

# 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.

## Coming Up

**“CRUZUN”..... ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON:** Okay folks, it's time to take the old Vette on a little cruise and blow the cobwebs out of those pipes. On Sunday, November 4th, we will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 10:30 a.m. to take the beautiful drive to Crescent City (about 50 miles) to 3 Bananas Restaurant. This trip was scheduled by popular demand after the great reviews it got when we dined there the last time. Check out the Archive Photo to refresh your memory. It's a uniquely tropical restaurant located on the banks of Crescent Lake in Putnam County. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can again dine on the deck.

**And by the way, the time changes this weekend, so be sure to set your clocks!!!**

**DON'T FORGET ELECTION DAY,  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.**

A large graphic featuring a thick red checkmark on the left and the word "Vote" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font on the right.

**DON'T THINK FOR ONE MINUTE  
THAT YOUR VOTE DOESN'T  
COUNT. PLEASE VOTE – OUR  
FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT. There are  
several amendments on the ballot. Read  
them carefully and understand them  
before you decide.**



## **CHRISTMAS IS ON THE HORIZON AND DEADLINES**

**ARE COMING UP:** Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 9th, 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:bostonbama4@gmail.com) or phone or text her at 386-871-0452 by November 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

(Specific directions to Halifax Plantation will be in next month's Newsletter.)

## **VETERANS DAY – NOV. 11**

### **A LITTLE-KNOWN VETERANS MEMORIAL**



At precisely 11:11 A.M., each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.

The Anthem Veterans Memorial, located in Anthem, Arizona, is a monument dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces. The pillar provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States.

The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size (from 17 feet to 6 feet) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard. The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border.



Information provided by Gary Swanson

## **We salute our own veterans on this Veterans Day:**

### **ARMY**

Art Armstrong  
Rick Demichina  
Will Masotta (Reserves)  
Rick Minor  
Bud Mullennix  
Bob Wolff

### **NAVY**

Bill Geize  
Ken Hawes  
Dave Huber

### **AIR FORCE**

Tom Bonnett  
Mike Mills  
Gary Swanson

Thank you for your service to our country.  
The Home of the Free because of the Brave.

## **TURKEY RUN/THANKSGIVING:**

Of course, few of us have to be reminded that Thanksgiving is an Upcoming Event. We all need to be thankful for the blessings we have received this year and every year. But, 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 three 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 22-25. 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](http://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/hibiscus collared shirt on Saturday, but please don't pick up a parking pass if you don't plan to use it.

**A Happy Thanksgiving to All!!**

## Announcements

**CHARITY PICKING:** Watch your email for a chance to help select the charity recipient of the year from our monthly 50/50 drawings. There are three wonderful organizations from which to choose. The ballot will be sent out in early November with the three choices along with a brief description of each. You will be instructed to respond with your selection. **Each member has a vote.** The votes will be tallied and the charity recipient will be announced at the Christmas Party. Isn't it nice to know that when you buy a ticket(s) for the 50/50, half of it will go to a worthy cause to make your heart a little lighter, and the other half just might make you a little richer.

## DOTR'S FOR 2019:

At the Board of Director's Meeting, the following DOTR locations were selected:

January 6 – Lunch at Shiloh's, Titusville

February 3 – Breakfast at Victoria Hills, DeLand

March – Lunch at Hidden Treasure, Flagler Beach (date TBA)

April 7 – Breakfast at Crabby Joes, Daytona Beach Shores

May 5 – Lunch at La Fiesta, Ormond Beach (Cinco de Mayo)

June 2 – Lunch at Eaton Beach, Lake Weir

Remember that with the Dining on the Run, the "Run" is an integral part. Most of these locations give us a good opportunity for a nice drive before our meal.

## Reviews

**DOTR TO THE WAKE-UP CAFÉ:** Well it looked like our breakfast was going to be a meeting of the "Red 'Vette Society." Bill Geize, first-time guests Dave Weigle and Danon from Deltona, the Doyles and the Minors were the first to arrive at Kohl's all in their Torch Red 'Vettes. Thank heavens for the silver diversion of Liz and Edie to break up the spell. Then the other colors started pouring in – the Wolff's green, Bill Simmons's yellow. and Richard Wetherby's blue. The Quinn's blue Vette is still under the weather so they came in their black non-Vette.

The group, led by Ed and Jean, took the scenic route to the South Causeway and to the Wake-Up Café. By the time we arrived, we were wide awake and ready for some breakfast. Meeting us at the restaurant were the Swansons and the Giglios. No complaints were heard about the food or the service. The coffee was good, hot, and kept coming. The servings were generous and everyone left the restaurant pleasantly satisfied for their ride home. (Photos by Bill S.)

