

# 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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting at 6:30.

## Coming Up

### CHANGE IS GOOD

You may have noticed that the location of our DOTR has changed if you looked ahead on the club calendar. However, the Board reconsidered and decided that a 95-mile (one way) trip for lunch was just a bit much, even though we like getting those Vettes out on the open road. So our March Dining on the Run will be held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 424 Bistro in the heart of Venetian Bay, a New Smyrna Beach community. Although this is considered an American restaurant, a quick look at their menu indicates they lean a little toward Italian. We will leave from Kohl's parking lot in Port Orange at 11:30 am and arrive as a group for a great lunch. (Orange or blue club shirts, please)

### REMINDER

If you ever plan to go directly to the restaurant to meet the group, PLEASE let John or Sally know so you can be counted in the reservations. Restaurants do not like to be surprised by having to rearrange tables at the last minute to accommodate more guests. Better yet, come join

the rest of the members and meet at the designated time and place to drive together, even if it is a mile or two out of the way. After all, it's called "Dining on the Run" for a reason!

### TOM GIBBS CORVETTE, Camaros, and SSR DISPLAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> for the annual Tom Gibbs Corvette Display sponsored by the Flagler County Corvette Club. In the past, this has been a very popular show for our club, and for many years, we brought home the trophy for the best participation. Last year there was a conflict with another event, so we had a split attendance, but nothing this year conflicts. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. to ensure we park together. There is no entry fee and there will be food, door prizes, trophies for best Corvette, best Camaro, best SSR, and best Chevy-powered hot rod, and a 50/50 drawing. Remember to stick your chairs in your trunk. Even though the show is over at 1:30, that's a long time to stand. So, let's have a good showing this year and a lotta fun. (Wear your orange or blue club shirts.)



## GERMAN NIGHT IN AN IRISH MONTH?

They say March is the month of the Irish, but since our DOTR had an Italian flair, it seems only fitting that our Dinner Night Out has a German flair. Huh? On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 4:15 p.m. for a drive to Sanford. Here we will feast on authentic German cuisine at Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café.



If you are in the mood for some Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Rouladen or Frikadellen, or just willing to try something new, this is the place for you. Parking may be a little tricky, so look for a spot on the street when we get there, unless you don't mind a crushed gravel lot (with a few potholes). Club shirts are not requested.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Finally, we get to celebrate the Irish on March 17th...Hooray! Wear your **GREEN!**

## SPRING TURKEY RUN (Mar 22-24)

Although this event is not a club event, you will have the opportunity to park in the infield at the annual Spring Turkey Run on March 22-24 thanks to John Doria. John buys parking passes for club members who wish to attend. You must pick up your pass before entering the event, which is a much smaller version of the Thanksgiving Turkey Run. Cost of entry is \$50 (cash only) payable at entry gates and can be used as many times as you wish for all three days. If you wish to park in the show car club section designated for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona, contact John to purchase your pass for \$7.00.

## OTHER MARCH EVENTS

Bike Week – March 1 -10  
Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10  
College Spring Break – All month  
Good Friday – March 29  
Easter – March 31

# Welcome

The Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona are pleased to welcome three new couples into the club:



Dean and Rachel Mason reside in Margaritaville and drive a sweet 2020 Red Mist Coupe.



Bill Wear and Samantha Griffin also reside in Margaritaville and drive a beautiful 2016 Arctic White Z51 Coupe



Michael and Barbara Augun reside in Port Orange and drive a really sharp 2006 Velocity Yellow Z06.

Introduce yourself to these new folks and give them a Corvette Howdy.

# Reviews

## BREAKFAST ON THE RUN

On a drizzly Sunday morning in February, we got to see who the REAL Corvette people are; those who aren't afraid of taking the 'Vette out in a little rain. The day prior, the weather was gorgeous, and a couple of hours after breakfast,

the skies cleared for a beautiful Sunday, which causes me to wonder...Is somebody in the group jinxing us weather-wise? But aside from the weather, we had a small group who enjoyed a mighty breakfast at Mike's Galley in Daytona Beach Shores. The table was set, the service was good, the coffee was hot, and the food was great. Those brave souls were Emery Simkulak and Fran Alderson, John and Sally Doria, Jean Doyle, a prospective member from Ormond-by-the Sea John Osborne (in his Corvette, I might add), Gary and Cindy Swanson, and Bob and Linda Wolff in a Jeep. Meeting us at the restaurant were Bill and Joan Rowe and new members (by the time you read this) Mike and Barbara Augun from Port Orange. Mikes Galley is the spot that features the gigantic sweet rolls and other baked items. A picture of the Swanson's cinnamon roll did not do it justice, so everyone will just need to make another trip to Mikes Galley to order this culinary delight and find out for yourself. Check out the pic in our Photo Gallery.

### MEETING REVIEW:

OMG!! I believe we had the largest meeting attendance ever at our February meeting. Thirty-nine members and four guests were on hand to hear the latest news, previews of things to come and reviews of the past month. The four guests were the McLaughlins and the Rudds from the Corvette Club in Iowa who visit us on a regular basis when they spend a big chunk of winter in our area. There were still a couple of booths available, so don't shy away from attending in March. Can we break the record again?

## Announcing..

... We have a Secretary!!!

After months of searching and hearing every excuse in the proverbial book, one of our newest members has agreed to become the club's secretary and will be recording our meeting minutes. Thank you, Barbara Augun, for stepping up to the task. Let's give Barbara our support and thanks.

## This & That

**Reminder:** When Jean sends out an email blast that the website has been updated, and you have a response, please hit "reply" instead of "reply all." The reason is that these emails often go out to more people than just our members. Included on these email lists are those just wanting information about our club and other interested parties. I appreciate your kind remarks as always, but please make sure they come just to me and not the entire group.

### Happy Birthday



Dean Mason on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Dutcher on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sally Doria on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ron Doria on the 21<sup>st</sup>

### Happy Anniversary



Del and Patty Fot  
Jim and Kathleen Bauer

### Luck and Money



Luck came into the picture when their number was drawn at the most-attended meeting ever. The money was \$68.50 won by Bill/Joan Rowe. Since it was the Feb drawing, we can't quite call it Irish luck, so Congratulations for Feb luck!

## WHAAAAT?

Last month I announced that Bob and Debbie Dutcher had purchased a beautiful 2023 Red Mist Convertible. That was not a mistake. This month, however, I am announcing that the Dutchers have traded that beauty and now own a 2024 Riptide Blue convertible. In a total of three months, Bob and Debbie went from yellow to red to blue. Now that the Primary colors are out of the way, how about that new Cacti for next month?

## Fun Corner

Never seen rain!!!!



*"All I got was a chocolate bunny and some some chocolate eggs."*

## An Irish Blessing

*(whether you're Irish or not)*

*May your troubles be less,  
And your blessings be more.*

*And nothing but happiness  
Comes through your door.*



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**AND**

**HAPPY EASTER**

