

# 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.

## Welcome

**TO THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK:** A BIG Corvette Cruiser welcome to Vin and Tracy Giglio of New Smyrna Beach, the newest members of our club. The Giglios hail from Connecticut and drive a really sharp laser red '74 coupe. Welcome to our Corvette family.

**APPLE FRITTERS IN PEACH VALLEY:** Yep, that's what is in store for us when we take a short hop to the **new** Peach Valley in Ormond Beach for our May DOTR. The apple fritters are out of this world! Peach Valley Beachside has been one of the club's favorite "go to" places for years. But this time, we will check out the new restaurant on Granada to see how it compares. The original restaurant is so popular it's hard to get a table for two,



let alone 20-25, without a considerable wait. Opening an additional location was intended to alleviate some of the wait time. We shall see when we give it a try on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Meet at Bealls in Ormond at 8:45 a.m.** for a short hop to a breakfast that's hard to beat. Shouldn't those apple fritters be peach fritters?

**VETTES AT THE LIGHT:** **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** is the date for the Ponce Inlet Corvette Show at the Lighthouse in Ponce Inlet. There is no cut-off date for registering but the show is limited to 125 cars. If you haven't registered yet, do so on-line at [www.picc.com](http://www.picc.com). Cost is \$30 (\$35 day of show). Cars will be judged, so that means check your interior, your wheels, your exhaust tips, etc. etc. etc. We had two winners last year, so let's see if we can improve on that number. We have some mighty fine-looking cars in our club, all worthy of recognition. **Meet at the Sunshine Park Mall on U.S. 1 in South Daytona at 8:45 a.m.** The early bird gets the shady

spot, plus, by getting there early we can all park together.

**MOVE OVER JORDAN SPIETH:** The Mini-golf tournament got off to a roaring start



with 20 members wanting to show off their golfing skills (or lack thereof). Four groups of five players played the 18 holes at Congo River Golf on April

10<sup>th</sup>. Bill Simmons was the winner of the first round with a low score of 40, but this is likely to change as the season progresses. Round 2 was played at Pirates Cove in Ormond on April 14<sup>th</sup> on the so-called "easy" course. HA!! I suppose Art was the only one who found it easy as he came in with the lowest total of the night with a 41. Round 3 was played on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hawaiian Falls Course. Though the name implies "paradise," this course proved to be anything but! The carpeting was shredded and badly frayed in some spots and missing in other spots, causing the balls to take some strange rolls. One hole had no carpeting at all. Danger cones were surrounding several holes where the concrete siding had sunk. When asked for an explanation, the host said they were in the process of renovating. This course was in such bad shape, the club has decided to change the location of Round 6 on May 8th to Pirates Island near the corner of Dunlawton and A1A. Though most of our scores fell in the 50's, which we all tried to blame on the course condition, Bill Neway was the winner of Round 3 with the low score of 46. And so the competition widens. Three games, three different winners....this year's championship is definitely up for grabs. Don't forget,

**April 28<sup>th</sup> at Pirates Island (Dunlawton and A1A), May 5, Pirates Cove (A1A in Ormond Beach), and May 8<sup>th</sup> back to Pirates Island.** And please don't get those Pirates mixed-up. (Photos by Richard, John D., and Jean)

**BOYS WILL BE BOYS:** On a recent outing to a miniature golf course on A1A, no one drove their Corvettes since rain was in the area and the cars were all spruced up for an early departure to Cape Canaveral the next morning. No one that is, except Bob Wolff, who pulled up in his new C-7. As he was backing into the parking spot, a police officer passed by with lights flashing and sirens blasting. Being the smart a—es that they are, Ed, Rich and a couple others pointed excitedly to Bob in his Corvette, insinuating that he was the one the cop was looking for. What a shock when the cop made an abrupt u-turn and quickly pulled into the parking lot to ask if we needed help. When Jim told him we were just there to play golf, the cop informed him he was answering a hit-and-run call and peeled angrily out of the parking lot, nearly running over Jim's toe.

I guess the old adage that Boys Will Be Boys is true, no matter what the age. Just please make sure it doesn't involve the police.



