

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.

BREAKFAST COMING RIGHT UP: A new place is in store for the DOTR for this month. The Cypress Head Golf Course has been renovated to include a nicer restaurant, and by all accounts, it's pretty good. We will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th. **NOTE: The time changes to Eastern Standard Time on this date, so if you don't change your clocks, you will be an hour early.**

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day, (as if you didn't know).



Please do your civic duty and cast your vote in this very important election for the leader of our country. This may very well be the most contentious race ever, so remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain. Also, read the Amendments carefully. Sometimes,

they don't always say what you think they say. Study them carefully and vote smart!

ROLL THE DICE.....and see who wins! The first annual Dice Ride will take place on Sunday, November 13th. A Dice Ride is similar to a Poker Run, but instead of using cards to build a poker hand, we will roll the dice to determine the winners. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 10:00 a.m., have a couple of stops along the way where we will roll the dice, and end up at Hidden Treasures Bar and Grill in Flagler Beach. Directions will be provided at the start of the event. Cost is \$5.00 per car. There will be prizes for the top three scores, and a booby prize for the worst score. Wear your tangerine collared shirt and come out for a fun time.



OCALA, HERE WE COME: November 19th is the date for the Marion County Corvette Show IN Ocala, FL. Although not an official club event, several have registered to attend. The group will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. for the trip to a new venue this year off I-75 on State Road 200. Club shirts are not required but any "Corvette" clothing would be a good idea (maybe even a sweatshirt, who knows?) This event will be a full day, so if you have pets, make arrangements for them, because Mommy and Daddy will be gone a pretty long time.

FREE CAR SHOW: On Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Daytona State College is sponsoring a car show as part of their Homecoming celebration. Also included in the festivities is a holiday bazaar, athletic events, culinary workshops, photography workshops and much more. Food and drink available for purchase. If you are interested in going or just want to check it out, go to the following to register: <http://www.daytonastate.edu/homecoming2016/carshow.html>. Registration is free.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The Board will meet on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. for lunch at Houligan's on International Speedway Blvd to discuss events for the first half of 2017. All members are welcome. Please let John Doria know you will be coming so the

proper reservations can be made. If you have an item to add to the agenda, please let any board member know. Your input is always welcome.



TURKEY RUN: Thoughts of that turkey on the Thanksgiving table always give way to thoughts of the Turkey Run at the Daytona International Speedway. Because of the good participation last year, the club has purchased four parking pads, each able to hold four cars, located near Lake Lloyd. Cost of the show is \$45.00 per car for the 4 days of the event, November 24-27. So if you get bored after the big meal and need to walk off a few calories, or you don't want to be a part of the Black Friday craziness, put on some comfy shoes, go to the Speedway, enter at Gate 70 (across from the airport entrance), find our parking pads near Lake Lloyd, and take a look at some magnificent cars from all over the country. If you plan to go, log in to www.turkeyrun.com and click on registration. Let John Doria know once you have registered so he can give you a parking decal. Saturday will be the official club day, so wear your tangerine collared shirt on Saturday, but please don't pick up a parking pass if you don't plan to use it.

HO—HO—HOLIDAY PARTY: Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club in Ormond Beach. Cocktails



(cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Expect a scrumptious dinner from one of the club's favorite restaurants, and enjoy the delightful decorations surely to put you in the holiday mood. The cost is \$40.00 per person (\$80.00 per couple) Make your check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD) and give it to Richard Wetherby or mail it to him at 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, 32114. Please have your money and your selection turned in by November 15th. Price includes your choice of entrée from the list below, a salad with choice of two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, appropriate starch (potato or rice), warm baked rolls with butter, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. A cocktail waitress will be available in the dining room for our convenience, compliments of the club. Entertainment by our president will be free of charge, and, who knows, even Santa Claus may make an appearance Please choose your entrée from one of the following:

- (1) Baked Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing
- (2) Herb Roasted Pork Loin
- (3) Roast Prime Rib of Beef

RSVP your meal selection to Leslie at bostonbama4@gmail.com or phone or text her at 386-871-0452 by **November 15th**. Since Halifax Plantation is similar to a country club, a coat and tie is suggested for men, and dress or dressy pants outfit is suggested for the ladies.

