

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

DOTR COMING TO THE SHORES: For the month of May, the Corvette Cruisers will cruise on down to A1A to have breakfast at Mike's Galley in Daytona Beach Shores. Mike's is widely known to the locals for his delicious pastries made on site, and the ad boasts "the best breakfast in the Daytona area." Let's give it a try and see if there is truth in advertising. We will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 6.

PONCE INLET CORVETTE SHOW will take place on Saturday, May 5th. A few cars from our club are competing, but even if you're not, why not come down to the Inlet and support those who are. It's always a nice trip to that area around the lighthouse, especially with lots of Corvettes to see. Those competing will leave from the southwest corner parking lot of US 1 and Dunlawton Ave. at 8:00 a.m. The show lasts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MORE GOLF: The tournament continues into May with two more games and a rain make-up game. Round 5 will be on Tuesday, May 1 at Pirates Cove in Ormond; Round 6 will be Friday, May 4 at Pirates Island near Port Orange; and the tournament will conclude on Tuesday May 8, with the make-up day for Round 1 at Congo River Golf in Daytona Beach Shores. Play all six games and drop your worst two. Only four game count toward the competition for the "Golden Club." But even if you just play one or two games, you are most welcome to join in, just for the fun of it (AND the ice cream afterwards).



BOARD MEETING: Everyone is welcome at the Corvette Cruisers Board of Directors Meeting, which will be held on Friday, May 11th 11:00 a.m. at the Ale House on ISB. Lunch is on your own, but if you plan to be there, be sure to let John Doria know so proper reservations can be made. If you have an item for the agenda, let a Board Member know.

Reviews

DOTR TO J B'S: After a surprising road closure on Canal Street, the route getting to JB's was a little more difficult, but a bunch of Corvettes and a couple of pick-ups managed to get through a troublesome stop sign and make it to the fish camp just in time to satisfy our appetites. Four tables in the back room were set up and ready for the tangerine wave that converged on the restaurant. Bob and Linda, Tom and Sandie, Rick and Sheila, Liz, Edie, Bill S., Bill G., Bill and Evelyn, Art and Leslie, Richard, Rick D., Bud and Mary, and Ed and Jean met up with Gary and Cindy, Steve and Anita, and Vin and Tracy who met us at the restaurant for some goood seafood. Everybody seemed to enjoy their lunch and most definitely the conversation as the sound decibels reached a fevered pitch. After lunch, the majority headed a few blocks north to the Swanson's home where we celebrated Gary's birthday with the most delicious chocolate sheet cake and a carrot cake (both of which were homemade) along with ice cream. Thank you, Cindy for your culinary skills, and thank you, Gary for having a birthday!! (Photos by Bill S. and Richard)

TOURNAMENT TIDBITS: Since Mother Nature had her way with the rainy start of our tournament and causing the cancellation of Round 1, the annual Mini-Golf tournament kicked off its season with Round 2. Friday, the 13th didn't keep away those brave souls who ventured out to prove that each of us was a confident contender. The confidence waned just a little for eighteen of the members who invaded

the Pirates Cove Golf Course in Ormond after John Doria shot the lowest score for the night with a 40. However, several players were breathing down his neck which should make for a very interesting competition. (All players can also throw out their two lowest scores, so all hope is not lost for you high scorers.) Playing the opening round were Linda and Bob Wolff, Bonita Richardson and Bill Simmons, Cindy and Gary Swanson, Sally and John Doria, Evelyn and Bill Neway, Edie Byrne, Liz Byrne, Ginny Quinn, Leslie and Art Armstrong, Lars Connelly and Ellie Murray, and Jean and Ed Doyle. The night ended on a high note with several making their way to Hershey's Ice Cream store for a game-ending treat.

Our second game (Round 3) found us enjoying the ocean breezes, uh... make that gale force winds, as eighteen of us invaded the Pirates Island Course near Port Orange. Our only hope was that the wind would blow a few balls into the holes, and perhaps that helped as several made holes-in-one, either on their own merit or with the help of someone knocking it in for them. Linda Wolff hit a low of 39, the only one to score under 40 for the night. (Par for the entire course was 40!) Playing this round were Bob and Linda, Bill and Bonita, Gary and Cindy, Edie, Liz, Joanna Oswald, Anita Slaton, Lars and Ellie, Art and Leslie, John and Sally, and Ed and Jean. Many celebrated the ending of a fun night with a trip to Culver's for some rewarding ice cream treats.

This & That

Facebook Facts: The following conclusions have been reached from postings on Facebook:

John and Sally Doria are big fans of Disney.
Will Masotta is NOT a big fan of our President.
Sheila Minor loves our Veterans.
Edie and Liz love cars (ALL kinds of cars).
Pat and Sandy Cassella love traveling to tropical places.
Lars and Ellie love dining at some fine restaurants.

A bunch of birthdays fall during the month of May. Happy Birthday wishes go to 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. Happy Birthday to all.



Anniversary wishes go to Ed and Jean Doyle, who have been married for quite a while. (Can't you tell?)

Thoughts and prayers go to Herb Gerstel who is battling a previous ailment that has made a comeback. Herb, we miss you. Get well soon.

If you notice Dave Huber is a little more chipper these days with energy to spare, it's because Dave recently had a pacemaker implanted. So happy to see you as your old self again.

