

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter

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Our monthly meetings are held at D. B. Pickles, located at 400 S. Nova Road Ormond Beach, 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.

MINI-GOLF Tournament

After 6 rounds of which only 4 were counted the results are:

High Game – Warren (62), Jackie (55)

High total - Jackie (202), Warren (199)

Low Game – tie between Leslie and George (38)

Most holes in 1 – tie between Leslie and George (8)

Low total – Leslie who is the winner for the 6th time since 2002 was presented with the Club club by Jim. Leslie is the only multiple year winner.

See photos of rounds 5 & 6 in the *Gallery*.

ROAD TRIP - ROAD TRIP: NASCAR Hall of Fame Charlotte 4.29>5.1



Dawn came early on Friday – to early for Bob & Sadie so they did not meet up with the Quinn's and Ruland's for the trip to Charlotte. Bob & Sadie were about an hour or so behind the other vehicle yet Bob & Sadie made it to Charlotte first. There had been an accident on Interstate 26 just short of Columbia SC and J&G and G&C got caught in the backup for several hours. Fortunately for B&S the police had a sign up

at an earlier exit indicting the accident so Sadie told her GPS to reroute us around the accident, which it did. It appeared that J&G and G&C were not too far past the exit that B&S took but George, who was driving, could not get back to the prior exit. The six of us did meet up with Mike & Valerie and Bob & Mickey in Charlotte at the Hampton Inn which was very nice.

Jim later suggested we have dinner at Jake's Good Eats which had been recommended by Guy Fieri of Diners, Drive-ins & Dives, a Food Network show. The place used to be an old gas station but the inside had been turned into a restaurant. The food was interesting and also tasty. It was the first place I had ever seen fried green tomatoes.

The next morning we all trekked to the HOF which was just a block away. Four floors of various sizes contained a lot of NASCAR history. The displays were interesting and well done. If you wanted to learn even more, there was audio available at each of the HOF members display. One interesting fact was that Dale Earnhardt had a pair of Prada loafers. There were hands on areas where you could test your tire changing skills and well as driving skills. The driving was done via a computer screen. Before you were allowed to 'race', you had to go to 'practice' and 'qualifying', where you learned how to operate and control your car. There was even an instructor providing tips. Jim won

the qualifying by having the fastest lap of the 4 of us, Bob, Bob, George, and Jim. Then off to the cars after some more instruction. You get to sit in a car body (2 drivers per car but you do not see the other driver) with a display screen in front of you along with a speaker so you can hear your 'spotter'. Once the race started you needed to not hit anything or be hit by another driver – just like the real stuff. There were 3 younger kids with us 4 so us 4 got hit with some frequency. Jim led for a lap or so until he got hit. I got hit right away and lost a lap. Being the other drivers were also losing laps, I was able to get back on the lead lap and won the race with George in 2nd on the same lap. Jim and Bob Fritz were laps down as Jim spent a lot of time looking at the track's walls as he was someone's favorite target. All this fun cost you \$5.

After roaming around a while longer we went outside to have lunch at the Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar. After lunch we strolled through the downtown Epi Center where there was a collection of shops, night clubs, and restaurants including Earnhardt Jr's Whiskey River. Mike bought everyone a bag of popcorn which we ate while trying to decide where to have dinner. We wound up at Cantina 1511 in suburban Charlotte which was a Mexican restaurant with interesting food. It was all good and everyone had a merry time. Later we all went to Mike & Valerie's room where we again had a merry time watching the Richmond NASCAR race. Sunday morning had everyone heading home except for B&S who headed to Stone Mountain outside of Atlanta.

Everyone appeared to have a great time – another wonderful club trip. See photos in the *Gallery*.