* Remember also, as we do every year, to share the benefits you have enjoyed over this past year with someone a little less fortunate. Please bring with you a non-perishable food item (or two, or three) that will be donated to the Family Renew Center in Ormond Beach. Let's make this a generous reflection of a wonderful year!

How Observant Were You? Did you get them right? Were you fooled by a little deception? Here are the answers:



Bill Geize



Leslie Armstrong



John Doria



Ed Doyle



Herb Gerstel



Bob Wolff



Bill Neway



Art Armstrong



Gary Swanson



Surprise - Not in our club

ENJOYING THE BREEZES OF THE BAHAMAS (a review of Bahama Breeze): Saturday, October 1st. our DOTR took us to Altamonte Springs, Florida, to enjoy the island atmosphere and good food at the Bahama Breeze Restaurant located in the Altamonte Mall. At mid-morning, fourteen colorful Corvettes, and one bright red Chevy pickup, brightened the parking lot at Kohl's in the Westport Shopping Plaza in Port Orange in preparation for a pleasurable cruise down Rte. 415 to the restaurant. The restaurant, presumably built in the mid '70's when the Mall was built, is one of the largest in the restaurant's chain and has a spacious layout and wonderful island décor. A wide variety menu offers food for any palate and the island drinks will make you feel like you are cruising in the Caribbean. Everyone seemed to have a great time, so this DOTR destination should probably be a repeat in the near future. In attendance were Bill Geize; Bill Simmons; John Reis; Rich Wetherby; Bob Fritz and (guest) Skip Crowder, John & Sally; Gary & Cindy; Bob & Linda; Jim & Ginny; Rick & Sheila; Rick & Gloria; Bill & Evelyn; Vin & Tracy; Liz & Edie; Art & Leslie.

*Footnotes: Bill Neway's method of getting his new Corvette out of his driveway undamaged failed, so he was forced to drive his pickup truck. Skip Crowder, a former member, misses the group and tagged along with Bob Fritz to create the odd couple (lol).

Report provided by Richard
(Photos by John D. and Richard)

BOWLING FOR FUN: To say we had a good time bowling would certainly be an understatement --- we had a GREAT time!! Seventeen members, clad in tangerine shirts



and looking every bit a seasoned bowling team, converged on Ormond Lanes on a Sunday afternoon. However, we all knew we were in big trouble when Sandy, Pat, and Tracy got out of their cars carrying their own bowling balls. Not mentioning any names, but some of us hadn't bowled in 20-40 years ... and it sure looked like it with most all of our first few rolls. Gutter balls, you bet!! But most got the hang of it pretty quickly---some never did (right Jean?), and the strikes and spares started showing up. Joining in the fun were Art, Leslie, Bill G., John R., Bob W., Linda, Jim, Jean, Pat, Sandy, Vin, Tracy, Rick M. and Sheila. Cheering on the bowlers were Ginny, Ed, and Anita. This sport has come a long way with all the electronics, automatic scoring, and cosmic lighting. The music, food, and cold beer weren't too shabby either. A few of us will find muscles we didn't know we had along with a couple new aches and pains, but what a great (and inexpensive) way to spend a couple of hours with some good friends. Let's do it again sometime! (Photos by Ed and Jean)

VETERANS' DAY honors the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces and is celebrated on November 11th of each year. To our very own "Vets with Vettes," we salute you and thank you for your service to our country:



ARMY

- Art Armstrong
- Rick Demichina
- Frank Fedele
- Will Masotta (Reserves)
- Rick Minor
- Bob Wolff

NAVY

- Bill Geize
- Ken Hawes
- Dave Huber
- John Reis

AIR FORCE

- Wayne Cantrell
- Mike Mills
- Gary Swanson

Thanks to all men and women serving in the Armed Forces, both past and present.



THIS & THAT

Happy Birthday to all you November-born babies:

- Jean Doyle - 12th
- Frank Fedele - 13th
- Pat Cassella - 19th
- Evelyn Neway - 21st

Happy Anniversary to Dan and Karen Niswander.