The Shriners are in need of some convertibles for their parade on July 17th which will kick-off their convention in Daytona Beach. If you have a convertible and would like to participate, please call 407-592-7407 and let them know you are interested. They will then give you

instructions on where and when to meet. This could be a fun experience and a chance to showcase your car.

Just received word that members Ken Crick and Trish Ardler have relinquished their membership. Ken is facing some serious health issues and felt he could no longer be an active member of the club. His 2003 Anniversary Red convertible is now for sale. All our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We are saying good bye to our snowbirds, who have flown back to their "other" nests. Bud and Mary Mullennix have gone back to Michigan, and Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz have



returned to Canada. We certainly hope that the snow has disappeared in both these locales before you get there. Bud and Mary will rejoin us in September and Lenny and Patsy will return in October or November. Enjoy your cool weather while we sweat out the Florida heat.

Finally, a win after a long dry spell, John Doria took home \$36 in the 50/50 drawing. Might come in handy for upcoming trip to Italy.

The Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach is having an American Muscle Car Show on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 to 2:00. Come see these historic American cars as they roll on to the Museum's campus for the day. The combination of memories, beauty, and engineering is what makes this car show so great. DJ Frank Roberts will be playing old time rock-n-roll favorites while you enjoy the cars

and food from a local food truck. Join Senior Curator of Education and History, James "Zach" Zacharias for a tour of the *Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting* exhibit and the Root Family Museum's vintage automobiles that range from Sumar Race Cars to the Coca-Cola delivery trucks. Call the museum for more information at 386-255-0285.

Corvette Chatter

HOW'S THIS FOR A MARK-UP?

It's a known fact that the 2019 Corvette ZR1 has an amazing amount of performance. Each day new owners are taking delivery of the winged Corvettes and track records are already falling under the onslaught of the 755-hp super car.

Okay, so now you've got the itch for a ZR1, but demand is way ahead of supply. Those new owners most likely had the foresight to add their names to dealer lists months or even years in advance. Chevrolet started production of the ZR1 in March and is only building an estimated 200 ZR1s per month. So, unless you can find a dealer whose customer backed out of a deal, chances are you may be waiting a long while.

However, if you are in the market, a 2019 Torch Red ZR1 Coupe with the ZTK Performance Package with 283 miles was just listed for sale on Cars.com. The 2019 Corvette ZR1 Coupe MSRP is \$119,995 and with the ZTK performance package, an 8-speed automatic and other accretions, the official Chevrolet ZR1 Configurator gives a price of \$137,310. The seller must believe there is a real

demand for Chevrolet's fastest production Corvette ever as they've priced their "used" Corvette ZR1 for **\$198,000**.

This is the most expensive listing seen to date for a 2019 ZR1. Most of the mark-ups seen previously are those eBay listings from dealers who are selling their allocations with a market adjustment ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 over MSRP. It's doubtful whether the seller gets this price but most likely they will end up making a profit on the car. For choices, a cheaper ZR1s listed on eBay like a ZR1 Convertible listed for \$175K (and this one has the Sebring Orange Package).

AND SPEAKING OF MARK-UPS....

The "Yenko" name carries a lot of weight with it, but is it enough to call for half-a-million dollars? One dealership thinks so.

Jalopnik located and spoke to personnel at a dealership selling a 2017 Yenko C7 Corvette Grand Sport for \$500,000. Even the staff thought the price was a typo. Better yet, the dealer was originally going to list it for \$750,000. To remind everyone, the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport started at \$66,000, and according to the report, the Yenko modifications total an extra \$51,185. That's still a far cry away from this enormous markup.

There may be more of an explanation for the sky-high price. The car is a consignment, which means the owner and dealership will work together to sell it. It also means the owner has a lot of say in what the car's asking price sits at.

Even though this is the first of just 50 Yenko Corvette Grand Sport models, we think half-a-million dollars is something above and beyond it. But hey, if you have \$500,000 to

burning a hole in your bank account, there's an 800-horsepower Corvette awaiting just for you!

in the Photo Gallery on our web site in June, and a review will be in the June issue of "The Talepipe," our Newsletter.

From the Archives

The Fun Corner



Five months into his coma, Brad's wife finally finds the words to bring him back to life.

The date was April of 2016. The place was Reed Canal Park in South Daytona. The event was the annual club picnic. Lots of familiar faces and some delicious Bar-B-Que at this one. The only difference



between this one and the past two years is that there will be no t-shirt sales. (Hallelujah!!) New photos from Club Picnic 2018 will appear

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Iconic supercar is 15th Corvette to lead 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing'

The 2019 Corvette ZR1 is the official Pace Car for the 2018 Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil and will lead drivers to the green flag on Sunday, May 27, for the 102nd running of the legendary race. It marks the 15th time a Corvette has served as the official Pace Car since 1978, and the

29th time a Chevrolet has led the field dating back to 1948, when a 1948 Fleetmaster Six convertible paced the race.

No other vehicle has served as the Pace Car more than the Corvette. To celebrate the iconic supercar's connection to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," the 2019 Corvette ZR1 and the other 14 Corvettes that have paced the 500 were on display on the front straightaway at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Chevrolet is proud to once again pace the Indianapolis 500," said Steve Majoros, marketing director for Cars and Crossovers. "The ZR1 is the most powerful and fastest Corvette ever made. It's the perfect choice to pace 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.'"

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY
To all the
Moms and Grandmoms

