the Armstrong's, Compton's, Doyle's, Fitzpatrick's, Settani's (back from 8 weeks travelling around the country), Chuck, and Jerry. After we all arrived at the pier, Bear Peterson, a potential member, joined us for breakfast. Bear has a '92 Polo Green LT1.

The July run will be made to the Monterey Grill on Dunlawton. We will meet Sunday July 12th at 11:00 AM at the Sunshine Park mall on US1 in South Daytona. Hope to see you there.

Jon Hall Car Show:

There was a good turnout for this event. Show staff said there were 102 Vettes at the show and we contributed to that total with 7. Club members attending were; JR, Armstrong's (with 2), Konopsky's, John L., Jerry, Quinn's, and prospective member Len. Tim stopped by to see how things were going but didn't have his Vette entered. The parking lot on the south side of the dealership had most of the FOR SALE vehicles removed and the Vettes were parked in that area. The rain held off until the very end, but it was HOT. Sitting there on hot asphalt was a little uncomfortable. Luckily we had someone with a supply of umbrellas that were used as parasols to keep the sun off our heads. On display in the showroom were a new Camaro SS, a ZR1, and some Z06's. The dealer supplied hot dogs and cold drinks but had a hard time keeping up with demand. They plan to make this an annual event. It would be nice

to have it a little earlier in the year when the weather is a little cooler.

CCGD Week-end get away, Marriott Riverside, Savannah, GA:

It was a caravan of 3, Jack and Yvonne, Ed and Jean, and Bob and Sadie, that drove through patches of severe rain to get there. Once at the hotel we began the comedy of errors, Jack and Yvonne's 1st room was already occupied, 2nd room did not have the balcony as promised, their 3rd room was just right. Bob and Sadie got their room on their 2nd try, while Ed and Jean settled on their 1st room as another couple was given the same room and they met as they were trying to open the door to Ed & Jeans room. We all had a good laugh and were given a voucher for all of us to have a free breakfast. That night we rode the Georgia Queen paddle wheeler and enjoyed a great buffet, some magic, music, and Jack & Yvonne were on the dance floor. On Saturday we toured Savannah on the Old Town Trolley. It was raining so hard that Bob and Sadie wound up buying kids umbrellas to stay dry and Bob was labeled Mr. Bumble Bee by one of the tour guides. Jack & Yvonne got word of a good seafood restaurant, Spanky's on the riverfront. We had a good meal and watched the Belmont to see Yvonne's Kentucky Derby winner, Mind that Bird, come in 3rd.

On Sunday morning we were on our own. Jack and Yvonne hit the exercise room and hot tub; Ed and Jean headed to Tybee Island then to Bonaventure Cemetery; Bob and Sadie did some more sightseeing in search of the Bird Girl statue which was on the cover of the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good &

Evil". They later ate at Lady & Sons, Paula Dean's restaurant, enjoying her famous buffet lunch. We found Savannah a wonderful place to visit. There was plenty to see, historical homes like the Mercer House (also affiliated with the "Midnight..." book, museums, statues, monuments, restaurants, and BIG & we mean BIG container ships. Even though it rained in Savannah it didn't take away from the city's charm and the great time we had there.



Board Meeting:

A Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 6th at the Compton's. If you have anything that needs to be brought before the board, you can either contact one of the board members or you may attend the meeting to present it yourself. This is an open meeting and all members are welcome to attend.

CORVETTE Racing:

The GM sponsored GT1 C6-R Corvettes have had their last run on the GT1 class. The number 63 car finished 1st in GT1 and 15th over all in the just completed 24 of Le Mans race. A Corvette won 6 times in its 10 attempts at the 24 hour race. An Aston Martin DBR9 won the GT1 class in 2007 and 2008. The new race chassis and engine combination will be more similar to the current C6 street version of the Corvette. The cars have been tested and the next race this year will have the Corvette running in the GT2 class. This was done because the GT1 class did not have much in the way of competition the past several years. The GT2 ALMS class has Porsches, Ferraris, Aston Martins, BMWs, Fords, Panozs, and an occasional Lamborghini. The Corvettes will run a limited GT2 schedule for the remainder of 2009 (dates are unknown) and then run the entire ALMS, American Le Mans Series, schedule in 2010. Hopefully GM with its money issues will be able to do this.

Independence Day & Race Party:

The Quinn's will be hosting a party July 4th to celebrate the birth of our nation and watch the Coke Zero 400 race. Come any time after 3:00. The food will begin being served at 5:00 PM with a picnic style dinner. The race begins around 8:15. The grub will be good ol' American style. Bring a covered dish of your favorite potato salad, baked beans, dessert or anything you like. Leslie will be coordinating the dishes so please give her a call or email her at bluebya2001@bellsouth.net so we don't end up with too many of one thing. The Quinn's will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade and iced tea.

Bring what you would like to drink if different from above. Please RSVP to Leslie if you plan to attend.

Birthdays:

Shirley Konopsky is the only birthday personality this month. She gets to blow out the candles on the 23rd.

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The big winner this month was Chuck.

Getting Well:

Alice Luther made the meeting after going through a couple of surgical procedures. She had her usual smile along with a new hair-do. John Luther has finally been able to drive his '57 since having his knee worked on.

Pool Party August 1st:

Save this date for a pool party at the Armstrong's. More details later.

Corvette facts:

1953 – only one exterior color was available – white
1954 – all the soft tops were beige
1954 – all 3,640 cars had all 8 of the offered options
1955 – first year of the V8 option
1956 – Venetian Red - the most popular body color
1957 – V8 went from 265 to 283 cubic inches
1958 – white changed from Polo to Snowcrest
1959 - sun shades became an option
1960 – Ermine white most popular color
1961 – last year for the 283" engine
1962 – highest horse power was 360
1963 – 36 gallon fuel tank became an option
1964 – 22,229 cars produced
1965 – 396" 425hp engine became an option
1966 – 35 options available
1967 – 2nd year for Sunfire yellow
1968 – one car produced was painted pink
1969 - production continued thru 12/69
1970 – ZL1, aluminum engine, only had 2 takers
1971 – least changed in appearance from prior year
More next time.