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Bonita Richardson has agreed to become our new Social Activities Chair. Bonita and her committee of Sally Doria and Evelyn Neway will work together to come up with some exciting adventures for us Corvette Cruisers. If you have any ideas for day trips in and around Florida, let Bonita, Evelyn, or Sally know. They want to do what

you want to do. Your input is vital. Remember that our social activities need not be Corvette related events.

**THE SPRING FLING:** The Turkey Rod Spring Show took place on March 27-29, but the preparations began early the day before. Several big, strong members trekked to Jim Quinn's to pick up the club tent to erect on the grounds of the Daytona International Speedway. Because windy weather was forecast for the same evening, just the framework was tethered to the ground. The Corvette Cruisers had a great spot on the concrete pads just next to the Food booths (what could be better?). The day began quite breezy with a definite chill in the air. Because of this, everyone was seeking the sun to keep warm, especially in the a.m., so the tent was deemed unnecessary. What a shame all that muscle power had gone to waste. John Doria was the early bird, being the first to arrive and directing the parking of those that followed. Richard Wetherby, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Bill Geize, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Ed and Jean Doyle, Joanna Oswald and Steve Terrell, Steve and Anita Slaton, John Reis, Gary Swanson, Vin Giglio, Bob and Mickey Fritz, and Bob Wolff were there with their shined-up Vettes. Dave and Maya were there as well, but as you may or may not know, Dave has a car-care product line he sells at car shows, so he was a working man during the show. Bill and Bonita were somewhere during the show, but only found the club's spot late in the afternoon. Tracy Giglio and Sally Doria joined the group later in the afternoon. Leslie, Anita, Jean and Evelyn got in line early to see "Dukes of Hazzard" star Catherine Bach, who

looked great even though she wasn't wearing her "Daisy Dukes" anymore. Anita was the only brave one to stay in line and received a hug from Catherine, who now plays a character on "The Young and the Restless", named, appropriately enough, "Anita." Even though the spring show is a lot smaller than the one in the fall, there is still lots to see, (both cars AND people), and this year was no exception. There was an endless supply of cars in the car corral to scrutinize, and lots and lots of show cars to see. All the calories munched on from the accessible food booths were surely walked off by the end of the day. "Bob" was the word of the day as both Bob Fritz and Bob Wolff were the lucky winners of door prizes. Bob F. won a nice bar-b-que set, and Bob W. won an electric knife (or was that a curling iron??) Joanna didn't stay for the drawing, but with her luck, her number was probably called. The day turned out to be a beautiful, bright and sunny one for all those who came to enjoy the show. A few members came out on Friday, getting an early start, and several came back on Sunday to take the trek around the speedway, wrapping up a fun weekend. With the great turnout, the club may just want to keep this one on the "to do" list for next year. (Photos by Richard)

**VETTES AT THE PORT:** Around 8:30 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Bill Geize, John Doria, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Bill and Evelyn Neway, and Ed and Jean Doyle, pulled out of the parking lot of Kohl's Department Store and hopped on I-95. Meeting up with Gary and Cindy Swanson at the New Smyrna Beach ramp, and Bill



Simmons and Bonita Richardson at the Edgewater ramp, we made our way to Cape Canaveral for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Vettes at the Port" Corvette show sponsored by the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club. We were parked with our respective classes, along with about 200 other Corvettes, within a stone's throw of a Disney Cruise Ship and a Carnival Cruise Liner preparing for departure. Mother Nature was on our side as the rains stayed away, but the sun was hot, hot, hot. Cindy Swanson was quick to find a raised, covered, wooden deck that was perfect for our group--- out of the sun, near a good speaker, overlooking our cars and the entire area, plus an added bonus of some breezes from the nearby water. Several restaurants at the water's edge were offering discounts for show participants, so we all agreed to try Rusty's, a rustic seafood place. The beer was cold, the place was air-conditioned (although the fan above our table was not working), the food was good, and the early bird menu was still being offered --- what more could we want? The club participation award went to the Space Coast Corvette Club of Melbourne who had 23 Vettes entered. Our club members did get our picture taken by the Cape Kennedy club photographer, and our president, John Doria, was interviewed. Watch for the photo and You-Tube video, which should appear sometime soon on the Cape Kennedy website at [www.ckcc.club](http://www.ckcc.club). Several door prizes from hats to t-shirts (and chopsticks??) were won by our members. Ed Doyle came away with a fourth place finish in his class with his 2010 Grand Sport. The day was long, extending past the scheduled end time by about an hour and a half, but for the most part, quite enjoyable. And judging from some of the photos in the Gallery, where

would we be without our cell phones. (Photos by Jean and John D.)

