

# 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.

**BOTR:** The Doyle's, Armstrong's and Quinn's met up at Beall's for BOTR. They were later joined by the Compton's at the restaurant. After much discussion, (yea right), we decided to head over the bridge to Peach Valley to eat. The meal was good with French Toast the favorite. After we ate Leslie led the pack north along the ocean to High Bridge Road where we turned west then south along the west side of "The Loop". We dispersed when we hit Granada Blvd and went our separate ways.



This months BOTR is a brunch run. We will meet at the normal place, Beall's in Ormond at 11:00 not 9:00, 11:00, I repeat, 11:00. We will drive over to Cancun Lagoon. Come join us.

**Tale of the Tail:** Tennessee is a great place to visit this time of year, just like Florida...Hot, Hot, Hot. The Quinn's did the road trip in their C6,

taking 12 hours to get there due to heavy traffic and delays. They stayed at the home of former club members Bob and Mickey Fritz. Later in the week they were joined by George and Carol. They had opted to travel in their new STS sighting cargo capacity over the thrill of the sports car. So two blue Vettes headed out Wednesday morning to tame the Dragon. George rode with Bob in his blue '69 roadster and Jim followed along in the '05. The morning was beautiful and topless was the order of the day. Once reaching the Dragon we followed along behind some motorcycles. The word had it that there would be enhanced enforcement on the "Tail of the Dragon" due to recent fatal accidents. The pace was easy and enjoyable. Jim pulled 0.69 g's on a few of the tight turns. We lunched and shopped at the motorcycle resort at the far end to the Dragon. On the trip back George took the drivers seat of the C6 and Bob followed along behind. One somewhat exciting event was when we came upon an 18 wheeler that had an accident. The tractor part was rolled over on its passenger side with the trailer hanging off the road down the side of the mountain. Our lane was not blocked and with a deputy already there we motored on. Later we learned that it was loaded with toilet paper, I'll bet the driver of that rig had to use some of it. Two days later the news report was saying the road was still closed, probably because they needed to get a crane in there to lift the trailer.

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([www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)). Florida Region web site at ([www.ncccsouth.com](http://www.ncccsouth.com)).**

On Thursday we were joined by Mike and Valerie, who now live in Kentucky. They made the trip in Mike's Z06. Mike and Valerie stayed in the Fritz's rental cabin they have up on the mountain. Carol and George continued on their trip Friday by heading to Chi-town to visit with their daughter Debbie and her husband Scott. They are headed north up thru Canada and looping around back down thru Pennsylvania before heading back home. Jim and Ginny bugged out on Saturday making it back in 10 hours. It's nice to know that a Corvette is such an economical car to drive. The Quinn's averaged just a tad less than 30 miles per gallon on their return trip.



True Blues at the Tail of the Dragon.

**Night Out Against Crime:** The club participated in South Daytona's National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs. The club met at the Sunshine Park Mall on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. The club had a table set up with pictures of events and information on the club. Participating in the event were the O'Leary's, Konopsky's, Doyle's, Compton's, Leslie, and the Quinn's. Six Vettes lined up behind the FHP (usually, we normally look for them behind us) as we paraded around town to make everyone aware of the need to fight crime. The caravan ended up back at the mall around 8:30. Some of us had worked up a hunger with all that driving and needed an ice cream fix. Just a few blocks away is a Dairy Queen that gave us the needed relief. The event seemed to be enjoyed by everyone and many are looking forward to doing it again next year.

As a side note, the club posters and displays that the member made for this event were very

professionally done and we will use them again at other upcoming events.



Night Out Against Crime and Drugs



**Party Time:** If it's called Labor Day, how come we get the day off? Anyway glad we do. That way we can head on over to Chuck & Shirley's for a dip in their pool. Their home has become "Party Central" again, (seems like we were just there). The festivities will begin at 3:00PM on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event is a covered dish dinner. If you plan to attend please give Chuck or Shirley a call so the menu can be coordinated. We don't want seven tuna-noodle casseroles you know.

**Birthday Wishes:** Ed will celebrate another trip around the sun on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. *Happy Birthday Ed.*

**Jazz Night at the Beach:** Come and enjoy an evening at the beach and some cool jazz music. Flagler Beach is sponsoring an evening of jazz music. Members who plan to attend will meet Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Winn-Dixie on Rt 100 just off I-95 at 5:30. We will then motor over the bridge together to the event. The show will run 6 to 9. A show of hands at the meeting showed quite a few members plan to attend.

**OLD TOWN VETTE FEST**, October 5-6. Old Town, Kissimmee. Friday, October 5th – Opening Night October Fest Poolside Party from 7-11 pm at Seralago Hotel & Suites Main Gate East, 5770 W. Irlo Bronson Highway, in Kissimmee. FREE Food, Music, Games, Prizes and More. Saturday, October 6th – Old Town Vette Fest Show at Old-Town. Registration opens at 9:00am closes at 1:00pm – free to enter. Valve Cover Racing at 1:00pm & Special Vette Only Cruise at 4:00pm.

The Seralago Hotel is offering a special rate of \$49.00 per night. If you would like to spend the night call them at 407-997-4348. Mention the show to get the special rate.

**CORVETTES 'N CLASSICS SHOW**, October 13th. Presented by Flagler County Corvette Club at the Flagler Palm Coast High School (I-95 #284 exit then west 1.5 miles). Corvettes, vintage and muscle cars, hot rods, imports, cycles. Separate judging for Corvettes and classics. For info or to register visit [www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com](http://www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com)

**Club Elections:** Hard to believe that it is that time again. Tim has been President for the past two years. It seems like he just took office. A nominating committee has been made up of Alice, Ginny, Tim and Bob. If you are interested in holding an office in the club please contact one of these individuals and let them know.

Officers of the club include; president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and NCCC governor (if we elect to stay with NCCC), there are also three directors; (the out going president automatically becomes a director of the club.

The nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers and directors at the October meeting, at which time nominations will also be accepted from the floor. In November, if there is more than one person running for office and more than 3 persons running for the directors positions, (including the past pres), a ballot will be mailed out to all members. Members are to vote and return their ballot by mail or at the November meeting to a representative of the nominating committee. Votes will be counted and the results announced. Newly elected officers and directors

will assume the duties of their offices in January 2008.

**Christmas Time is Coming...:** We have set the date for our annual Christmas Party for December 11<sup>th</sup>. Menu will consist of your choice of beef, chicken or fish. The festivities will begin at 6:30 with Happy Hour. The club will spring for one beverage of your choice. The rest is on your tab. More on this later.

There are some issues about the gift exchange that needs to be discussed at the next meeting. So be ready to discuss any other changes you would like to see.

**NCCC:** The issue of whether we want to stay with NCCC will need to be discussed at the next meeting. We have used NCCC for insurance purposes for many years. We can get the same coverage of insurance from another source at a lower rate.

**Welcome Visitors and New Members:** We would like to welcome the following people who attended our August meeting;

Rose Ann Kowalik made it official. Joe and Sonna Settani met the requirements and joined the club. Joe Capibianco filled out his paperwork also. Mike and Virginia Fitzpatrick attended 3 events and joined the club. Mike Traider a past member visited the club and expressed interest in re-joining.

First time visitors Ken and Leanna came by to check us out. They are from Port Orange and have a '92 Blue Vette.

**Corvette Trivia:** Know the answers?  
Automatic chokes were carried for the first time in what model year?  
Vacuum-operated windshield wipers were replaced with electric wipers with what engine and what year?  
What was the first year a transmission other than the Powerglide was available?  
What was the last year for the 6 volt system?  
The tachometer was extended to 6000rpms in 500rpm increments in what year?