

# 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.

## MARCH MADNESS OR APRIL

**ABSURDITY?** You know we were busy in March with the Tom Gibbs Show, the DOTR, the meeting, the Spring Turkey Run at the Speedway, thrown in with a little St. Patrick's Day and Easter. April, however, is about to knock your socks off when you see what's in store on the club calendar. Read On.....

**1) DINING ON THE RUN:** On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will take a trip up the coast to St. Augustine, where we will dine at Columbia's in the heart of the historic district. The club has ventured here before for lunch, always to rave reviews. A leisurely walk down St. George Street and through the little shops might be in order following your meal. Let's meet at 10:00 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond Beach and take the scenic route to this excellent Cuban cuisine restaurant.



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**2) VETTES AT THE PORT:** Let's drive our Vettes to Cape



Canaveral to participate in the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club's "Vettes at the Port"

on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Last year the club participated in this show for the first time and found it to be worth a second look. The beautiful backdrop of the cruise ships at the Port of Cape Canaveral is certainly an added bonus. The show runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will need to get there by 10:30 so we will meet at Kohls in Port Orange at 8:30 a.m. for the 66 mile trek to the Cape. If you did not pre-register, you can still do so at the show. Tangerine shirts required.

**3) SHARPEN UP THAT SWING...** (or rather, that putt): Would the Tiger Woods and the Phil Micholsons of our club please stay home! It's time for our



annual miniature golf tournament to challenge the hidden golfer in us all. Come on out, enjoy the ocean breezes, and have a little fun. Round 1 begins on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach, north of Bellair Plaza on A1A. (All courses played are on A1A.) Meet at the course parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Remember, you do not have to be a good golfer (few of us are) to compete in a friendly little rivalry on the mini-golf course. Just be willing to let your hair down and have a little fun. If one person can win the award for "Most Holes-In-One" and also be only a few strokes away from the highest overall score, anything can happen. And the best part of the evening just might be the trip to the ice cream parlor after the game. Even if you feel you can't commit to all 6 rounds (only 4 are needed to compete), play what you can, even if it's just a game or two. We play for fun.....the competition is just an added bonus. Please see the remaining schedule and the rules of play on a link from the Home Page under UPCOMING EVENTS. Although most courses offer discounts for groups, you can look around for coupons. Sheila Minor is selling coupon books that contain coupons for the golf courses, and many other businesses and restaurants in the area. Our president says you may wear your tangerine club shirt OR any shirt with the club logo on it.



**4) PICNIC TIME:** Come one, come all to the annual Bar-B-Que picnic on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Reed Canal Park in South



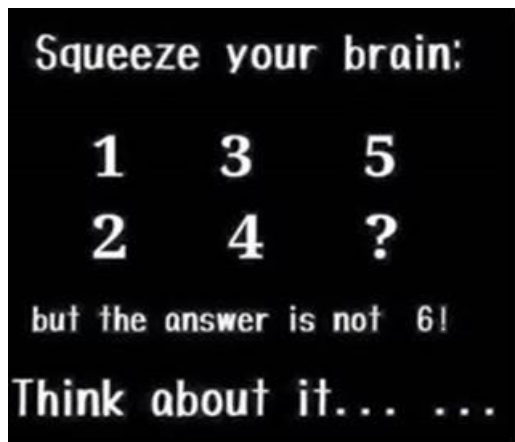
Daytona. The picnic will again be catered by Dustin's, who won the hearts and stomachs of the Corvette Cruisers in the past. The picnic will run from 11:00 to 2:00, so throw some chairs in the car and come on out and enjoy this FREE dinner on the club. How often do you hear the words "free" and "dinner" in the same sentence? (**Directions:** If you are coming from the south, enter the parking lot off of Nova Road on the right just PAST the lake. If you are coming from the north, drive PAST Reed Canal Road and make a U-turn on Nova, since Nova is a divided road at this point. (DO NOT turn onto Reed Canal Rd.) Enter the parking lot on the right PAST the lake. Pavilion #1 is at the end of the parking lot on the left. Club shirts are NOT required. Alcohol of any kind is not permitted in the park. Sweetened and unsweetened tea will be available.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Board of Directors is so excited to announce plans for a Corvette Cruise (of the sea kind) to Bora Bora, the famous French Polynesian Island in the South Pacific for October of 2017. Details for this trip will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, start saving your pennies.



