

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter

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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 (Dutch treat) at 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

Coming Up

TOM GIBBS SHOW IS CALLING:

March 3rd is the date for the annual Tom Gibbs car show at the Tom Gibbs Chevy Dealership in Flagler County (on Rt. 100). Remember that this is a FREE event (no registration fee), so make plans to go as we try to bring home the club participation award for another year. Let's meet at 7:45 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson and Granada) for the trek up I-95. Door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, 50's and 60's music, and food and drinks (served by a local high school club for a donation) will be available. Shine up the Vette, throw in some lawn chairs, a cooler if you wish, and get ready for a good time. Collared club shirts are required. The show lasts until 1:30 p.m.

MT. DORA IS CALLING:

After some really short runs on our monthly Dining on the Run, we owe ourselves a little

adventure to a more distant destination. So on **Sunday, March 11**, we will take a leisurely journey to one of Florida's favorite towns, Mount Dora. This quaint little laid-back, relaxing getaway (about 55 minutes away) offers the pleasure of Old Florida country living. Lakes, quiet country inns, shops, an old railroad station, are all within steps of each other in Mount Dora. The small-town environment caters particularly to antique enthusiasts from across the state, country and world. Shops in and around Mount Dora's downtown area are full of nostalgic items, valuable antiques and collectibles, and even estate jewelry. We will be



dining for lunch at Pisces Rising, a Fresh Florida Seafood and Steakhouse overlooking Lake Dora and the setting sun. Let's leave from Kohl's parking lot in Port Orange at 9:45 a.m. Hopefully, everyone will take advantage of this scenic spot and check out what the town has to offer following lunch. AND guess what, the time changes that day, so if you don't change

your clocks, you will miss the take-off. Please wear your tangerine club shirts.

CAR COLLECTION & LUNCH:

Our club has planned an outing to view an extensive private car collection at the National Parts Depot in Ocala on Friday, March 16th. Unfortunately, since it is a private collection, it is only open when the business is open; thus the weekday date. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 8:30 a.m. to arrive at 10:00. Following our tour, we will have lunch in the Ocala area before departing for home. There are over 200 cars in this collection and should make an interesting trip for car guys and gals. (Hey if you're not into cars, there is always lunch.)

TURKEY RUN

The Spring Turkey Run at the Speedway will take place March 23-25. Once registered, you can attend anytime, but the official club day will be Saturday, March 24th, which means wearing your collared tangerine club shirts on this day. Registration this year will be ONLINE only at www.turkeyrun.com. Cost is \$30.00. Out club parking will be in the infield as in years past.

Announcements

◆ **A BIG CORVETTE CRUISER WELCOME** to Bud and Mary Mullennix, snowbirds from Spring Lake, Michigan, who make their winter home in Daytona Beach. Bud and Mary drive a rare 1958 Panama Yellow convertible.

◆ **ANOTHER BIG CORVETTE CRUISER WELCOME** goes to Tom Bonnett and Sandie VonKutzleben, who make their home at the Halifax Marina when they are not traveling the country. Tom drives a beautiful black 2016 coupe.

◆ **AND STILL ANOTHER BIG CORVETTE CRUISER WELCOME** goes to Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz who share their home between Crescent City and Canada. Lenny drives a nostalgic 1960 Roman Red convertible (with a white cove). This beauty has been in his family for 57 years.

Please introduce yourselves to these wonderful new members and make them feel part of our Corvette family.

A NEW SOCIAL CHAIRLADY: Jamie Hawes has agreed to become the club's new social director, following the resignation of Bonita Richardson. Many thanks to Bonita for her leadership in the activities the club has enjoyed in her four years as Social Chair. We look for big things to come from Jamie.

