

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 at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

GOLF GETS INTO FULL SWING: The miniature golf tournament began on Friday, April 20th with 12 players vying for a spot in the finals. Although the skies looked stormy, the rain held off for Joan and Skip Crowder, Linda and Bob Wolff, Sally Clutter and John Doria, Jean and Ed Doyle, Ginny and Jim Quinn, and George Ruland and his friend Carole. John Doria won the round with a 43, with Ed Doyle coming in next with a 44. The player with the worst score for the night shall remain anonymous. As always, the night culminated with a trip to get ice cream, this time at the Hershey's Ice Cream Parlor in Ormond.

Round 2 was played on Tuesday, April 24th at Congo River on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores, followed by Round 3 at Pirates Island in Port Orange. Those results will be in next month's Newsletter.

Remember that it's never too late to join in for a game. (Some of us just play to go out for ice cream afterwards, anyway). To be considered in the competition, you must play at least four games, but anyone can play any number of games they wish. Each round begins at 7:00 p.m. Check the club calendar for dates and locations and come on out for a fun evening of good old-fashioned miniature golf with a slightly competitive edge. (Oh yeah, AND the Ice Cream)

ART OF THE AUTOMOBILE: Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, will be the 2nd annual Beach Street event known as the Art of the Automobile. The club will be participating in the Saturday morning/afternoon event. We will meet at the Walgreen's parking lot on the corner of US1 and International Speedway Blvd. at 8:00 a.m. We will then proceed as a group to the Halifax Yacht Club to join other Vettes for direction on where to park. Other optional events are planned for your enjoyment throughout the two days, from a "Thunder Ball" dance at the News Journal building on Friday to a night cruise on Saturday from the LaPlaya Resort down A1A to the Plaza Resort beginning at 8:00 p.m. You are encouraged to log on to their website at www.artoftheautolifestyle.com for a rundown of events. This is a great show, folks, with displays from million dollar+ Bugattis and Bentleys to Pick-ups and Jeeps, and everything in between. Bring your lawn chairs, and we will see you Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m. at Walgreen's.

PUTTING SANFORD IN OUR NEWS: The Breakfast/Lunch on the Run for April took us down the road to Joe's Crab Shack in Sanford. Jim and Ginny Quinn in their blue '05 led a streak of red and silver Vettes belonging to Al and Linda Blake, Bob and Sadie Compton, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Dave Huber and Maya

Branden, Ed and Jean Doyle, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, and Steve and Anita Slaton, with Ray and Sandy Gatz bringing up the rear in their blue Chevy SSR (with the Corvette engine). A cruise through the back roads made for an enjoyable way to spend a late Sunday morning. Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson met us at the restaurant and added a little color to the parking lot with their bright yellow '07. Though the service at Joe's was really slow, the food was really good with shrimp and crab legs being the preferred choices among the group. This trip served as a preview for the new Joe's Crab Shack that is planning to open this summer on the Daytona Beach pier. Imagine this, we spent two hours+ in Sanford and none of us saw a reporter or a protester. (Photos by John D. and Bob.)

BOTR FOR MAY: We will once again travel to one of our favorite spots for breakfast....Peach Valley in Ormond Beach. Meet at Bealls in Ormond at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 6.

FOOTNOTE FROM THE GIBBS SHOW: Last month, when reviewing all the prizes and awards our club walked away with, i.e. best participation by a club, the big 50/50 winner and various other smaller prizes, one prize winner was unbeknown to us at the time. Only after a congratulatory phone call from a friend from the Flagler Club did Herb and Shirley Gerstel find out they were the winners of the 40" flat screen television provided by Tom Gibbs Chevrolet at the final drawing of the day. Congratulations Herb and Shirley – our club is on a roll with good luck. However.....read on.....