**SPEAKING OF A TRIP:** A little closer to home, there is a muscle car museum in Punta Gorda FL that sounds intriguing, especially to those who loved the era of the muscle cars (the GTO's, Chevelles, Chargers, etc.) and perhaps dreamed of owning one or possibly did own one. Called Muscle Car City, this unique destination, about 180 miles away, sounds like it might be a good event to tie in with the overnight Sunrise/Sunset Corvette Cruise Jean has been talking about for two years. See the sun rise at breakfast on the east coast, head west on roads *other* than I-4, lunch along the way, visit the museum, check into our hotel, see the sun set at dinner on the west coast. Bonita, our social chair, might wish to look into this adventure for some time in the future.

**APRIL FOOL BRAINTEASER:** See if you can figure this one out? The answer can be found later in the Newsletter, but no peeking until you are positively sure you can't figure it out.



**WHAT A TURNOUT!!** Whether it was because it was a beautiful day or because there was no registration fee, the Corvette Cruisers turned out in record number for the Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, and SSR Display on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five Corvettes made the show, making us, by far, the largest club in attendance, and winning, for the third straight year, the Best Participation



Award. We wish to thank the Director, the Producer, our mother, father and --- no wait -- that was the Oscars. We just want to thank the following members who made it possible: Frank, Leanne, Liz, Edie, Bill N., Evelyn, Bill G., Bob W., Bob F., Mickey, Rick M., Sheila, Rick D., Gloria, Richard with friend Pat, Dan, Karen, Herb, Shirley, Ken H. with his brother-in-law Roger, Art, Leslie, Gary with cousin Barb, Will with friend Rich, Pat, Sandy, John D., John R., Vin, Tracy, Dave, Maya, Bill S., Joanna, Ed and Jean. Whew, that was a lot of people! Also, it was nice to see past members of our club, Skip and Joan Crowder and Sandy Gatz with her four-legged friend, displaying Ray's SSR, and Jack Kiember, also showing his SSR. Several took advantage of the free donuts and coffee provided by the Gibbs dealership to begin the morning, and many lunched on the hotdogs and munched on the chips sold by the Flagler County High School tennis team. And what would the day be without indulging in a few (or more) Girl Scout Cookies (at \$4 a box

now!)? Leslie, Bill N., Ken H., and Pat Cassella all won door prizes, but sadly, no one from our club won the 50/50 jackpot of \$173. Better luck next year, Cruisers. (Over 160 photos were provided for the Gibbs Show, so I had to narrow the selection. Thanks John D., John R., Bill G. and Evelyn.)

**WHO, WHO, WHO** scheduled a DOTR for the first day of Daylight Savings Time (where we lose an hour of



sleep), planned to meet at 8:00 a.m (when only the day before would have been 7:00 a.m.), and have it coincide with the final day of Bike Week??? Who did that?? Suffice it to say, that 21 faithful members drug themselves out of bed before sunrise for a chance to find out what's funky at the "Funky Pelican." The Bikers did not prove to be much of an issue as most were either still in bed, wisely sleeping off the last 10 days of partying, or heading north or south on the Interstate. John Reis, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Richard Wetherby, Dave Huber, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill Geize, Art Armstrong, Rick and Sheila Minor, Rick Demichina and Gloria Renneker, Elizabeth Byrne, Edith Byrne, Mike Mills and his daughter Tracy, and Ed and Jean Doyle convoyed up the beautiful A1A coast to the Flagler Pier, where they enjoyed a tasty breakfast and some excellent service at this charming little seaside restaurant. Because our group was so

large, we were seated inside, but the gorgeous, sunny day made us all wish we were dining on the deck. That could be saved for another day and another visit. The only things found to be "funky" were the strange menu prices, i.e. \$8.71 or \$7.64 or \$6.92, maybe some unusual wall décor, and a facade made of chalkboard to write whatever you want, but there was nothing funky about the food - it was delicious! Following a slow walk to our cars, everyone headed home to make up that lost hour of sleep.



