

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



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**President: John Doria; Vice President: Arthur Armstrong; Treasurer: Richard Wetherby;
Secretary: Jean Doyle; Directors: David Huber, William Geize, & Elizabeth Byrne;
Newsletter Editor: Jean Doyle (with a little help from Ed)**

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



A NICE FALL OUTING: Okay folks, how are you at fixing breakfast? Pancakes, maybe, with warm maple syrup? Well, even if you aren't so good in the cooking department, you will get your chance to test your talents on Sunday, November 5th, when the Corvette Cruisers take a trip to Deleon Springs. If you haven't been before, you are in for a treat when we visit this unique Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant in Deleon Springs State Park. The griddles will be hot and waiting for us. Let's leave from our usual spot at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 8:00 a.m. **NOTE:** there is a \$6.00 entrance fee per car into the park (\$4.00 for single occupant). Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather for walking around the park after breakfast.

ELECTION: You should be receiving your ballot just any day now, if you haven't already. Please take a moment to complete it, voting for three members to serve on



the Board of Directors. As with any election, your vote is important. Follow the directions on the ballot, mail your sealed ballot to Jean in the addressed, stamped envelope or bring it to the November meeting. The votes will be counted at that time. Remember that the Board is responsible for the direction the club takes in the future. Vote wisely.

NOVEMBER DEADLINES FOR THE HO—HO—HOLIDAY PARTY: Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club in Ormond Beach. Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. **NOTE THE CHANGE TO SUNDAY AND THE EARLIER TIME.** Expect a scrumptious dinner from one of the club's favorite restaurants, and enjoy the delightful

decorations surely to put you in a 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 by the **November meeting (November 21st)** or mail it to him at 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, 32114. The price, which is the same as last year, 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. (Iced tea must be requested if desired with your meal.) A cocktail waitress will be available in the dining room for our convenience, compliments of the club. Please choose your entrée from one of the following:

- (1) Baked Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing
- (2) Herb Crusted 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 21st**. Dress as you would to any holiday party at a really nice venue.

* 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 nonperishable food item (or two, or three) that will be donated to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank. Let's make this a generous reflection of a wonderful year!

TURKEY RUN: Thoughts of that turkey on the Thanksgiving table sometimes give way to thoughts of the Turkey Run at the Daytona International Speedway. Again, the club has purchased four



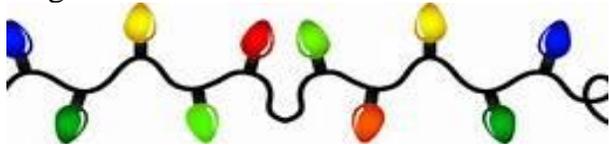
parking pads, each able to hold four cars, located near Lake Lloyd. Cost of the show is \$50.00 per car for the 4 days of the event, November 23-26. So if you get bored after the big meal and need to walk off a few calories, or you don't want to be a part of the Black Friday craziness, put on some comfy 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.

NOT IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT YET? THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK:



On Thursday, November 30th, anyone interested in dinner and a Christmas light show at ISB will meet at Malibu Beach Grill at 5:00 p.m. for an early dinner. (Malibu Beach Grill is located in The Pavilion in Port Orange on Williamson Blvd). Following dinner, we will proceed to the Speedway for a new drive-through holiday light experience, dubbed the Magic of Lights. It will extend 1.5 miles long, behind the ticket and tours building and under the stadium, with "probably 15 giant scenes" made up of 400 displays and thousands of lights. Tickets at the gate will be \$25 per car or \$20 if purchased in advance. Early-bird tickets are available for \$17 but must be purchased by

NOVEMBER 1st and are available at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com
All proceeds from the event will benefit Florida Hospital. Since the price is per car, some of you may wish to double up and ride together. (Those who wish only to come for dinner, by all means please do so.) Wear your tangerine shirts.