CCGD STATS REPORT: Because we changed our fiscal year to equal the calendar year, the statistics report was not ready for publication before now. But once again the results prove the Corvette Cruisers are not called "OF GREATER DAYTONA" for nothing. As of March 20, we have 28 memberships, made up of 50 active members from the Greater Daytona area: 17 from Ormond Beach; 11 from Daytona Beach, 9 from Port Orange, 4 from New Smyrna Beach, 1 from



South Daytona, 2 from Daytona Beach Shores, 2 from Edgewater, 2 from Crescent City, 1 from Lake Mary, and 1 from Holly Hill. At this time, our club members own 30 Corvettes: 12 reds, 5 yellows, 4 blacks, 3 silvers, 3 blues, 2 greens, and 1 white. There are 2 (C-1), 2 (C-2); 3 (C-3); 0 (C-4); 6 (C-5); 10 (C-6); and 7 (C-7). The coupes lead the way with 18, followed by convertibles at 12. Automatic transmissions have taken a slight lead with 16, with manual transmissions coming in at 14. Oh, and by the way, we have 2 Arthurs, 2 Steves, 2 Johns, 2 Ricks and a Rich, and 3 Bills and a Will. Only one repetition in our female members' names exists so far, however they are spelled differently, as in Sandy and Sandie. You can probably tell this writer is enamored by statistics!

CLUB SHIRT PROTOCOL:



Now that we have some new members, it might be a good time to review which shirt is to be worn when. The tangerine collared shirt with the embroidered club logo is the official club shirt. This shirt is to be worn to official club events, with the exception of the monthly meeting. Of course, you are always welcome to wear your club shirt to the meeting, but it is not required. Some events, such as those at a member's house, (i.e. pool party, club picnic, Halloween party, race party, etc.), the Christmas Banquet, or some special outings do not require the club shirt. At events where we represent the club in public, such as DOTRs and car shows, we generally wear the official shirts. Ideally, you will be notified in the Newsletter if club shirts are required. Embroidered club shirts are purchased only from our distributor through John Doria, our "shirt master." All members may want to take a personal inventory

to ensure that your shirts are not so faded that the color is questionable. These shirts are still a bargain at \$28.

Reviews

LOST LAGOON CAR SHOW:

A pretty good showing for an event that wasn't even on the calendar – that was the Lost Lagoon Car Show in New Smyrna Beach on Sunday, January 28th. Or perhaps it was just an excuse to eat the buffet offered by the restaurant. Reservations were made for 23 but when 32 showed up, the establishment had to scramble to find us seats. Some were on the deck, some were in the front, and some were in the bar area, but we all met in the buffet line. The 20% discount to car show participants was a pretty good incentive to enjoy their monthly get-together. Edie, Liz, Art, Leslie, Gary, who brought his new 1965 truck, Cindy, John, Sally, Rick, Sheila, Dave, Maya, Richard, Bill G., Vin, Tracy (and some fiends), Bill, Bonita, Rick D., Bob, Linda, Ed, and Jean welcomed Bud and Mary Mullennix and Tom Bonnett and Sandie VonKutzleben, who have now completed their third event leading to membership. Also attending were Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz from Crescent City, who are interested in becoming members, and perhaps, by the time you read this, will actually be our newest members.

DOTR TO PEACH VALLEY:

Regardless if you were a fan of the Super Bowl, the Puppy Bowl, or just a bowl of Doritos

twenty old members, four new members and two soon-to-be members came out early to enjoy breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday at Peach Valley in Port Orange. Although the restaurant claimed they wouldn't take reservations, tables were ready for us when we arrived. The food was delicious and the wait staff was very attentive. Since it is a new restaurant open for only a short time, everything had that wonderful "new" feel to it. Peach Valley is open only for breakfast and lunch. Putting up with the very early meeting time were John D. and Sally, Rick D. and Sheila, Edie and Liz, Bob and Linda, Dave (without Maya, who couldn't get up that early), Anita, Bill S. and Bonita, Bill N. and Evelyn, Jim and Ginny, Gary and Cindy, Ed and Jean, new members Bud and Mary, new members Tom and Sandie, and soon-to-be members Lenny and Patsy. (Photos by John D. and Bill)

race activities at the Quinn's home in Ormond Beach. Jim's Sloppy Joes were the centerpiece of some good additions supplied by Bill Geize, Steve and Anita, Bob and Linda, Dave and Maya, Bill and Bonita, Art with visiting guest Tim from Massachusetts, past members Skip and Joan Crowder, Rick and Sheila, Ken and Jamie, and Ed and Jean. The drivers' names were randomly selected from two pools for a \$1.00 chance to pick the winner. The flag dropped. The race began with a 40-driver field. The first one out was Corey LaJoie, and although he was the big loser, his loss resulted in a \$5 win for Jean Doyle and Skip Crowder. The big winners, who had drawn Austin Dillon, were Linda Wolff and Bonita Richardson, who each took home \$35.00. Another race is in the history books, and another race party as well. Thanks to Jim and Ginny for hosting a fun time. (Photos by Jean)

DAY OF THE DUELS: Unfortunately, we had a very low turnout for the Day of the Duels at the Drive-In Christian Church, with only about 5-6 Vettes from our club making a showing. However, a high point in the day was that Lenny Valentine, the club's newest member, walked away with a trophy for Best of Show Original for his 1960 beauty. Congratulations, Lenny!!



