

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

HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO THE BEACH?

Beaches Restaurant at Vilano Beach that is, near beautiful St. Augustine. This "beachy" spot on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway offers something for everyone with a full selection of fresh seafood, salads, sandwiches, and entrees. How about a "beacharita" to quench your thirst or some other signature drink available at Beaches? Check out the menu at www.beachesatvilano.com. Let's leave from Bealls at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 7th, for a nice drive and a fun lunch.

READY FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY?

Let's take advantage of the beautiful  Florida weather and take our Corvettes on a long leisurely

drive from one coast to the other. The Sunrise - Sunset tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 to Friday, May 19. Information about the itinerary is in the April Newsletter. Reserve your room for Thursday only at www.pgwaterfront.net or call 941-639-1165. If you call, tell them you are with the Corvette Cruisers. Rates are \$69.99 to \$89.99 (depending on the view). Remember that this is the off-season rate, and these same rooms rent for \$242.99 per night in season, so we are getting a real bargain. When we stop at Andy's Drive-in for lunch, know that this is a "cash only" place, so be prepared. No credit cards or traveler's checks please. Also, have your tank full, as gas stops are not on the agenda. Taking the backroads may subject us to a few tolls, so have some extra ones and quarters for that as well. Be at the Sun glow Pier (Crabby Joe's) in Daytona Beach Shores at 6:20 a.m. to watch the sun come up. We will watch the sun set over the gulf at Punta

Gorda at around 8:15 p.m. Please Mother Nature, be kind and keep the clouds away.



PONCE INLET CORVETTE SHOW:

Deadline to register for the Ponce Inlet Vettes at the Light Corvette Show is May 1st. Cost is \$35 and includes one free T-shirt, door prize ticket, and discount tour of lighthouse. Registration form may be obtained at www.picorvetteclub.com. The show takes place on Saturday, May 13th.

FILLING IN: With the departure of Bob and Mickey, two spots on the Board of Directors has opened up. Since Jean has served as Secretary prior to Mickey taking over, she will temporarily fill in until the remaining Board meets to either confirm her appointment or choose a successor to fill the unexpired term. The position of Director will be selected by a vote of the Board.

DID YOU KNOW that the Corvette Cruisers will celebrate their twenty-fifth year in existence in October of 2017? The club was formed in October of 1992 and has been going strong ever since. Please take a minute to read the section called "About Us" on the Home Page to get a taste of our true beginnings.

Announcements

BITTERSWEET NEWS: It is a sad day for the Corvette Cruisers but a happy day for Bob and Mickey Fritz, as they make their move back to Tennessee and the mountains that they missed so much. We will certainly miss you both: Bob as a Board Member and Mickey as the Club Secretary. We thank you for your dedication and the great job you both did in your service to the Corvette Cruisers. We wish you good luck with your new direction, and expect that you will be visiting us in the future.



Reviews

DINNER DATE: On a beautiful Tuesday evening in late March, twenty-six Corvette lovers decided to get together to do what they do best....EAT. Lead by Art, and followed by Leslie, and Leslie's sister Wendy, visiting from Massachusetts, Will and Donna, Dave and Maya, Lars, Bill G., Sandy, John R., Gary and Cindy, Bill and Bonita, Richard and friend Pat, Rick D., John and Sally, Edie, Liz, Bob and Linda, Jean and Ed, we traveled the back roads

to get to the River Grille on the Tomoka. Definitely not a scientific survey, but those polled provided mixed reviews... i.e. burgers were great, coleslaw was dry and tasteless, coleslaw was excellent, shrimp was good, fish was overcooked, jambalaya had few shrimp, fish tacos were wonderful, salmon was delicious. It looks like depending on what was ordered and who was asked, anything goes and perhaps the responses would be the same no matter where we dine. Leslie, who would celebrate her birthday the following day, was surprised with a large piece of birthday cake as the crowd sang "Happy Birthday." All in all, our Dinner Night Out was a good chance to relax, mix and mingle, and enjoy friends during a gorgeous Florida evening.

DOTR AT THE OCEAN: Ten Corvettes and one Subaru pulled out of Bealls parking lot in Ormond in route to the Oceanside Grill in Flagler Beach for breakfast. Crowds had already assembled at the restaurant, a favorite with the locals and the tourists as well. Though we couldn't sit all together, we did manage to get tables on the deck where the ocean was just a stone's throw away. The sun was bright, but the temperature was just about perfect to enjoy breakfast outdoors. Not only was the food delicious, it was also quite reasonable. Edie, Liz, Linda, Bob W., Gary, Cindy, Bill G., Rick D., Richard, Will (without Donna), Evelyn

(without Bill), John, Sally, Bill S., Bonita, Ed and Jean would pretty much all agree. **UPDATE:** A few days after our DOTR to Oceanside, the rains again came to Flagler, and again, nearly washed out this beautiful stretch of A1A. Though the road is still open, giant ridges have washed out a lot of the sand filled in following Hurricane Matthew. Glad we dined there when we had the chance. It may be a long time before a permanent solution is found for that beautiful costal highway. (Photos by Bill and Richard.)

NO REVIEW: You will have to wait until next month to read the review of the Bar-B-Q picnic at Reed Canal Park. But since you were there, you KNOW how it went, right? My guess it was probably pretty good since it was FREE.

MINI-GOLF: Golf is going good. Round 1 saw twelve members playing the "easy" course at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach. Jim Quinn had the low score with a 41. Leslie was right on his heels with a 42. Those of you who were on the upper end of the scale can take solace in knowing that if you play 6 games, you can knock out your highest two games. Only your best four games are considered in the competition. The night ended on a high note with a trip to Hershey's Ice Cream Store for a little tasty treat.

