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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.

The summer is over, at least the main part of it and we are back in activity mode. Our snowbird members will be returning soon and there will be lots of activities coming up in the next few months, so pay attention and plan to participate in some of these events.

Coming Up

FIRST AND FOREMOST is the September 1st SPLASH-IN on the HALIFAX. All the information was provided to you in last month's Newsletter, so this is just a reminder. Hopefully, you got in touch with Richard to let him know you are going. Also, please don't feel that you must stay the entire length of the show. Those with dogs may have to leave a little earlier. It is said there is no such thing as a free lunch, but this just might be the closest thing to it. If you wish to bring along a covered dish, feel free to do so.

Recap: We will leave from Beall's parking lot in Ormond at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 1st. Be there!

DOTR/SPEEDWAY TOUR: On **Saturday, September 8**, we will be combining our Dining on the Run with a narrated, guided tour of the Daytona International Speedway. You may have taken this tour in the past, but with all the renovations the Speedway has done to the track, a whole new experience may be in store for you. We will meet in front of the ticket office at 8:45 a.m. Parking will be in available spots on the west side or in front of the ticket office. If there are at least ten members, we will qualify for a group rate of \$19.00 per person. Otherwise, the cost will be \$25.00 per person. The tour begins at 9:30 a.m. and is expected to last 90 minutes. Following the tour, we will drive to Ormond Beach to have lunch at Alfie's on A1A in Ormond. For those wishing to forego the tour and meet for lunch at Alfie's, be at the restaurant by 11:45 a.m. (Come on people, let's get that rate down to \$19!!)

Announcements



JUST A REMINDER: The election season is upon us. The televisions, social media, radios, and newspapers

are full of campaign ads as the primaries and the November general election draw near. Just remember that our club members may not have the same political slant that you do, so please let's keep the political rhetoric out of the club meetings and gatherings. We are united by our love for Corvettes, not by our political affiliation, so let's keep our meetings and events strictly neutral.



GOOD NEWS! The money collected from the 50/50 for the 2017 year has been awarded to a student enrolled in the Automotive Tech Program at ATC for the fall semester. Through our generosity of buying tickets each month, we were able to provide a \$300 book scholarship to a needy student who may someday become an excellent Corvette mechanic. Lord knows we need them.

Reviews

THE ROCK SHRIMP WERE ROCKING AND THE RUBY RED'S WERE

LOOKING FINE: The excursion to Dixie Crossroads in Titusville started off a little bumpy for the Doyles, when their Corvette decided it didn't want to make the trip. But Jean wasn't about to give up on one her favorite places to eat, so a little swapping (the Corvette for the Subaru) and the Doyles made their way down I-95 to beat the group to the restaurant. Ken and Jamie Hawes, who used to call Titusville home when Ken worked at the Kennedy Space Center, led the way for Art and Leslie, Liz and Edie, Rick D., Bill G., Richard, Bill and Evelyn, Joanna in her new Cadillac 2-door, and met up with Gary and Cindy and Vin and Tracy along the way.

As we settled in, we were immediately provided with the restaurant's famous corn fritters, almost a basket of them per person. The waitresses then announced they were giving special treatment to the Byrne sisters and Richard, by taking their orders first. It seems that all three were celebrating their birthdays, all within a day or two of our DOTR, and some little birdie must have given that tidbit to the staff. Now one might assume that when one goes to a seafood restaurant, he or she orders seafood. Not with this group!!! Two of the three honorees ordered hamburgers (I bet you can guess which two it was!). The rest of the group had seafood in one form or another, but all were delightfully satisfied, especially Leslie with her tons and tons of melted butter and Art with his mound of seafood that would normally feed one for a week. When the dishes were cleared, Jamie led us in a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to Richard, Liz and Edie, as the waitresses brought out some ice cream and brownie desserts for the birthday boys and gals, and a multitude of spoons for the rest of us. A delicious ending to a delicious meal. (By the way, Liz and Edie said the hamburgers were very good.) Too bad none of us thought to take a picture when the dessert was first brought out. Check out the photos in the gallery to see what I'm talking about. HAHHAHA.

After lunch, several visited the U.S Space Walk of Fame and the Veterans Memorial located only a few blocks away from the restaurant on the banks of the Indian River. This outdoor plaza honors the astronauts, NASA and contractor personnel who made the American manned space exploration possible. Monuments surround a pool and are dedicated to the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Space Shuttle programs. None of us, other

than Ken and Jamie, even knew this existed, and those who went, found it quite informative and interesting. After walking the grounds, we headed home through the scenic route of the Merritt Island Preserve, making a very nice ending to a very nice day. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

WILLOW TREE WILL HAVE TO WAIT:

Unfortunately, our Dinner Night Out at The Willow Tree in Sanford occurred too late in the month to be reviewed. You will see it in the October Edition.

From the Archives



The year was 2014, and the event was the Flagler County Corvette “Vettes at the Beach” car show. The Corvette Cruisers were always great at finding shady spots to set up camp, and our tangerine shirts were always easy to pick out in a crowd. This was a time when we had a lot of participation at car shows. Lately, car show participation has fallen off sharply. What happened? Are we just getting too old or what?

This & That

Vin and Tracy had a quick change of plans when they decided to keep their 1974 Vette. They ended up selling the 2006 Machine Silver Coupe instead. (Editor’s Opinion. – good decision!)