Photo by Bill S.

RACE PARTY:

Lots of eating, lots of drinking, and lots and lots of yakking...that pretty much describes the pre-

This & That

SPRING AHEAD: Don't forget to change the



clock on your Corvette (and everywhere else) on Sunday, March 11th, the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

Aaahhhh, one extra hour of daylight to enjoy our Corvettes. Now where is that darn manual to see how to do it.

DID YOU KNOW that when you buy your 50/50 ticket at our monthly meetings, you will be contributing to a charitable organization? In 2017, the proceeds were to be used for a book scholarship for a worthy student in the

automotive field at ATC. But because our year ends at a strange time for awarding scholarships, the donation will be made prior to the start of the 2018 fall semester.

This year, however, the club will again donate the proceeds to a worthy local charity to be decided by the membership. Just keep buying those tickets – you’ll be helping a worthy cause and making yourself a little pocket change as well (well, only if you have the winning ticket!)

REMINDER: March 8-18 is Bike Week in Daytona Beach and the surrounding areas. Drive extra carefully during this time and watch out for those bikers. Corvettes and Motorcycles do not mix.



LOTS OF BIRTHDAY BASHES IN MARCH: Happy Birthday to Jamie Hawes on the 12th, Sally Doria on the 15th, Leslie Armstrong on the 29th, and Jim Quinn and Steve Slaton share the 30th. Have a glorious day and celebrate in style!

WINNER, WINNER: Someone with a little more change to spend during this short month is Gary Swanson, who won the 50/50 drawing at the February meeting for \$32.50. Don’t spend all of that dough in one place.

A CLUB DONATION was sent to Mission 22, in memory of John Reis. Mission 22 is an organization to aid veterans suffering from PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. John, a Navy veteran, was always a strong proponent of veteran’s affairs.

A TIMELY REMINDER: If you plan to drive directly to our breakfast or lunch location instead of meeting the group, if you decide to join us at the last minute, or if you want to bring



along a guest or two, please let John Doria know as soon as you know. Seating can become quite tricky when reservations are made for X, and then we show up with Y. A final call to the restaurant with the exact number is made just before we take off from our meeting place, so please keep that in mind. We want you to come, but please, just give us a heads up.

CALL FOR CONVERTIBLES: The Shriners are looking for 10 Corvette convertibles to use in their parade July 17th when they have their convention in Daytona for the second year. If interested call 407-592-7407 to let them know you are willing to have a Shriner ride on the back of your car.

AREA CARS SHOWS OF INTEREST:

1. DeLand Cruise-In – held every 3rd Saturday of the month.
2. Sunday, March 4th, Veterans Appreciation Cruise from 9:30-noon at Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home, 1920 Mason Ave. Daytona Beach. RSVP to coquinacruisers@gmail.com.
3. Classic Car Show at Central Park in Town Center in Palm Coast. Classic, muscle, hot rods and trucks 1990 and older. Held in conjunction with Palm Coast Strawberry Fest March 3-4. Lots of activities. More info can be found at www.ClayCountyFest.com.

From the Archives



Hey Guys, remember this outing? The year was 2010 and the Corvette Cruisers decided to take an airboat ride. Row 1, left to right is Jean, Ed, John Luther, Alice Luther and Al Blake. Row 2 is George Ruland, Carol Ruland, Linda Blake, Ginny and Jim. Row 3 is Art, Leslie, a girlfriend and son of the Quinns, and John Reis in the back. We saw several gators and actually a few of us were brave enough to hold some of the smaller ones. This was a fun time we need to do again.

Corvette Chatter

ONE CHANGE FOR 2019: Not much change for the 2019 Corvette model year, except for the arrival of the C7 Corvette ZR1, but one small difference will likely save many owners a headache or two.

