

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.

Welcome

...to our newest member, Barry Phillips. Barry lives in South Daytona and drives a 2012 Torch Red Coupe. He also has an affinity for Mustangs, as he owns two of them, but we will forgive him for that ☺. Barry is married, but his wife prefers to stay away from the car limelight. Say hello to Barry when you have the chance and welcome him to the Corvette Cruisers.

Oceanside Bar and Grill for our monthly Dining On The Run. Newly remodeled and reopened for business (according to their website), Oceanside is ready and willing to host the Corvette Cruisers, hopefully on a pretty day so we can dine on the deck. (The last time we wanted to eat on the deck, Mother Nature had other plans, but we will think positive). Let's leave from Beall's in Ormond at 8:15 m.

Coming Up

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH: Doesn't that sound nice? On Sunday, April 2nd we will motor up the coast to Flagler Beach for breakfast at the



VETTES AT THE PORT: Saturday, April 8th is the date for the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club Show at Port Canaveral. If you pre-registered, we will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 7:30 a.m. If you didn't preregister and wish to go, day-of-show registration is \$40.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME GOLF? Well, Golf is ready for you!! 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 11th at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach, north of Bellair Plaza 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 chase that little colorful ball. 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. Access the remaining schedule and the rules of play from the Home Page under UPCOMING EVENTS. Although most courses offer discounts for groups, you can look around for coupons. Our president says to wear your tangerine collared club shirt on the first night and any shirt with the club logo on it for the rest of the dates.



LET'S HAVE A PICNIC: Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Well our

picnic proves that phrase is nothing less than fake news. Come enjoy the delicious barbeque and all the fixings from Dustin's free-of-charge on Saturday, April 29th. This is the club's



way of saying thank you for your participation in club events and attendance at club meetings. The picnic will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Reed Canal Park, Pavilion #1, in South Daytona. Come on out and enjoy this fun event, and, no, you don't have to bring a thing. (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. **Please let John know by April 24th if you are going.** Jean will take orders for the screen-printed tee shirts. Cost remains at \$7.50 each or 2 for \$14.00. Many colors available.

PONCE INLET REGISTRATION:

Deadline to register for the Ponce Inlet Vettes at the Light Corvette Show is May 1st. Cost is \$35 and includes one free T-

shirt, door prize ticket, and discount tour of lighthouse. Registration form may be obtained at www.picorvetteclub.com. The show takes place on Saturday, May 13th.

MAKE YOUR PLANS: What other state can boast seeing a beautiful sunrise over the ocean and an equally gorgeous sunset on the gulf all in the same day? WE CAN!! Let's do it on May 18-19. Include in that a trip to a Muscle Car Museum and we have the ingredients for a fun outing. I spoke a little bit about the plans in last month's Newsletter, but here are some additional details that may interest you. We will meet at the Crabby Joe's Pier around 6:20 a.m to see the sunrise at 6:30. Then breakfast will follow at 7:00. We will leave Crabby Joe's and drive the back roads to Winter Haven, where we will lunch at Andy's Drive-In. Then on to Punta Gorda to check into the PG Waterfront Hotel, www.pgwaterfront.net. Rates will run about \$70-\$90 for the night. Dinner will take place at Hurricane Charley's on the hotel grounds (www.hurricanecharleys.com), after which we will watch the sunset from the hotel's pier. After a good night's sleep, we can have a cold continental breakfast at the hotel or wait to eat a hot breakfast at Muscle Car City, www.musclearcity.net which opens at 9:00 a.m. Admission here is \$12. Then it's home on your own.

PLEASE let John know by April 18th (club meeting) if you are going.

Reservation information will be given at this time. This should be a fun time: a stress-free mini-vacation watching the sun rise and the sun set all in the same day, and NO I-4!!

Announcements

ON A SAD NOTE: The Corvette Cruisers lost a longtime friend of the club last month with the passing of Frank Fedele. Frank was one of the very first members after the club was formed in 1992, and rarely missed a club meeting. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Leanne and their family as we mourn his loss in our hearts.



A NEW APPOINTMENT: Jim Quinn has been appointed to the position of By-Laws Chair for our club. He will ensure that the By-Laws are being followed and interpreted correctly, and that any changes will be enacted according to the rules set forth in the By-Laws. In other words, anything having to do with our By-Laws, Jim will be THE MAN.



FINALLY, A DECISION: Last month I reported that a committee was set up to decide on a more suitable place

to conduct our monthly meetings. The committee has met and a decision was reached, and as strange as it might seem, Sonic Drive-In in South Daytona met all the criteria determined by the Board. An arrangement was made with the manager to set aside a certain number of parking spots each month for our Corvettes. John will conduct the meeting through the intercom system, which provides a back and forth conversational outlet. The manager is excited about having our Corvettes on display one Tuesday each month and feels it will be good for his business. Certainly no one gave a thought to a place like Sonic, but let's give it a try with an open mind.

AND THE WINNER IS.....The charity choice from the 2016 proceeds from the 50/50 monthly drawing, voted by you, the members, was the Halifax Humane Society. When charities are mentioned, we sometimes forget the need for those furry creatures who desperately need care until they can find a loving forever home. Anyone who has owned a dog or a cat knows this care does not come cheap. Hopefully, the club's donation of \$250 will help with this undaunting task.

When you purchase your 50/50 tickets in 2017, the club's half will go toward a scholarship for a high school senior who plans to attend ATC and pursue a career in the automotive field, so keep buying those tickets. Know that with the

chance of making you a little richer, the rest is helping someone to further their education.