**PICNIC...WOW:** What a great day! The



weather was perfect, the company was perfect, and the food was perfect.

We still haven't had to use those new umbrellas. The picnic always affords us a chance to get to know each other on a little more personal basis than our meetings, where we can generally only visit with those who sit beside us. I think we did a lot of mixing and mingling. Enjoying the Bar-B-Que spread put on by Dustin's and the cookies from the Winn Dixie bakery were Art and Leslie Armstrong, Sandy Cassella, Lars and Carole Connelly, John and Sally Doria, Ed and Jean Doyle, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Harry Horchler, Dave Huber, Maya Branden, Will Massotta, Mike Mills, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Dan and Karen Niswander, Joanna Oswald, Jim and Ginny Quinn, John Reis, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Steve and Anita Slaton, Gary and Cindy Swanson, and Richard Wetherby. Thanks go to Mike Mills for supplying the veggie tray, a great complement to a delicious meal. And many thanks to John and Sally for taking care of getting the food to us. The Fritzes and the Slatons were eager and excited to be leaving for the Keys as soon as they finished dinner. Lars and Carole were returning to Atlanta the following day. It was great to have them with us again. We certainly missed those who couldn't come; and those who couldn't come, missed a good time. Thirty-seven members out of fifty-one is a darn good turnout. Let's do it again next

year, whaddaya say? (Photos by John D. & Richard.)

## This & That

Welcoming a new addition to the family are Bob and Linda Wolff with their new 2014 Lime Rock Green Coupe. It seems Bob's first Corvette was green and he has had a penchant for a green one ever since. How lucky they were to find one, as GM offered the Lime Rock color for only one year. Wishes DO come true. What a beauty!!



June is a busy month for birthdays in our club, and music seems to play an important part for those falling under the Taurus sign (April 21-May 21). Starting off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> is Ginny Quinn along with Frankie Valli of the Four Seasons.

Bonita Richardson celebrates on the 5<sup>th</sup> with English pop singer Adele, while Lars Connelly has a birthdate on the 7<sup>th</sup> with the classical master Tchaikovsky. Dave Huber shares his birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 60's heartthrob Ricky Nelson, and Will Masotta celebrates on the 10<sup>th</sup> with Irish rock singer Bono. Those who fall under the Gemini sign (May 22-June 21) are, perhaps, not so musically inclined. Donna Bly will celebrate on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with model Naomi Campbell and Bob Wolff shares his birthdate on the 29<sup>th</sup> with President John Kennedy. Many more "Happy Birthdays" to all of you!

Ed and Jean Doyle will celebrate #48 on the marriage scale this month. HA -- And they said it wouldn't last!

Looking for a car? Sandra Gatz is selling her 1971 Mille Miglia Red Corvette Convertible and also Ray's blue/green SSR. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, contact Sandy at [sgatz1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sgatz1@cfl.rr.com) to find out the details. Both cars are in exceptional condition and offer many extras.

May is the month we say goodbye to our snowbirds, Steve and Anita Slaton and Gary and Cindy Swanson, who will be flying off to cooler places up north. Know that we will miss you and look forward to your safe return.

May is also the month we say Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, adoptive mothers, surrogate mothers, pet mothers, and any other mothers you can think of. This is YOUR day, so enjoy it! Why not take a ride in a pretty Corvette.

Welcome back Dan and Karen Niswander, who had been on an extended vacation in Spain. No wonder we haven't seen much of you guys lately. We hear you had a wonderful trip!