Reviews

♪ CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, ♪ ♪
COME ON: ♪ ... And we did just that at the 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration of the inception of the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. Thirty-three members brought the house down with some delightful dishes (who knew Corvette lovers could cook?), a delicious ham and a specially-decorated cake provided by the club, lots of prize drawings and door prizes, some surprises from Jamie (think about the Tangerine Turbo), a history lesson from Jim, and two special guests from the past, Bob and Sadie Compton, former members of our club. What a great night! A vast variety of food devoured in the perfect local of the clubhouse of the Trails North Forty helped to make the night a real winner. Ken Hawes, a.k.a. the parking attendant, and Jamie Hawes, the super-duper party planner, along with Jamie's assistant Chris, helped to make the night one to remember. Our heartfelt thanks go to them, along with the decorating

committee; Jim for sharing all the memorabilia from the past 25 years (and some historical tidbits); Jamie, for picking up the ham, the cake, the decorations, and who knows what else; Christina from Biz Card Xpress for the beautiful Corvette banner; Jon Hall Chevrolet and Harbor Freight for the generous door prizes; and finally, all the delicious food and drinks provided by our members. Those attending were Leslie, Art, Liz, Edie, Pat, Sandy, Rick D., John D. Sally, Ed, Jean, Bill G. Herb, Shirley, Jamie, Ken, Dave, Maya, Will, Donna, Mike, Evelyn, Joanna, Steve T., Jim, Ginny, J.R., Bill S., Bonita, Anita, Steve S., Gary, and Cindy. To those who couldn't attend, either due to traveling or illness, WE MISSED YOU and you missed a heck of a party! I say we do this again in twenty-five more years. (Photos from Bill S. and John D.)



A MESSAGE FROM JAMIE: Ken and I want to thank the club for allowing us to host the 25th Anniversary party on Saturday, October 7, 2017. It was a pleasure and privilege to host such an important event, and we hope everyone had a good time! I want to thank the "set-up crew" who came in the morning to help decorate and arrange the room; Jim and Ginny, Edie and Liz, Joanna and Bonita. The food was delicious – thanks to all our great cooks, and clean-up was easy with so many hands at the end of the evening washing, drying, putting tables and chairs away and vacuuming – what a terrific job!! Thanks again for the opportunity to share a great evening with our Corvette friends.

Jamie Hawes

BOARD MEETING RESULTS: The Board of Directors met on October 3rd at the Ale House for the quarterly meeting. A Budget was approved for 2018. There will be no increase in dues for the upcoming year, so they will remain at \$70.00. There are presently two open memberships. John will be contacting those who have applied for membership. Final plans for the Christmas party were discussed as was the 25th anniversary party. Some By-Law issues were clarified about the upcoming election, and additional activities for the club were considered. The January DOTR will be at The Southern Table in Bunnell, and the remaining DOTR's through June will be decided by the new Board who takes over in January.

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS! Even though Veterans Day is November 11, our veterans were honored at the October meeting with a special celebration, complete with stories of their service, lots of memorabilia from their days in service, and a beautiful cake with each veteran's name on it. Each were presented with an American flag in a hand-carved wooden base (compliments of Bill and Bonita) and a commemorative Veteran's Coke can (compliments of Liz and Edie Byrne). Telling some very interesting tales of their service to our country were Bill Geize (Navy), John Reis (Navy), Rick Demichina (Army), Gary Swanson (Air Force), Ken Hawes (Navy), Bob Wolff (Army) and Art Armstrong (Army and National Guard). Other veterans who were unable to attend the meeting were Mike Mills (Air Force), Rick Minor (Army), Will Masotta (Army Reserves), and Dave Huber (Navy).



We salute you as well, and hope to hear your stories at a future meeting. To our very own "Vets with Vettes," we thank you for your service to our country, and very happy you shared some of it with us. (Photos by Bill S.)