Art of the Automobile – 5/7 – Daytona Beach

While not actually a club event, there were several club cars in the show with Mike Mills showing up later to enjoy the scenery. Making the 'parade' with the Ponce Inlet Corvettes were Art & Leslie, Bob & Sadie, Ed & Jean, Frank & Leanne, Chuck, and

John R. What a Great showing of Corvettes along with exotic, vintage, expensive, and foreign automobiles. There were participants also in period dress as was our own Sadie who was in a pink poodle skirt. The show was downtown Daytona Beach on Beach street and took up several blocks and quite a lot of the grass area between the street and the river. It should even be bigger next year. Cars were everywhere

There was large crowd enjoying the day looking at the cars – too much to describe but there are some photos in the *Gallery*.

Also see photos at: <http://www.artoftheautolifestyle.com/gallery/index.html> About ½ of the photos are at the show.

LOTR: Horse and Hounds - Ocala 5.15 - AKA Over the River and Through the Woods tour



A great day greeted Jim & Ginny, Bob & Sadie, Al & Linda, Bill & Bonita, Ed & Jean, Chuck, John R., and Mike as we met at Bealls and were given directions to the restaurant. The trip was about 98 miles and took about 2.5 hours with 1 extended pit stop. The Blake's '89, just after being filled with gas, did not want to giddy-up. Several of us provided multiple ideas as to the cause but did not come up with a real cause or remedy although Al had a thought that the fuel pump may have gone bad. Al & Linda graciously turned down a ride to the H&H (and return) in order to deal with their car. The remaining 7 Corvettes fired up and made it OK to the H&H. While Jim & Ginny had been to the H&H, most of had not and were surprised at the size of the place. The little icon picture does not do it justice. John & Alice met us at the restaurant where we all sat in what would be the tower at the bay window – very nice. The food was good and plentiful. Upon arriving back in the Daytona area, Jim called Al to get an

update. Al's theory was correct as the fuel pump was already being replaced at Pep Boys. The car did need to be towed back to Pep Boys.

See photos in the *Gallery*.

Club Picnic: South Daytona 5.21

Another great day in Florida! Enjoying the delicious fixings from Dustin's BBQ were Al & Linda (with the '89), Jim & Ginny, Ed & Jean, Bill & Bonita, Warren & Jackie (Warren even brought his '96) Bob, JR, Carol R. and guests Ron & Betty Strauss. After the main meal, which was very good, the deserts were attacked. There were plenty of them and all were also very good.

We had a special treat of another kind too. It could be said that 'Elvis is on the plane' and it would have been true as Ron gave a short talk about him being Elvis' pilot for 3 years, 75-77. Ron also had a model of the 'Lisa Marie' a Convair 880, some pictures and a newspaper article about Ron 'Flying with the King'. See photos in the *Gallery*.

Club Meeting 5/17

- 6/5 - BOTR at Peach Valley – meet at Beall's at 8:00 am for the drive to Beall's. A tour through the 'loop' will be done after breakfast
- 6/11 – Ice Cream Social at the Doyle's 7:00 PM. Look for an e-mail in a couple of weeks
- 8/13 – John Dorian will lead a ride to Roger's Corvettes in Maitland
- Ginny brought up a possible weekend trip to Ocala/Gainesville to

visit the Marjorie Rawling's home and Don Garlits' museum

- Lasagna Throwdown – Oct/Nov – contest – still looking for host site
- club newsletter editor – looking for a new one
- club elections in November – be thinking about running for a board position
- June birthdays - Leanne celebrates on the 13th while Mike will have his big day on the 17th
- anniversaries this month have Lars & Carole celebrating 8 years, Tim & Lois 46 years , and Franks & Leanne 47 years – WAY 2 GO!
- Jean was the winner of the 50/50 and took home \$19.
- Bill & Bonita will be vacationing in and around Colorado Springs until October and Lars & Carole are calling Atlanta home for several months.

Photo of the Month

The Photo of the Month comes from a photo of several of the club cars taken before we met up with the Ponce Inlet group for the Art of the Automobile show. The question is how many club Corvettes do you see in the picture? The answer is in the above article concerning the show.

Photos this month provided by John R., Sadie, and Bob.