**A CAR SHOW TIMES TWO:** Even though the following two events were not deemed Club events, several members attended; enough to give a heads-up recognition in this Newsletter.

At One Daytona, the first car show at this venue by the East Coast Cruisers turned out to be pretty impressive when one considers it was just through word of mouth that news of this show got around. Gary and Cindy, Vin and Tracy, Richard, Ed and Jean, Steve and Joanna all were found wandering through the walkways and side streets viewing the extreme to the sublime. A little downpour came up unexpectedly, but other than that, it was a very nice day.

The Daytona State College Car show was attended by Will, Ken, Vin, John, Richard, Edie, Liz, Jean and Ed. Sadly, our group did not get there early enough to be able to take advantage of some shade, and even though the day started out on the cool side, the Florida sun is always pretty hot. All the luck of the group fell on Richard, who won a door prize of a t-shirt and several drink containers. The show was about the same size as it was the previous year, and the fact that our registration fee goes toward student

scholarships made the day all that more enjoyable. (Photos by Liz and Jean)

## This & That

Art shared news of a special birthday gift he received this year --- a tandem parachute jump at the DeLand airport. He said it was exhilarating and that everyone should do it at least once. (Perhaps in our second life!)

Here's another interesting tidbit that happened recently. It seems that Danon, a guest from Deltona who attended our DOTR in October, officiated at the marriage of Rick and Sheila Minor twelve years ago when Danon lived in Holly Hill. Goes to show you what a really small world we live in.

The 50/50 of \$38 was destined to be won by John Doria this month as he could match a significant event in his life to each of the last three numbers on his five tickets. Way to go!!

Another year bites the dust for the following who will be celebrating birthdays this month. They are Tom Bonnet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jean Doyle on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Pat Cassella on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Evelyn Neway on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Although membership renewals are not due until the end of the year, you may choose to send or give your check to Richard ahead of time. Dues have been reduced to \$60 for the 2019 year.

# From the Archives



This photo was one of many taken the last time we ventured to 3 Bananas in Crescent City for a Dining on the Run. Even though the ladies chose the boat as the background, there are many beautiful and fun backdrops for pictures at this interesting restaurant...and the food is good, too. Above are Mickey, Ginny, Leslie, Sally, Jean and Linda.

# Corvette Chatter

## Manual shifters – Hands Off

Those of us with manually shifted cars (about half of our membership) do it all the time. We're driving along, and it's just comfortable to rest your hand on the shifter. But, according

to Silver Sport Transmissions' (SST), resting your hand on your shifter could be bad for your transmission. You might think that this simple hand placement being cause for concern is a little far-fetched, but when they explain the reason why, it actually makes sense

While you're driving your car, the gears in the transmission are spinning. As those cogs spin, the transmission's shift forks are waiting to move the gears from one to the next. If you are resting your hand on the shifter, the small amount of pressure you place on the shifter can cause the synchronizers to come in contact with the gear and slowly wear on the teeth.

The synchronizers don't need to be engaged in order for them to come in contact with the gears, and resting your hand on the gearshift can cause the shift fork to apply just a little pressure to the synchronizers. For this reason, SST suggests that you do not rest your hand on the shifter, and only grab the shifter when you're ready to change gears.

**Change of Plans:** Anyone planning to attend the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY from our club, may be going alone.

Reservations at hotels and motels are full within a 50-mile radius of the Museum. Even if spots DO become available with cancellations, all hotels are requiring a three to four-night minimum stay and the prices are exorbitant. Spending \$375 a night and up for a Super 8 is not my idea of fun. A few Bed and Breakfasts are available for around \$1200 a night. And the Corvette plant will not even be open for tours during this time.

Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum sounded like fun at the time, especially since the Florida caravan begins at

the Speedway in our own backyard, but we may just end up as spectators, waving to the Corvette diehards on their way.

## Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

## Fun Corner



“It’s raining out, and I just washed my car. Would you mind if we walked the two miles to the restaurant?”

Okay, we all know that Corvette has a different emblem for each generation, thus seven emblems for seven generations. But did you know there were actually eight emblems created for the Corvette? Right before the Corvette’s release in 1953, Chevrolet had devised a plan to use a checkered flag and an American flag – the two things that best signified the Corvette – as a part of its original emblem. But about 10 years prior to the Corvette’s release, the U.S. passed the National Flag Code into federal law (Public Law 77-623; chapter 435) and one of the provisions is that “the flag may not be used for advertising purposes.” So the designers pulled it at the last minute and used the redesigned one of which we are familiar. The original emblem can only be seen at the National Corvette Museum.

**DON’ T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, SO YOU WON’ T BE LATE FOR THE DOTR ON SUNDAY.**