

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The Talepipe Newsletter

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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

**Breakfast on the Run:** The Konopsky's and Quinn's met up at the usual spot and motored on down to the Club House Restaurant where Glenn had a table reserved for the club. The Compton's arrived a little later followed by the O'Leary's. The food was good as well as the fellowship.

Next month the first Sunday follows the trip to Silver Springs for the Corvette Show. We will move the BOTR to the second Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the regular place only this time we will pull out at 11:00am. We will be going to Stella's in New Smyrna Beach. This restaurant is located on US 1 next to the airport. This restaurant used to be called Gumbo's.

We have changed the format for this event. We used to call this Breakfast on the Run because we would meet to go to breakfast. We will now refer to it as Brunch on the Run because brunch can be either breakfast or lunch. We decided to change this because some of the couples are involved in their churches and do not always get to join us on Sundays. We will now start a little later and go to lunch. On even months we will go to breakfast, on odd months we will go to lunch. This should allow for more involvement of the members.

**Meeting Move:** Due to the fact that the third Tuesday of November falls in the Thanksgiving

week we are moving next months (November) meeting to the second Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting has also been moved in December. We are holding our Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This will serve as our December meeting.

**Speaking of Christmas:** I hope everyone has placed their dinner order for the Christmas party. If you have not, please call Alice and get 'r done. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange remember to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 to \$20. Please mark on the outside of the gift if it is for a man or woman or either.

**Show and Tell Tech Night:** It was just about a 100% turn out for Tech Night at Discount Tire. Bryan Ducap and his right hand man Tim were very informative about how they run their operation there on Beville Road. They served us Pizza and soft drinks and gave us a tour of the facility. Bryan has offered club members a discount good only at his store. You must show your NCCC membership card to get your discount. The discount is good not only for your Corvette but for any of your cars.

**BOO WHO:** Dress up and join the fun. The Quinn's are hosting the Club's Costume Party on Saturday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. You must be dressed in costume and are asked to bring a snack or finger food to share and what you plan

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to drink. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumed male and female.

**Shows and Such:** The Flagler club is holding a car show at the high school on Rt 100 on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Eckler's is also hosting a show on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Titusville.

**Silver Springs Show:** On November 4<sup>th</sup> the club will be traveling to Silver Springs to enjoy a lovely day of sharing the Corvette experience. Two rock groups will be entertaining the participants that day. The entry gets you and a guest access to the park for the day.

The club will meet that morning at the intersection of Rt 17 and Rt 40 in Barberville at 7:30 that morning. The club will then caravan to Silver Springs through the Ocala National Forest.

**Sharing Christmas:** The club voted to support the Child Care Resource Network again this year. The club will purchase \$250.00 worth of needed items for the children of this network.

We also ask members to find the Angle Trees that are out there during this time of year and supporting the needy children named on the angles.

**Dog Gone It:** November is the last month to make your donation of pet food and other needed items to the Halifax Humane Society. Leslie will see that the donations are delivered to HHS. Please support this wonderful cause.

**Dead Battery Cure:** You may own Corvettes that are parked or stored for long periods. If you do, occasionally, you've probably had a dead battery. Even the best battery connected to nothing slowly discharges because of the chemical processes at work inside it. Once hooked to your car's electrical system and when the alternator is not charging, besides that tiny, self-discharge rate, a battery has a small, constant load on it from things like: PCM memory, radio presets, clock, anti-theft devices and, if you open the doors while the car sits, interior lighting. If a period of non-operation is a few months, it is possible the battery may discharge to the point of a no-start condition.

Then, you either charge the battery or jump-start the car. These full-discharge-then-recharge or deep cycles reduce battery life. The durability of typical automotive batteries is significantly reduced if they're subjected to deep cycles on a regular basis.

The old solution was to leave a "trickle" charger connected to the battery. Most trickle chargers put out between 0.5 to 2 amps. Indeed, that charges the battery, but trickle chargers do as much harm as good. Once the battery is at full charge; a continuing 0.5 to 2 amp charge eventually overcharges it. That can damage a battery just as much as successive deep cycles. The solution is a "smart" battery charger, such as Auto Meter's Battery Extender.

Upon connection, if the battery is partially discharged, a Battery Extender brings a battery up to full charge using a one-amp rate. At that point, a microprocessor senses battery voltage at a nominal level and backs-off the charge rate to between 0 and 250 milliamps, depending on load. This feed back-controlled, reduced charge rate eliminates overcharging and extends battery life. There is no need to monitor a Battery Extender. Just plug it in, connect it to the car and forget it. Auto Meter makes two versions of the Extender, a 12-volt unit (p/n 9201) and a 12/16-volt unit (p/n 9202) aimed at racers using 16-volt electrical systems.

The original Battery Extender was introduced by Auto Meter in 1999. It was upgraded a year later with a battery condition test feature which flashes the unit's charge light if it detects a dead battery cell or if it detects that the battery is sulfated.

When you have a Vettes in the garage that will be inoperative for long periods, putting Battery Extenders on the car can eliminate this problem. This inexpensive device is on our must-have list.

For more information, contact Auto Meter at 413 W. Elm St., Sycamore IL 60178, web: <http://www.autometer.com/>, tel: 815-895-8141.

Deltran Corp in DeLand also makes a device called a Battery Tender that does the same thing. Contact Deltran at 801 US Hwy 92E, DeLand FL, 327224 web: [www.batterytender.com](http://www.batterytender.com), tel 386-736-7900.