CORVETTE CURSE STRIKES AGAIN: After several months of mishap-free BOTR's, the Corvette Curse has, again, reared its ugly head. On the way to Mom's Diner in March, John Doria's '71 decided to pop the air conditioning hose. Other than losing all the refrigerant and

anticipating a future repair bill, John and Sally were able to continue on to breakfast. The outcome was not so lucky for Ray and Sandy Gatz. Their trip to Sanford for the April BOTR ended with a cooling system failure on their Chevy SSR, thus causing the loss of antifreeze and requiring a tow. Hmmmm, who might be the next victim of the....Corvette Curse?

SPRING TURKEY RUN: The following account was provided by Jim Quinn:

Thursday [before the show] a crew went to the speedway to put up the club tent. It took a while to get into the track, as things have changed this year. Art, Skip, Steve, and I drove into the track, and John Luther came rumbling in while we were setting up. All that hard work made us thirsty and hungry so we stopped by the Wing House for lunch to celebrate a job well done.

Friday I arrived early to finish the set up with the banner and flags. John Luther rumbled in shortly thereafter. We checked in at the registration tent, then John went back to the tent and I was off to the vendors to look around. Bill and Bonita showed up later and were off to check out the event. By early afternoon we had seen what we came for and called it a day.

Saturday Art and Leslie arrived early along with John and Sally. John L, Ginny and I, and Bill and Bonita rounded out the gathering. Warren and Jackie stopped by the tent to visit for a while. Of course Dave and Maya were there at his booth selling his wares throughout the show.

Sunday, while I cannot reliably report, Bill and Bonita, and John L. were planning to do the lap around the track.

There wasn't a club participation award, but if there had been, we certainly would not have been in the running. In the past we have had a good turnout for this event, [but this year's turnout was quite a disappointment].

Jim Quinn

(Photos by John D. and Bill)

HIGGENBOTHAM COLLECTION: Because of the busy schedule of club events in April and May, it was decided that the tour of the muscle car collection of Dennis Higgenbotham in New Smyrna Beach will be postponed until the fall.

WANNA PLAY? The ladies of the Corvette Cruisers wish to establish a regular get-together to play the Chinese game of Mah-Jongg. If you know how to play, or would like to learn how to play, let Ginny Quinn know if you are interested. Once we get a handle on how many players are interested, a schedule can be established. Guys, you are welcome to join in playing also, if you dare.

PICNIC RECAP: The annual picnic was held at Reed Canal Park on Saturday, April 21. Again, the Corvette Cruisers proved to be a lucky bunch as the rain held off, even though predictions were 100%. Twenty-eight members enjoyed the turkey, ribs, pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, and a host of desserts, as well as the enjoyment of getting to know each other a little better. Some of our members who were unable to attend were sadly missed, but where were the others? This was a picnic paid for by the club for its members, and who turns down a free meal these days? You missed a good one. (Photos by Carole and Jean)

CELEBRATION NEWS FOR MAY: Those celebrating another year on the calendar in May are 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. Happy birthday to all. Anniversary wishes go to Ed and Jean Doyle, who will be celebrating #45 on the marriage scale. Do ya think it'll last?

50/50 WINNER: Ray Gatz won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing at the April meeting. Guess we might know where that money will go, right, Ray? (See above "Corvette Curse Strikes Again.")

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU: In the next month or two, some of our snowbird members will be saying goodbye to Florida to temporarily head for cooler temperatures. Mickey and Bob Fritz left in March for Tennessee and Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson leave in April to return to Colorado. In May, we will say adieu to Carole and Lars Connelly heading for the mountains of North Carolina, and Steve and Anita Slaton returning to the beautiful bluegrass of Kentucky. We anxiously await their safe return to us in the fall.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: (as seen on the Home page.) What do you do with a Corvette that is past its prime? Why you fix it up, of course. Using nothing but his bare hands, some high density foam, glossy black paint, and fiberglass, one guy took his beat up '78 'vette and resurrected it into this 1989 Batmobile replica.

If you have a picture of interest to Corvette lovers, preferably of a Corvette or about a Corvette that you would like considered for the Photo of the Month, please send it to the Newsletter Editor at jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com