# ETCETERA



Those born in April under the sign of the Ram of Aries are strong-willed, and exacting in their work. They have high expectations of themselves and the situations they find themselves in. They tend to be risk-takers, passionate, and often impatient, but they are devoted and loyal to friends and family. In this category are Bill Geize on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sheila Minor on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Carole Connelly on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and Gary Swanson on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



Taurus, the sign of the Bull, denotes one who is strong with great stamina for physical and

mental tasks. They appreciate beauty, and are generous with possessions and money. The Taurus loves the finer things in life. Our only Taurus born in April is Bill Simmons who celebrates on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to Bob Wolff who was voted Professor Emeritus by his peers at Florida Inter-national University (FIU). This title is a mark of distinguished service, awarded to only a few upon retirement. Professor Wolff, we always knew you were special.



Celebrities - that's us. If you haven't had a chance to see the latest issue of Vette Magazine advertising the Spring Turkey Run, our Corvettes can be found in a photo in the parking lot at the Fall Turkey Run. Featured front and center is Bill and Evelyn's Vette with others shown parked around his.



\$\$\$\$\$\$ -- Bill Geize was the big money winner in the 50/50 drawing for March. Bill pocketed a cool \$49 bucks, just enough to buy everyone a nice, cold beer. Sweet! It sure pays to come to the meeting, and buy a ticket or two for your

chance to win. And remember, the 50 that the club keeps all goes to charity.

APRIL FOOL: Somewhere in this Newsletter is an April Fools joke. Can you pick it out? While a trip to Bora Bora would be nice, it might be a little extravagant for our club. Right now, we would just be happy to get the trip to "Corvettes of Carlisle" in PA lined up. April Fool!!



Viva, Las Vegas!! Bill and Evelyn Neway were living it up in Las Vegas. Now we all know what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. But if Bill has to sell his Vette when they return, we'll KNOW what happened in Vegas!

Contrary to what you may see, the Doyles' license plate is NOT a political statement!



Another Corvette has joined our family. Sandy Cassella acquired a '72 War Bonnet Yellow coupe to share garage space with

# Corvette Chatter

Pat's '69. This brings our Corvette count to 35, and puts the Cassellas in the elite class of a two-Vette family, along with the Armstrongs, Connellys, Dorias, Giglios, and Slatons.

DID YOU KNOW we have 54 members in our club? Did you also know that we have only 27 biographical sketches from our members? And did you know Jean first sent out the bio forms one whole year ago, and still we have only half of our members complying. If you are too busy to complete the form, Jean will be happy to interview you for the information. It will take 10 minutes tops. Let's get to know one another by completing your bio.

**BRAINTEASER:** Got cha, didn't we? You car guys and gals should have gotten this one!!



Submitted by Gary Swanson

BLUE IS BACK: Great news for those Corvette enthusiasts who had the blues after it was announced earlier this year that Laguna Blue would be phased out of the Corvette exterior color palate in 2016. But blue is back. Twenty-one years after it made its debut on the one-year-only 1996 Corvette Grand Sport, Admiral Blue is back. In fact, the C7 Corvette Grand Sport wears a nearly identical paint scheme to that of the 1996 GS, down to the white stripe on the hood and red hash marks on each fender. A second new color coming out for 2017 will be Watkins Glen Gray Metallic. The current paint shop in Bowling Green has the capacity for ten exterior colors for Corvette production. Earlier this year, Chevrolet decided to build-out four of the ten colors offered on the Corvette, meaning once they finished with what they had, they would not be painting those colors anymore. The four colors retired were Night Race Blue, Laguna Blue, Shark Gray and Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic. So now that the two new colors have been confirmed for 2017, two more should be confirmed if Chevy stays with the formula of ten. As Chevrolet is offering the Watkins Glen Gray only on the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector's Edition, it would not be a surprise if they also offered an exclusive color to the Z06 model as well. Stay tuned.

