

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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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.

DOTR FOR MAY: This month the Cruisers travel to Palm Coast for one of their all-time favorite fill-up stations, The Pub (formerly Arnie's) at the Pine Lakes Golf Course. This one is always a hit and is back by popular demand. Even if you are not much of a breakfast fan, you will enjoy the variety The Pub has to offer, from their made-to-order omelets to waffles with fresh berries and cream to an array of pastries for every discriminating taste, and all for a very reasonable price. Let's meet at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 9:00 a.m. for a cruise to Palm Coast and a delicious morning meal.

TOURNAMENT CONTINUES:

The first round of the Mini Golf Tournament got off to a great start. Nineteen (yep, you read that right) nineteen played the 18 holes at the Congo River golf course, followed up by a trip to

the 19th hole (otherwise known as Dairy Queen) for some well-deserved refreshments. Richard and Pat, Jim and Ginny, Art and Leslie, Leslie's sister Wendy visiting from Massachusetts, Ed and Jean, Steve and Anita, John and Sally, Sally's daughter Mallory and fiancé Nick visiting from NC, Bill and Bonita and Warren and guest, former member Jackie turned in scores which ranged from 38 to 56 and as many as 3 holes-in-one.



Remember, it's not too late to join in the fun. One needs only to play 4 out of the 6 scheduled games to be in the competition,

so come on out, meet us at the course, and try your luck at hitting a little colored ball into a little hole with a metal stick. That's all there is to it. Anyone can do it. The Newsletter will go to press before the April 29th game, but the first scheduled game for May is Friday, May 2 at Hawaiian Falls on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores at 7:00 p.m. The complete schedule can be found on the Home Page under Upcoming Events and on the club calendar, also accessed from the Home Page. (Photos by John D.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Art and Leslie Armstrong will host a BOD meeting on May 7th at 6:30 p.m. at their home in Ormond Beach. As always, any member wishing to attend is welcome as long as you notify the hosts you are coming. If you have any items you wish to bring before the board but are unable to attend the meeting, please let a board member know so it can be added to the agenda.

'VETTES AT THE LIGHT: The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club will host their annual "Vettes at the Light" Corvette Show on Sunday, May 18. Let's meet at the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona at 8:15 a.m. so we can be parked together and claim the coveted shady section. This is the first time in a long time this is a club event, so let's show

Ponce Inlet that indeed, there IS a Corvette Club in Daytona Beach. Be sure your Vette is clean and pristine. Proceeds go to several worthy local causes.

LUNCH AT CAMP: Take 13 Corvettes, add a beautiful Florida spring day, mix in a seafood restaurant on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway, and you have the recipe for friendship and fun for 25 happy Corvette lovers. That pretty much describes the Dining on the Run experience for April on the deck at JB's Fish Camp in New Smyrna Beach. Meeting at the Target parking lot was an experience in itself when we soon discovered that the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club was meeting there as well for their Sunday outing. Knowing that JB's is a little on the small side, we were fearful they were heading to the same place to share the same space, but we quickly learned that they were on their way to Goodrich's Restaurant in Oak Hill. John Doria led our group on a little cruise of the back roads en route to the restaurant. Trying to stay together was a little taxing through some stop lights, and a little birdy shared information that a certain yellow Vette was intent on staying with the group. Hopefully, there were no red light cameras in use. Following John were Ed and Amy Anderson, who brought guests Ed and Kathy driving a really cool silver C5 with a C1 conversion kit, Skip and Joan Crowder, Lars and Carole Connelly, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Art and Leslie Armstrong,

Ed and Jean Doyle, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Harry and Carolyn Horchler, and Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, all of whom met up with Jim and Ginny Quinn and Steve and Anita Slaton at the restaurant. Some, who had never been to JB's, were surprised to learn that New Smyrna Beach extended so far south. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy their seafood selections, the pretty water views, and the great weather!! (Photos by Bill and John D.)