The Eyes have it: Steve Slaton and Sally Doria have had eye surgery in the last month. Good to know you both are seeing better these days.



Dave Huber was the winner of the April 50/50 in one of the biggest takes on record, a whopping \$42. Maya wasn't with him this night. Do you think we should let her know??? Maybe he can use it on their upcoming trip. (See below.)

Dave and Maya are ready to embark on a month-long trip to Switzerland and other parts of Europe. Safe travels and God speed.

## Corvette Chatter

◆ At the National Corvette Museum's Bash event held the weekend of 4/24, Chevrolet officially revealed the changes and updates that will be available on the 2016 models.

Two new colors will be introduced in 2016. Corvette Racing Yellow, which appears to be a little brighter, will replace Velocity Yellow, and Long Beach Red will replace Crystal Red Metallic. This shade seems to be a throwback to the 2003 Anniversary Red or the 2006-07's Monterey Red.

Three Design Packages, called Twilight Blue, Spice Red, and Jet Black Suede, are making their debut. These packages allow the buyers to "check the box," which custom-tailors the appearance with a pre-selected choice of colors and options.

Making the biggest splash at the Bash was the introduction of the Corvette Z06 C7.R special edition. Available only in the new Corvette Racing Yellow or Black, the C7.R edition will be limited to just 500 cars. It will feature the RPO B92 exposed carbon fiber hood with a black "Jake" graphic, a C7.R graphic on the roof and a special "build-numbered" dash plaque. Interior changes also include C7.R embossed and laser-etched logos on the seats. All the cars will come with a specially-designed fitted Corvette Racing car

cover. The Z06 C7.R package will be available at the end of 2015.

Several changes will take place in the 2016 Stingray. Of special note are a flat bottom steering wheel, a front curb-view parking camera (available with the 2LT and 3LT packages), and the B92 Carbon fiber hood with visible weave section.

◆ Here are 40,000 reasons you should buy a 2015 model Corvette over the upcoming 2016 model. GM announced a roll back to the powertrain warranty on all Chevy vehicles including the Corvette Stingray and Z06 to 60,000 miles from the current 100,000 miles offered on 2015 models. GM will also be reducing the number of free service visits offered each year to just two per year in the first 2 years or 24,000 miles. Just like everything else, it costs more for less.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** "When I opened the storage door and saw this Vette, I couldn't believe my eyes." Bud Schoenleden thought he was making the trip from his Chevy dealership in St. Marys, Ohio, to Detroit "as a courtesy for this guy I used to know. I had no idea what I was about to find." At first glance, Schoenleden thought the '78 Indy Pace Car was "an absolute mess." All four tires were flat, but when Bud popped the latch to the driver-side door, he noticed plastic still on the seats and steering wheel, the same way the car came delivered from the factory. The mileage was nowhere what he thought, either. When his friend said low miles, Bud figured there would be maybe 5 or 10,000 miles on the odometer, but he was in for a shock.

Peeking beneath the steering wheel, Bud eyeballed zeroes on the far left followed by 13.6. About that time, he got a big whiff of a fragrance all too dear to a Chevrolet dealer—that new-car smell. The car hadn't seen the light of day for 16 years, yet held that wonderful aroma. Despite the low miles, Schoenleden wondered if the engine would turn over. He didn't want to start the car in the storage building, figuring the gas would be bad, and the OEM battery of over 30 years certainly would not hold a charge. He merely attached his charger to the battery and was surprised the lights inside the cab snapped on. He turned the key on for a second and the engine rotated. Back at Bud's Chevy Buick & Corvette Center in St. Marys, Ohio, the service department got the car running and all the systems seemed to be fine. True to form, Schoenleden put this '78 up for sale on his showroom floor, and like a true collector, he did not clean the car. He left the dust intact. The '78 Pace Car is a true "barn find" and always puts a smile on the faces of the curious. Don't you wonder how many of these "barn finds" are lurking right under our noses?



*Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States that is dedicated to the remembrance of those who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, was formerly known as Decoration Day and originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season.*

Safe travels to those of you who will be taking off for new adventures this summer. We want to hear all about them when you return.