DAYTONA STATE CAR SHOW: While not an official club event, several of the faithful met at Steak and Shake to head up the road to spend a beautiful Saturday afternoon with the college crowd. Ken and Jamie Hawes had the right idea to start off the day with a Steak and Shake breakfast. They were soon joined in the parking lot by Edie and Liz, John and Sally, Ed and Jean and Richard. We had to make sure we were with the right group as Ponce Inlet Corvette Club had the same idea to meet at the same place. I'm not sure how this show compared to last year's as far as attendance goes, but sadly, there was no Arts and Crafts booth as in past years and no food trucks. (Apparently Daytona State College doesn't realize how much we LOVE to eat.) But it was a pleasant day as the temperature and humidity couldn't have been better. We DID learn that we had no Corn Hole experts in our group as none of us who tried, managed to sink a single corn sack in the hole. But at least Edie and Ken both succeeded in winning a door prize of some useful car care products. As usual, we had a lot of laughs and all agreed that there was no better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than with some good friends and some fancy cars. (Photos by John D.)

This & That

CAR SHOWS EVERYWHERE: If you are interested in a car show, the month of November should be your favorite month.

Along with the regular monthly Coffee and Cars shows in Lake Mary and New Smyrna Beach, the following are yearly events:

◆Saturday – November 4th – Holly Hill City Hall on US 1. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entrance fee is only to bring some school supplies.

◆Saturday – November 4th – Venetian Bay Subdivision on Airport Road Port Orange/ New Smyrna Beach, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Free.

◆Saturday – November 18th – Ocala All Corvette Show. \$25 early registration, \$30 day of show.

Birthdays – Yay or Yuk? November babies, you be the judge. Celebrating this month will be Jean Doyle on the 12th (yuk), Pat Cassella on the 19th (yay) and Evelyn Neway on the 21st (yay). Happy Birthday to All.

Happy Anniversary to Dan and Karen Niswander, who celebrate their marriage in November. Many more happy years together.

The 50/50 following the October meeting was won by Liz Byrne, who took home \$29.00.

Correction: Last month. I reported that Richard Wetherby was having back surgery. Actually, Richard had surgery, but it wasn't for his back. He is seeing the club's dollar signs much better after having cataract

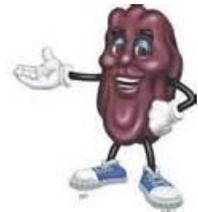
surgery, and he will have hand surgery soon. Back surgery will come a little later. Richard, we wish you well, no matter what surgery you're having.

Condolences go to Jim Quinn on the sudden passing of his brother Don. We are so sorry for your loss.

We'll be missing you: Wayne and Tina Cantrell have sold their Corvette and relinquished their membership in the Corvette Club. When asked if they planned to buy another, Tina's response was "Not yet," so we will assume that another 'Vette may very well be in their future. Don't forget us when that time comes.

We'll be missing you, too! Bill Geize removed his name from consideration for the office of Director for the club. Bill has served the club in this capacity from 2015 – 2017, and contributed greatly to its continuing success. Thank you for your service to the club.

I heard it through the grapevine....



I heard....Bob and Linda Wolff vacationed in the Dominican Republic, which luckily escaped the wrath of Hurricane Irma, at least the resort at which they were staying did.

I heard.....Will and Donna Masotta enjoyed a cruise on the Oasis of the Seas, the largest ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet.

I heard...Rick and Sheila have been spending a lot of time in Ohio, but not necessarily on a vacation. Let's just say it was a working vacation, right guys?

If you have been traveling or are planning to travel, let Jean know about it. She's not hearing much through that grapevine lately.

Corvette Chatter

GOOD NEWS FOR CORVETTE

ENTHUSIASTS and the men and women of United Auto Workers Local 2614. After a three-month shut down of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant for manufacturing upgrades, the facility is set to reopen on November 6th.

One of the major outcomes of the shutdown was the change in the build process, so that the Corvette's freshly painted body panels would be among the last stops on the line.

The paint shop is now complete and has been designed specifically to optimize the performance of carbon fiber and other materials that are used in the Corvette body panels. As a result, customers can expect to see an improved paint appearance and finish.