50/50 - Let me see, who was it that won the \$40 drawing at the October meeting? Oh yeah, it was Jean Doyle, who I might add, drew her own number. Hmmm!!

MEAN MATTHEW: Thanks to all who responded to my inquiry about how you fared during the hurricane. Luckily all our members AND our Corvettes were safe from Matthew's wrath. Lots of trees, some roof shingles, a few fences, some torn or missing pool screens and a screened lanai seemed to be the biggest casualties. Florida dodged a bullet, and thank heavens for that!!



However, the hurricane played havoc for several car shows this year. The Flagler County Corvette Club Corvette Show has

been rescheduled to November 6th and moved from the beach to the Tom Gibbs Chevy Dealership on Rt. 100. The Eckler's Reunion has been rescheduled to January 21.

Coming up: Renew your membership by December 31st. More information will be in the December issue of the Newsletter, but just in case you want to pay ahead, give Richard your check (made out to CCGD) for \$70.00 so you can forget about it.

The bewitching hour for the Halloween Party at the Wolff's home occurred AFTER the deadline for publication of the Newsletter. Watch for the details and photos in the December issue.

Thank you to those who have sent in your Biographical Sketches. We are past the half-way mark now, so keep them coming.

CORVETTE CHATTER

Limited Edition: When Chevrolet first unveiled the new 2017 Corvette Grand Sport in Geneva, it was the 2017 Grand Sport Collector Edition in the new Watkins Glen Gray with Tension Blue Hash Marks and Interior. The new model caused quite a splash overseas and at home especially when it was learned that only 1,000 Collector Editions would be offered.

Chevrolet has held back production of the Collector Edition until after the regular Grand Sport launch, but the good news is that they are now sending order information and allocation numbers to dealers this week. It was learned that 850 of the 1,000 Collector Editions will be offered to US customers while the rest will be exported to foreign markets. Dealer allocations will be tight with even the largest Corvette sellers having just a handful. Production of the Collector Edition Grand Sports will also be spread out over a five-month period beginning in October and ending in February. The first order period was in September, so if there is interest, hopefully you've already spoken to your dealer.

Secrets Revealed: On a recently recorded video of the 2018 C7 Corvette ZR1 spotted testing in Ohio, not only was the coupe noted with a giant wing accompanying it, but also a convertible, sporting a much smaller rear spoiler. It's the first time we have ever heard of a convertible Corvette ZR1. Much mystery still surrounds these prototypes altogether. The rumor mill states up to 750 hp, possibly from a new LT5 V8 engine. Additionally, this may be the last C7 Corvette variant before a mid-engine Corvette steals the limelight sometime in 2019, pegging this ZR1 for a 2018 launch. The reveal for the 2018 C7 Corvette ZR1 will no doubt be at the 2017 North American International Auto Show. I guess we will have to stay tuned.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page):

Will anybody really buy a fancy electric C7 Corvette for \$750,000? [Genovation](#) is hoping so as it aims to deliver 75 of the all-electric Corvette conversions, named GXE (Genovation Extreme Electric) for that much loot. Don't worry, though, if your cash flow is a little slow right now. You just have to pay \$250,000 now, with the rest due when the car is delivered in the third quarter of 2019. For the money, you're getting one of the coolest electric cars around, one that has state-of-the-art battery management, inverters, batteries and electric motors, according to Genovation. By the way, it produces 600 horsepower and set an electric-car speed record of 205.6 mph during a run at Space Florida's Shuttle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center a few months ago. Just don't expect it to go very far because the GXE only has a range of 130 miles during normal driving operation. (We assume it would be much less if you're doing burnouts.) According to Andrew Saul, CEO of Genovation, he believes there is a market for his cars - obviously some extremely wealthy person who's concerned about climate change, but if you are a fan of the round tail lights, this may just be the car for you. Take a good look.

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

Here is a puzzle for you to ponder: Can you identify the club member in this photo and/or the year and make of the car he is standing on??



Email me your guess at jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com



One of the wonderful things about the Thanksgiving holiday is that it gives us a special time to reflect on and be thankful for all the wonderful blessings we enjoyed throughout the year.