All 2019 C7 Corvettes will be factory-filled with Mobil 1 0W-40 synthetic motor oil, which may not seem like a big deal, but it is. The oil blend is rated for street *and* track use, which will keep owners from changing oil every time they plan on taking their Corvette to a track event. Previous C7 Corvettes were filled

with 5W-30, but Mobil 1's 15W-50 was recommended for track events. However, 2019 C7 Corvette ZR1 owners will still want to keep 15W-50 on hand. The 0W-40 label still recommends the track-use oil for the 6.2-liter supercharged LT5 V8 engine for maximum track performance.

Production on the 2019 Corvette began on January 29, 2018, which made the 2018 model year one of the shortest in Corvette history.

ANDY PILGRIM – REMEMBER HIM?

With a mission of helping drivers of all ages and skill levels becoming more proficient behind the wheel, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Motorsports Park is excited to welcome former IMSA racing champion and Corvette Hall of Fame inductee Andy Pilgrim to the team.

Pilgrim joined the Corvette Racing team in 1999 after a successful career in IMSA racing where he earned four championships in four consecutive years. Teamed with Ron Fellows, Pilgrim scored the team's historic first victory at Texas Motor Speedway in September 2000. In 2001, Pilgrim finished second in GTS in the Sebring 12-Hour and Le Mans 24-Hour endurance races, and was on the winning team for the Petit Le Mans season finale at Road Atlanta.

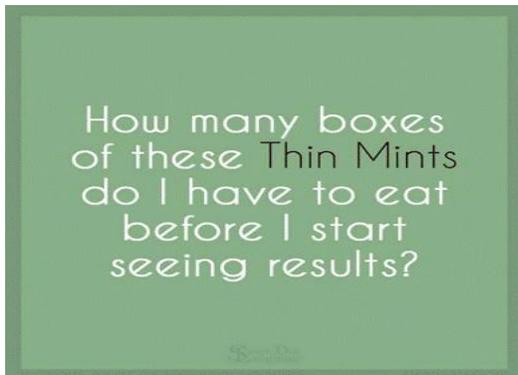
That was the same year he teamed up with Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jr. in the 24 Hours of Daytona, finishing second in the GTS class. Pilgrim and Dale Sr. developed a strong bond as Dale Sr. asked Andy to mentor him on road course racing. Pilgrim left the Corvette program in 2004 but stayed with General Motors, driving for the winning team at the Daytona 24 in the Doran-Pontiac, and spent the rest of the season driving for the new Cadillac CTS-V factory team in the SPEED World

Challenge GT Series. He won the driver's championship in the CTS-V, and finished 3rd and 2nd in the series in 2006 and 2007.

Pilgrim made his NASCAR Busch Series debut in 2007, driving two road course races for Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s JR Motorsports team. In 2011 he joined former Corvette Racing teammate Johnny O'Connell in driving the factory Cadillac CTS-V Coupe in the World Challenge and made his Sprint Cup debut driving the 46 car for Whitney Motorsports, finishing 26th.

Pilgrim has a long history of attending and serving as an instructor at NCM Motorsports Park high performance drivers education events. Happy to see Andy Pilgrim resurface.

The Fun Corner



Courtesy of Liz & Edie

Just a reminder: Girl Scout Cookie sales are just about over. Have you stocked up on your favorites?

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Back in black indeed!!

Looking more like it had rolled off an assembly line than been hauled out of a sinkhole, the restored 1962 Tuxedo Black Corvette is now back on display in the National Corvette Museum's Skydome. Unveiled four years to the day after it was swallowed by a 30-foot-deep sinkhole, the '62 was greeted with fanfare and attracted interest from around the world as it took its place in the museum's exhibit commemorating the cave-in that dropped eight Corvettes into a muddy grave. The unveiling of the '62 "closes the door" on the sinkhole collapse and its aftermath. The three restored cars are on display in the skydome along with these five that were battered beyond recognition: a 1984 Pace Car, a 1993 ZR1 Spyder, a 1993 40th anniversary coupe, a 2001 Mallett Hammer and a 2009 convertible that was the 1.5 millionth Corvette

An Irish Blessing ---



May your troubles be less,
And your blessings be more;
And nothing but happiness
Comes through your door.

Happy St. Paddy's Day!!