

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 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.

Pot Luck Pool Party: The word for this party is "Great" Everyone had a great time. The water was perfect and the food was great too. Jim brought a bucket of frozen Mojitos, a Cuban drink made with rum, lime and mint. It must have been a hit because the contents disappeared by the end of the day. John R., Art, and George started a game of toss. It turned into who could throw the hardest and the spectators ended up dodging the balls. It was fun and the spectators got their revenge by tossing the balls back just as hard. A big "Thank you" goes to Shirley and Chuck for opening their home and pool to our group.

Breakfast on the Run: June 4th we met for the trip to Dixie Crossroads". Art and Leslie, Chuck and Shirley, Bob and Sadie, Jim and Ginny made the trip. Everyone enjoyed the food, many of us eating the combinations platters. We motored back via the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. It was a nice leisurely drive and we ran into some rain. Chuck complained about getting his car wet but a quick trip to triple digits on the speedometer dried them.

Next month we're going to try Pickles in Ormond Beach. It's located on Nova Rd near the new Fire Station. We will meet at the usual place, Publix/Beal's parking lot Williamson Blvd and Granada Blvd. 9:00 Sunday July 9th. We will do our cruise after breakfast. Please join us.

June 30, 2006 - 6th Annual "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day" Celebrating The Enjoyment of America's Sports Car

Friday, June 30th, is the date of the 6th Annual Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks. In honor of Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, enthusiasts across the United States make "America's Sports Car" their commuter car for the day. Every year, the Friday closest to June 30, Corvettes official birthday, is chosen to observe Drive Your Corvette To Work Day this is the first year the event actually fell on the same day.

Mid America Motorworks promotes Drive Your Corvette To Work Day among Corvette owners and clubs. The goal is to have as many Corvette owners as possible drive their car to work that day. Launched in 2001, Mid America Motorworks' Drive Your Corvette To Work Day is an annual event celebrated by thousands of Corvette owners.

"We understand why many owners consider their Corvette to be a special car and only drive it occasionally," said Mike Yager, founder and "Chief Cheerleader" of Mid America Motorworks, the world's leading supplier of Corvette parts and accessories. "But we think driving your Corvette to work, at least one day a year, is an excellent way to demonstrate just how popular Corvettes are. And it is a chance for Corvette owners to meet new Corvette owners."

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

Corvette owners who observe "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day" are encouraged to send high resolution digital pictures of their car at work to clubs@mamotorworks.com. Mid America Motorworks will post as many pictures as possible right here.

Mini Golf Tourney: Things really heated up with the last couple of games. Leslie's reign as club champ was challenged in the fifth round with Sadie coming in with a 36 in that round. Leslie's best a 39. Shirley "Ms Dead Eye" shot an amazing 10 Hole-in-ones along with an incredible 34 for low game. Ginny just couldn't put it together in the second round and had a high game of 57, with Shirley right behind with a 56. Wouldn't it have been something if Shirley got the prize for both the high game and low game? Alice putted her way to high total with a 200 for her best 4 games. Sadie pulled it together only playing 4 games with a total of 161 for low total and became this year's winner of the Mini Golf Tourney. Thus ending Leslie's rain of club champ for the past three years. Congratulations Sadie! You now become the keeper of the "Club Club"



Sharper fangs for the Viper?

The Dodge Viper will go down in history as one of the fastest and best-handling cars ever.



(Editor's Note: "Oh Yah,

Don't think so!") Since its introduction, it has received more power, more creature comforts and it's still the horsepower king.

Well, for 2008, it will get even more power. Sources tell Hemmings that the new Viper will have 650 horsepower. You ask, why 2008? What happened to model year 2007? We've been told not to expect a

2007 model and that the year will be skipped, kind of like what happened to the 1983 Corvette. On the outside, the car looks pretty much the same from spy photos we've seen. The hood has some vents behind the air intake at the front.

A rumor is that McLaren is involved and will push the horsepower up to 650. **This is likely in response to the new Corvette "Blue Devil," which is stirring things up at the GM camp.** Stay tuned.