All told, the recent investments to the Bowling Green Assembly Plant have totaled nearly **\$900 million** according to Plant Manager Kai Spande, who likes to round up that figure to \$1 Billion when talking with Corvette enthusiasts as a way of illustrating GM's total commitment to the brand.

Although workers will be reporting back on November 6th, that doesn't mean they are starting up retail production immediately. Several dealers tell us the first Target Production Week (TPW) for the 2018 from the "new" facility is November 20th.

GM made headlines last week after announcing that 2018 production would end early with final cars being assembled the week of January 22nd. The Corvette plant would then start 2019 production on January 29th.

CORVETTE RACING TAKES THE LEAD AGAIN:

The No. 3 Corvette Racing Chevrolet C7.R nabbed three different honors at last weekend's Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, securing the GTLM driver's championship for co-pilots Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia, the GTLM team championship for Corvette Racing, and the GTLM manufacturer's championship for Chevrolet, all in one fell swoop. Joined by sometime co-driver Mike Rockenfeller for the event, Magnussen and Garcia managed a second-in-class finish at Petit Le Mans, crossing the line behind the No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM. Magnussen described this year as a "hard-fought" one for the Corvette Racing team. "We haven't always had the fastest car, but I think we got the most out of it. We overachieved on the bad weekends and got a little more out of it than we should have. To be in a category that is this competitive where the cars are so close and you are fighting every lap, to have a points margin this big at the end of the year means we did a lot of stuff right." In the upper-most Prototype class, Cadillac proved dominant this season, sweeping all three podium spots in the IMSA Sports Car team championship.

Member's Corner

From Gary Swanson -----

One rainy Sunday this summer, on our annual month long stay in western New York state, Cindy and I and another couple took a spur-of-the-moment trip to Buffalo to visit the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum. We had been there several years ago, but I wanted to re-visit this year to see the collection of Corvettes that had recently been donated to the museum by Mike Yager, owner of Mid America Motorworks.

The museum was founded by James Sandoro, well known area car collector and appraiser, to honor the Buffalo-built Pierce Arrow automobiles. Over time, the museum has expanded to recognize any Buffalo-built vehicle, as well as others that have Buffalo connections. There is plenty here to keep almost anyone interested for a couple of hours. Besides all the cars and trucks, there are vintage bicycles, motorcycles, clothing, memorabilia, etc., and all for only \$10.

The centerpiece of the museum is the full-size



Frank Lloyd Wright-designed filling station. Mr. Wright designed the station in 1927 to be built in Buffalo, but he never found a buyer for the

plans. Mr. Sandoro was able to locate and purchase the plans from Wright's estate, and now this magnificent structure is able to be seen. It's most distinguishing feature is the 4,400 pounds of copper built into the roof and facade!

The Corvette collection donated by the Yager Family Collection and valued at \$6.3 million, are the only Corvettes in the museum, and all have New York ties. There is a 1962 "tanker" car that was raced to a 1964 SCCA

championship by a NY native. There are two 1964 coupes, one a candy apple red car that was built as a styling exercise for the 1964 NY World's Fair,



and the other is a slightly customized car that was factory built for then Chevrolet general

manager and Buffalo native "Bunkie Knudson", painted in Cadillac Fire Frost

Blue. The last car is a Tonawanda Engine built L88 powered



1969 convertible that won a 1978 SCCA championship.

To find out more about the museum or about history of the vehicles, visit the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum on the internet or even better, in person.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

This photo is a little different than in months past, where I usually provide some sort of Corvette. This is the cover of a magazine I'm guessing to be a 1973 or early 1974 edition

since it is introducing the '74 Firebird. But look closer at the inset on the upper right. Do you see it? The announcement of a 1975 Mid-Engine Corvette gives you a little hint at how long this rumor has been around. Forty-three years later, the rumor mill still insists the mid-engine Corvette is still coming. Makes one wonder if we will ever see it in our lifetime. Maybe it will be in 2019, but then again, maybe not.



FUN FACT: DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CORVETTE IS THE LONGEST-RUNNING, CONTINUOUSLY-PRODUCED PASSENGER CAR?