Round 2 met at Pirates Island in Port Orange. This time, fifteen members

hit the course on this very windy evening. Unfortunately, the wind wasn't strong enough to blow the balls into the holes. Low score this night was Gary Swanson with a scorching 38, with Cindy right behind him with a 40. Special mention goes to Ginny Quinn who had a grand total of 5 (FIVE) holes-in-one out of 18 holes. W-O-W! She must be watching the PGA. This night ended with an ice-cream run to Culver's,,, just the right finish to make any score bearable.

Round 3 sent us a little curved ball (and I don't mean a golf ball) even before we started play. Hawaiian Falls on A1A is closed and up for sale. So a quick change had to be made to play at Mystic Harbor on Nova Road in Port Orange. We used to play on this course several years ago, but when it fell into disrepair, we moved to Hawaiian Falls. Word has it that the course is in pretty good shape and will be ready for us. Apparently, my sleuthing skills have gotten rusty as I was unable to find out who won or the number of members that played. The remainder of the games, including Round 3 will be reviewed in the May issue of our Newsletter, along with the declaration of the new "HOLDER OF THE CLUB CLUB" and the other winners (and Losers). This golf tournament is a standing tradition for our club and is always a lot of fun. (Photos by Bill Simmons)



THIS & THAT

Birthdays for May include Ginny Quinn on the 3rd, Bonita Richardson on the 5th, Lars Connelly on the 7th, Dave Huber on the 8th, Will Masotta on the 10th, Donna Bly on the 22nd, and Bob Wolff on the 29th. May was certainly a popular month for birthdays (or was that 9 months earlier that was so popular?hmmm). Happy, happy birthday to all.

Happy Anniversary to Ed and Jean Doyle who celebrate the golden one this year. Seems like yesterday Well, maybe not.

The April meeting was a lucky one for Shirley Gerstel who won \$37.50 in the 50/50 drawing. Good going, Shirley.

Will and Donna Masotta have been vacationing in the Dominican Republic. Interesting what we can learn from Facebook. □

Dave and Maya have decided to try RVing, first to Connecticut then on to Nova Scotia. Happy travels with your new adventure.

A speedy recovery to Skip Crowder after his second round of double by-pass surgery. Skip is a past member of the

club and an old friend to many. We all wish him well.

Rumor has it that Pat Cassella has sold his '69 Lemans Blue Coupe. The club will miss that sweet little ride. Whatcha looking for now, Pat?



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, and Great Grandmothers in our club. Why not celebrate the day with a nice ride in a Corvette!

CORVETTE CHATTER

Happy Anniversary Corvette: We are all familiar with the guidelines as to what one gives for each anniversary, i.e. the first is paper, the second is cotton, the 25th is silver and the 50th gold. The 65th, however, is apparently carbon fiber, at least in GM's book because Chevy has created the Carbon 65 Edition in honor of Corvette's 65 years on Earth. The Carbon Edition will only come on the 3LT (the fanciest) trim levels of the Grand Sport and the Z06. Only 650 will be made, all in Ceramic Gray paint with special door and fender graphics boasting the phrase "CARBON 65." It comes complete with carbon fiber ground effects, spoiler and part of the hood. Coupes get a carbon fiber roof, while convertibles get a carbon fiber tonneau cover to go with the soft

blue top. Inside carbon fiber trim bits adorn many parts not covered in soft touch materials, and even the steering wheel is covered in carbon fiber. And like you'd expect from a formal anniversary present, the Corvette Carbon Edition ain't cheap. Taking one home will tack \$15,000 onto the price of your C7—which means a Grand Sport Carbon starts at \$91,190, and a Z06 Carbon Edition starts at \$104,390. (AND that's assuming GM doesn't change the Corvette's price for 2018.)

It's Coming: It's pretty clear the C7 Corvette will see a ZR1 variant sooner rather than later, but as to when, it's still not clear. However, the ZR1 prototypes are busy these days and have most recently been spotted testing at Germany's famed Nürburgring. Spy shots show what will likely be the most hardcore, track-capable Corvette hitting Nürburgring with Michigan manufacturer plates to boot. It's also getting skimpy; gone is the black cladding, and we can begin to see more of the Corvette ZR1's lines even though it is still skewed by the swirled camouflage. Most notable are the gaping front air vents and the large power



bulge emitting from the hood, possibly hiding a 6.2-liter DOHC LT5 V8 engine.

Also, the big wing is back for this round of shots and it looks to be taller than ever for maximum downforce at the track. It's possible active aerodynamics are at work here, too, judging by previous patent images. Along with the spy shots, this report plays upon the possibility of an August debut for the C7 Corvette ZR1. It's rumored Chevrolet will unveil the ZR1 at the 2017 Continental Tire Road Race Showcase IMSA event, though, many doubts still linger about this date.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page)

A Bit of Trivia: This is where it all began - from a fast-moving ship to a fast-moving car. In 1953, a special committee was formed to find a name for the new two-door, fiberglass sports car that was being developed by Chevrolet. The company wanted a name that began with the letter "C" and a review of over 300 names began. Apparently, the group was uninspired until Myron Scott, an assistant director in Chevrolet's public relations department, searched the "C" section of the dictionary and found "Corvette" defined as a speedy pursuit ship in the British Navy. The Chevrolet Corvette name was officially trademarked on September 1, 1953. Thank you, Myron.

Something to think about

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, using hand gestures, and cursing at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on your trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

Submitted by Sheila Minor