- By George Mattar

Web Site: As you can see, the web site is up and running. You had to go to it to get this month's copy of the Talepipe. Check out some of the other features. The members only require a password to get into it. If you don't know the password call Jim. There is a Forum section, check it out and register to get on. This will be a discussion section where we can discuss club business outside of the meetings and you can list any concerns you may have about the club and its direction. This is also available to people checking out our web page that might have some comments or questions about various subjects. It allows you to put your two cents in, so to speak, about any subject you wish. Hopefully it will be about Corvettes or club business. Click on the Photo Gallery and see the latest club pics. If anyone ever told you that you ought to be in pictures, you probably are. It just might not be too flattering either. With a couple of cameras floating around the club you will probably be caught in some embarrassing pose and end up on our web site.

Newsletter Contest: Well the three examples of our newsletter have all been sent off to the judges. Let's hope that I have done well enough to place in the top three this year. Winners will be announced at the convention in Orlando this August. If you have any suggestions on how to make this rag better please let me know. I am always looking for contributions of material that will be of interest to the membership. If you have a unique story or experience with Corvettes and would like to share it, type it up and email it to me. I'll even give you the "By Line". *Thanks Ed.*

Boggy Creek: June 18th a group of Corvette Cruisers made their way west to Camp Boggy Creek to meet with a group from the Corvette Club of Marion County. All told there were 18 Corvettes that met at the camp and provided rides around the grounds for the kids who were there that weekend. Rides were provided for

approximately 140 kids who really seemed to enjoy it as much as we did. The camp is sponsored by Paul Newman. The threatening rain caught up with us but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the participants.

On the way back to Daytona, we stopped at the Whistle Stop Buffet in DeLand. It was recommended by Chuck and Shirley and was a good choice.

Thanks to the Armstrong's, Compton's, Konopsky's and O'Leary's for making the trip.

Please check out more photos of the event on the Photo Gallery of the web site.



Children's Home Society: At the meeting Jim read a letter from the Children's Home Society thanking the club for the generous donation of Walmart Gift Cards.

Silver Springs Corvette Show: At the meeting Lois passed out flyers for the car show to be held November 4th at Silver Springs. The club had quite a contingent at the last show. Let's see if we can better our participation this year. This is an extremely nice show with entertainment this year by the band Rare Earth. Registration is \$25, which will get two people into the show with access to all the facilities at Silver Springs. If you did not get a copy of the flyer/registration form check with Lois for your copy.

Club Shirts: Chuck was asked to check on getting another order of club shirts together. If

you would like another shirt please check with Chuck. It was also mentioned that there may be some confusion as to when to wear our club shirts. We should wear them at all club functions other than our regular meetings. This does not mean you can't wear it to the meeting if you like. We ask that you consider wearing them when we go somewhere as a club. Not only does this allow for recognition of our club, but with the tangerine color it allows us to keep track of our members.

Welcome: Guests Ed and Jean Doyle were introduced to the club. They recently moved here from Kentucky. They have a '02 Silver Coupe. They saw our listing in the Home Town News and checked out our web site. We hope they visit with us again.

Cruise On Out 'a Here: As you remember some of the members took a sea cruise last December. That was a lot of fun. And to try and recapture that fun again, Art has suggested that the club take another cruise, this time in our Vettes. We can cruise off for a long weekend to someplace possibly a tank-full away. Some suggestions that came up at the meeting were Amelia Island, Savannah, or possibly some place on the west coast. Some place where we could enjoy the sights, play tourist or just hang out together. If you are interested check with Art and he'll keep us posted on the place and dates.

Pepsi 400 Party: The Quinn's will be hosting a Race'n Party at their home on July 1st the date of the Pepsi 400. The party begins at 7:00 and racing coverage begins on TV at 7:30pm. They ask that you bring a hors d'oeuvre to share with the crowd and your BYOB. Please call or email them as to what you may be bringing.

24 Hours at Le Mans: Corvette and Aston Martin went toe-to-toe in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, trading blows through a grueling day and night of racing. When the battle finally ended, Corvette Racing had won the GT1 class in the world's greatest sports car race for the fifth time in six years.

50 / 50: Shirley was the winner of the fifty/fifty at this month's meeting.