ERAU MUSCLE CAR SHOW REVIEW: Though not a club event, the Embry-Riddle Muscle Car Show deserves mention as 4 Corvettes from our club participated. John Reis, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Frank and Leanne Fedele and Ed and Amy Anderson joined hundreds of muscle car enthusiasts from the area in what turned out to be a well-run show and a pretty neat way to spend a Sunday afternoon. (Photos by John D.)

PICNIC: **WOW!!** What a great day! The weather was perfect, the company was perfect, and the food was perfect. What more can one ask? The only thing to make it completely perfect would be 100% participation but 33 out of 47 is a darn good number. The picnic always affords a chance to get to know each other on a little more personal basis than our meetings. Enjoying the good Bar-B-Que spread from Dustin's and the cookies

from Publix were Ed Anderson, Art and Leslie, Lars and Carole, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Ed and Jean, Frank and Leanne, Ray and Sandra, Harry and Carolyn, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, Joanna Oswald and sister-in-law Marilyn (filling in for Steve), Jim and Ginny, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Steve and Anita, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Warren Brasch with former member Jackie Karogosian. Thanks to Yvonne, who brought some of the most delicious and sinful brownies with cream cheese frosting --Y-U-M-M-Y! We certainly missed those who couldn't come, and those who couldn't come missed a really great time. Let's do it again next year. Whaddaya say? (Photos by John D.)



HAPPY NEWS:

Happy Birthday to Ginny Quinn on the 3rd, Bonita Richardson on the 5th, Lars Connelly on the 7th, Dave Huber on the 8th, and Bob Wolff on the 29th. May you all have many, many more ahead.

Happy Anniversary to Harry and Carolyn Horchler and Ed and Jean Doyle. May you have many more years of togetherness.

The Latest 50/50 winner was Shirley Gerstel who won \$21.00 at the April meeting. See, it pays to come to the meetings.

Snowbirds Returning Permanently: Happy news for the club is the return of Bob and Mickey Fritz, who will be moving back to Florida from Tennessee. The harsh winter in TN may have had some effect on their decision, but for whatever reason, the club is delighted to have Bob and Mickey back permanently.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Adoptive Mothers, Mothers-In-Law, Pet Mothers, Surrogate Mothers, and every other Mother not mentioned here. (Be nice.) May 11th is YOUR day - enjoy it to the utmost.

Happy Recovery Wishes go to Linda Wolff who has undergone her second knee replacement at the end of April. If you recall, Linda had her other knee replaced a few months ago. Hope you requested a Buy One - Get One sale.

Safe Travels to Steve and Anita Slaton, who will leave Florida this month for their "other" home in Kentucky for the summer. Also returning to their "other" home in Connecticut for the summer are Ed and Amy Anderson, who left the end of April. Now if we can just convince the Slatons and the Andersons to move permanently to FL like the Fritzes, we will be in great shape.

Off to Bike Fest were Jack and Yvonne immediately following the picnic. This event in Leesburg, FL rivals Daytona's Biketoberfest with an estimated crowd of over 300,000. Now what's that I overheard about a wet t-shirt contest?? Surely not at a Motorcycle festival - surely not!!

Sinkhole Saga: Well the Villages can claim something else in common with the Corvette Museum other than the sheer number of Corvettes living there --- and that is the huge sinkhole making its presence known in both places. Why, might you ask, is this listed under "Happy News?" The happiness comes from the fact that the damaged area was pretty far (about 5 miles) from Lars and Carole Connelly, who own a home in the Villages. Whew!! Still too close for comfort.

More Happy News is to see Ray and Sandy Gatz at the picnic. Ray began Chemo treatments recently and is not one to let anything get him down. We are with you all the way, Ray. Stay strong.

OTRA: (On The Road Again for all you non-texting people out there): The Connells will certainly be on the road again this summer. They are leaving in early May shuffling off to Atlanta, then flying out to Las Vegas, and finally ending up in Highlands, NC. No need to gamble in Las Vegas, as you guys have already hit the jackpot for fun places to spend the summer. God speed.