Joanna Oswald is minus a Corvette these days. She is now driving a two-door Cadillac. Hopefully, she is back on the hunt for her next Corvette.

Get Well Wishes go out to Mike Mills, who has been battling some health issues lately. Get well soon, Mike. We miss you!

Still looking for a place to go “Trick or Treating.” Wouldn’t you enjoy hosting a bunch of ghosts and goblins at your home? If not, perhaps a party (minus the costumes) at one of the local bar establishments might be a lot of fun. (Our shirts would fit right into the color scheme (HaHa). Think about it!

Birthday Babies for September are Joanna Oswald on the 2nd, Linda Wolff on the 14th, Ed Doyle, Shirley Gerstal and Bud Mullenix share the 23rd. Happy Birthday to All!!

Herb and Shirley will be celebrating an anniversary this month as will Pat and Sandy Cassella. Congratulations to both couples!

The 50/50 drawing was won by Anita Slaton, who, incidentally, drew her own number. This has now happened twice in a row. Everybody’s going to want to draw the number from now on.

Before you order your next beer at Friday's, be sure to ask Linda or Bob Wolff which size to get. After several tableside experiments, and a whole lot of discussion, they know the answer!

Grapevine has it that Dave Huber broke his wrist, or some part of his arm. Dave hope you heal really fast.

Eighty-six down, three to go.

Corvette Chatter

CORVETTE NAMED THE MOST AMERICAN CAR YOU CAN BUY:

Corvette has long had the nickname 'America's Sports Car' and according to the annual Kogod Made in America Auto Index, it is also the 'Most American' made vehicle. With a top score of 83.5 points, Corvette earned bragging rights by racking up the points within seven criteria including profit margin; labor; research and development; inventory, capital and other expenses; engine; transmission; and body, chassis and electrical components. The research is conducted by the Center for Automotive Research to determine total domestic content.

HERTZ CELEBRATS MILESTONE WITH CORVETTE Z06 RENTALS: It's the rental giant Hertz's 100th birthday, and customers can join in the celebration, too, by renting any one of one hundred special anniversary Corvette Z06s.

Appropriately enough, all 100 of the 650-horsepower Corvettes will be decked out in Corvette Racing Yellow paint with dual black stripes, matching Hertz's brand colors. The special Z06s will be offered for rent at several airport locations across the United States, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Orlando, San Diego, San Francisco, and Tampa. If you can't own one, why not rent one!!

QUESTIONSWITHOUT ANSWERS:

What will it look like? How much will it cost? When will it be available? The rumors have been rampant and have kicked up a notch on that elusive mid-engine Corvette. However, we must remember that GM has never announced when or even if there will be a mid-engine Corvette coming soon. (GM can keep secrets better than our government.) Spy cams indicate there WILL BE a mid-engine Corvette, but all the rest of the what, when, where and how much are still unanswered questions, and anything you read to the contrary is pure speculation.

INSTRUMENT PANEL ADAPTS TO STEERING WHEEL POSITION:

General Motors has filed a patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for an "adaptive" instrument panel that seeks to address the issue of dash instrumentation being blocked by the steering wheel. According to the automaker, as much as half of the information displayed by a vehicle's instrument panel can become blocked as the driver turns the steering wheel. That's a problem even during ordinary,

everyday driving, says GM in its application, but it becomes an even greater one during performance driving events, when metrics like engine speed and oil pressure ought to be visible at all times.

So, to combat the big blind spot that can be created by the steering wheel, General Motors has come up with a means of using a vehicle's steering angle sensor to determine where to reposition readouts on a digital instrument panel. As the wheel turns, crucial information like vehicle speed, coolant temperature, and the like can thus dynamically reposition itself so as to be visible through the main opening in the steering wheel.

Then again, with the rise in popularity of head-up displays like the one already available in the C7 Corvette, it seems automakers have already found a satisfactory solution to the problem of instrumentation being obscured by the steering wheel. What's more, HUDs cast that information onto the windshield, more directly in the view of the driver, which translates to less time spent glancing down to the IP to ascertain vehicle speed, engine speed, and other information. But, as always, just because it's been patented does not necessarily mean that it will reach production.

Fun Corner

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains became just too much and he could go no further. He started hitch-hiking, but after three hours, he hadn't gotten a single offer of a ride. Finally, a guy in a Corvette

pulled over and offered him a ride, but of course the bike wouldn't fit in the car. Looking around the area, the Corvette owner found a piece of rope lying by the highway. He secured it to his car and tied the other end to the bicycle. He told the man that if he was going too fast for him, to just honk the horn on the bike and he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes, both going well over 120 mph, blew through a speed trap.

The police officer noted the speed from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he has two Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph. He then relayed, "... and you're not going to believe this, but there's a guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass!"

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

DID YOU KNOW... that as late as 1955, there were still many individuals within General Motors who felt that the name "Corvaire" should have been used in place of "Corvette"? Ed Healey's 1954 Fastback Concept carried the name and might have gone to production had it not been for the incredibly poor sales of Corvette from 1953-1955. While the concept car is not available anywhere for viewing, the Corvette Corvaire was rumored to have survived the crusher, though no trace of it has shown up. Shown here are photos of it.