"MANTA RAY" UPDATE: Back in June of 2015, General Motors filed a new trademark application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for the term

[Corvette Manta Ray](#). The USPTO is scheduled to publish it for opposition on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. When a trademark is published for opposition, it gives any outside parties 30 days from the publication date to either:

- File an opposition to the application, or
- File an extension to oppose the application

Assuming that the trademark passes this phase, then GM must file a document that outlines how it will use the trademark in a real-world product or service. GM can also file extensions (a maximum of five each lasting six months) to file the document if it cannot demonstrate a real-world product with the *Manta Ray* or *Corvette Manta Ray* names. A trademark cannot be registered without filing this document.

The following are some predictions of what GM could be planning for the *Corvette Manta Ray* name: (1) A sexy SEMA Concept Car, (2) a new, significant variant of the C7, (3) the new name for the often rumored mid-engine, or (4) a limited styling package.

**WHAT IF** you could buy a brand new Grand Sport that looks like the 1963 model but has the modern suspension, steering, and powertrain of the modern era for much less than the original five classics would set you back some 53 years later?

Well, recently passed federal legislation has made it possible for low-volume motor vehicle manufacturers to offer new, turn-key renditions of classic cars within certain guidelines. *Superformance LLC* is one such specialty car builder who showed off several such cars during the most recent Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, Arizona, including a new 1963 Corvette Grand

Sport that is licensed by GM. That car had a 427 Chevy V8 under the hood that had been revved up to 600 horsepower by Lingenfelter Performance Engineering. But customers can choose from a wide variety of powerplants for their own dream car, all the way up to 800 horsepower. "It's dependent on what the buyer of the car really wants," said Ken Lingenfelter, owner of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, who noted that everything from old-school carburetors to the most modern fuel injection and supercharger systems are available. He says the new Grand Sport can be customized according to the owner's planned uses, whether on the track, for show, or as a daily driver - with modern options like air conditioning and power windows. "That's one of the really cool things about the project," he said. "The car is built for all of that." Interestingly, the cars are assembled in South Africa minus engines and transmissions, which allows *Superformance* to custom-tune each vehicle according to the person buying it.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** At the 2016 Geneva Motor Show, Chevrolet introduced a new Corvette model that brings the historic Grand Sport name to the C7 line-up. The new 2017 Corvette Grand Sport appears to take the best of both previous C7 models, the Stingray and the Z06. The 2017 Corvette Grand Sport will be built in both coupe and convertible and will be available in the United States this summer. Pricing will be announced later this year. "We didn't hold back with the new Grand Sport," said Tadge Juechter, Corvette chief engineer. "For the first time, buyers can equip the Grand Sport with a Z07

performance package - which adds carbon-ceramic brakes, Michelin Sport Cup 2 summer tires, and carbon-fiber aero package that delivers true downforce. The packages take personalization to an unprecedented level, enabling customers to create their own Corvette Grand Sport statement like no other."

General Motors will also be offering a specific 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector's Edition featuring a new exclusive Watkins Glen Gray Metallic exterior with Tension Blue hash mark graphics, satin black full-length stripes, black wheels and a unique Tension Blue full leather

and suede-wrapped interior (seen in the photo). Tension Blue is a color historically associated with the original Corvette Grand Sports of the 1960s. For the 2017 Grand Sport Collector's Edition, there is a three-dimensional representation of an original Grand Sport race car embossed in the headrests, along with a dash plaque featuring the unique build sequence number.

The Collector's Edition will start production in the 2017 production year and will be offered in both the United States and Europe. Only 1000 of the collector's Edition will be built.