A New Addition: It looks as though Jack Keimber is sporting a new moustache and beard. Looking good, Jack. Yvonne thinks so too!

Hey everybody - please let Jean know if you hear any news about our members. We want to make sure everybody knows when someone does something exciting....or has something exciting done to them. We want to make sure not to leave anyone out.

CORVETTE HODGEPODGE:

- * Well, he did it again!! Rick Hendrick bought the very first Z06 Corvette for \$1 million. If you recall, Hendrick also purchased the first C-7 Corvette, as well as the first C7 Corvette convertible.
- * Corvette Racing won its first race with the new Chevrolet Corvette C7-R at Long Beach to take the number one spot in the GT LeMans Class. Corvette also placed third in this race with its other C7-R team.
- * Two weeks ago, the Corvette plant voted to authorize a strike over serious concerns about safety and quality issues. However, the president of the United Auto Workers at the plant seems to think that a strike may be avoided since the new manager of the plant seems more interested in solving the problems than his predecessor, who ignored some pressing issues. There had been two OSHA violations under the previous manager and a lot of complaints from workers. Both sides continue to negotiate even though the local union's current contract does not expire until 2015.
- * At a special preview party for Chevrolet at the New York International Auto Show, a Laguna Blue 2015 Corvette Z06 Convertible, dubbed "The Big Nasty," was driven onto the stage and introduced as the first ever super car convertible

from Chevrolet. Thanks to the new aluminum frame, not only is the new chassis lighter than the frame used in the C6 Z06, it's also 20% stiffer than the previous Z06 fixed roof coupe. "This is the car Corvette fans have been daring us to build," stated Corvette's Product Manager Harlan Charles. (I guess Rick Hendrick will be pulling out his checkbook once again when #1 rolls off the assembly line.)

* Here is an interesting story - On February 12, 2014, Lynda Patterson of Louisville KY began getting phone calls and texts from friends and family about the sinkhole that opened up at the Museum. She watched on TV as the news broke showing video and still images of the cars that had fallen. Her heart sank as she locked right in on the 40th Anniversary Ruby Red Corvette sticking tail up from the debris. As the owner of a 40th Anniversary Corvette herself, it was almost like looking at her own car. "Seeing that Ruby in the hole made me think that maybe I should give ours to the Museum soon. Almost 20 years ago my husband Mike and I designated that our Ruby would go to the National Corvette Museum anyway." He died in 2012 after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. Thinking that he'd approve of giving the car to the Museum earlier instead of later, she made the call and asked if they wanted it. "The people at the Museum were very excited about having it. It made me feel good

that they would be taking good care of her." This wasn't an easy thing to do. When she showed up on April 17th to make it official, she had to fight back tears, often losing as she was overcome with emotion. "It's bitter-sweet," said Lynda. "I'm so glad she's coming here and will be enjoyed by so many. Some people may not get why I'd be so emotional about it, but it is more than a car. It is memories."

* And finally, all eight Corvettes have been extracted from the sinkhole - 3 are questionable as to the possibility of restoration. General Motors will make the determination on which cars will be restored. The question remains - how many parts can be replaced on a car and still be called "original?" Hmmmmm.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): What are your chances of outrunning this police chase car? Very slim, I would imagine if you drove through Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. This Z06 is used to chase down the lawbreakers in this tiny Michigan town of about 4,000, which ranks as one of the top five wealthiest cities in the US. (No wonder they can use Corvettes as their patrol cars!) Watch your speed if you are passing through Michigan this summer.



MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26TH



Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service. President Herbert Hoover conducted the first national Memorial Day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1929, and the tradition has continued to this day, taking place at the Tomb of the Unknowns (pictured above) since its completion in 1932. (Photo by Jean on recent trip to Washington, D.C.)