Reviews

THE DAY OF THE DUELS....turned into the Day of the Rains, so the car show at the Drive-In Christian Church had to be moved to the next day. Unfortunately, this move caused a wrinkle for many who had previous plans and couldn't make it. But troopers Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Rick and Sheila Minor, Ed Doyle, Ken Hawes, Bill Geize, Gary Swanson, Dan Niswander, and prospective member Barry Phillips attended. Parking wasn't that great as the club couldn't park all together, food was expensive (\$9.00 for a hotdog was a little pricey), the change of dates no doubt brought the attendance way down, and Corvettes in general didn't rank too highly with the judges. The club may want to take a closer look at this one for next year. (Photos by Bill S.)

DEMOLITION DAYTONA!!



The race party at the Quinn's kicked off with some mighty good eatin.' After

we fueled up, thanks to Jim's yummy Sloppy Joes and all the fixin's brought by the guests, we were ready to settle down to watch some good racin.' Steve, Anita, Bill G., Bill S., Bonita, Rich with friend Pat, Bob F., Mickey, Jamie, Ken H., Dave, Maya, Leslie, Ed, Jean, friends Skip and Joan Crowder with their daughter Laura, and Barry Phillips, our prospective member, joined Jim, Ginny and their son Steely to hoot and holler for our pick in the pool. This year, there were two pools going to give everyone a better chance for a win. The names drawn weren't necessarily our favorites to win the race, but put a little money on it, and we will cheer for anybody. First out of the race was Matt Kenseth. That paid \$5.00 to Anita from Pool 1, and \$5.00 to Steve from Pool 2. (Remember, this was a random draw, so it was quite a coincidence that both Steve and Anita pulled the name of the same driver.) After numerous wrecks, some of the top drivers were out of the race, giving those who pulled the lesser-known drivers a chance. When all was said and done and the checkered flag waved for the winner, it was Ginny Quinn in Pool 1 and Ed Doyle in Pool 2 who had drawn Kurt Busch, and each walked away with thirty-five bucks. The jury is still out on whether or not us fans will like the new format of 3 stages to a race, but it sure made for an interesting, fun-filled afternoon (and no lines for the food or the restrooms.) Thank you, Jim and Ginny for allowing us to converge on your camp.

TOM GIBBS REVIEW: A light crowd was on hand for the annual Corvette, Camaro, and SSR Display at Tom Gibbs Chevrolet this year. Following suit, a light turnout for our club was evident as well with only twelve cars making the trip. Meeting Liz and Edie and Art and Leslie at the dealership were Bob and Mickey, Ed and Jean, Bill Geize, John and Sally, Bill and Evelyn, Rick and Sheila, Rich Wetherby, Bill and Bonita, Bob Wolff (making his first appearance following surgery) and Barry Phillips, the new kid on the block (our newest member.) Coffee and donuts were a welcome sight when we arrived. The day was quite nice with sunny skies and warm breezes. With the low turnout, (last year we had 25 cars) we were nervous about the best club participation award, but the Jacksonville Club had just a few less and we were able to pull off the win for the 4th straight year. Thanks to the local high school tennis club, the hotdogs were good, and the desserts were yummy. Door prizes were won by Sheila Minor, Evelyn Neway, and Leslie Armstrong. (Hmmm ... were the ladies just lucky or were they the only ones listening for their numbers??) Past members and friends of the club Jack and Yvonne were there with their SSR. Will Masotta was there shopping since he recently sold his Vette. No word yet if he found anything. The Tom Gibbs show always proves to be a nice day as we manage to compare notes with everyone, especially those we don't get to mingle

with that often. And, of course, there is never a registration fee. (Photos by Richard)

THE BEST LAID PLANS.....often go astray. The drive to Palatka to dine at Corky Bell's was a great plan. Mother Nature had a little more in store for us, as we were hoping for a beautiful day to dine on the deck overlooking the St. John's River. Although the day was definitely beautiful, the winds made it less than desirable to dine on the deck, so the staff at the restaurant accommodated us nicely and seated us indoors. Corky Bell's NEVER disappoints in the food department. Some of the best seafood was consumed that day by Richard, Edie, Liz, Bill Geize, Bill Neway, Evelyn, Leslie, Mike Mills, Bill S., Bonita, Vin, Tracy, Ken, Jamie, John D., Sally, Ed and Jean. Even though we had to share the parking lot with the Rolls Royce-Bentley Car Club, we did so with grace and beauty (our cars were much more colorful than theirs, AND we ended up with better seats in the restaurant). Service was great and the prices were quite reasonable. We will definitely keep Corky Bell's on our radar. As full as we were when we left the restaurant, several stopped at Culver's on the way back for their text-club freebie of butter-brickle ice cream. What a way to finish the day --
- Yum Yum! (Photos by John D. and Richard)



A DAY AT THE SPEEDWAY: Fifteen members in eleven Corvettes spent Saturday morning and afternoon at the Spring Turkey Run at the Speedway. Last year a new friend in a Bunny costume invited our club to celebrate her birthday and have breakfast. This year the bunny was a '50's Southern gal and again invited us to her birthday party breakfast....again, a catered event with eggs, cheesy grits, pancakes, fresh fruit, juices, coffee, wine and champagne, and again, we accepted the invitation. Car show? What car show? Oh yeah, that too. Vin, Tracy, Will, JR., Barry, Bob F., Bob W., Bill Geize, Pat, Sandy, John D. Sally, Gary, Jean and Ed were there on Saturday, but others may have been on Friday or Sunday. (Be sure to check out the Photo by John D.)

THIS & THAT

Did you remember that the month of April begins with April Fool's Day....and just in case you were checking out the menu at Sonic, YOU might be the fool for the day. Can you just imagine, John Doria on an intercom? We WOULD be able to set our own temperature though, and I understand the milkshakes are wonderful AND half-price after 8. Hmmm.....



April birthdays will be celebrated by Bill Geize on the 3rd, Sheila Minor on the 4th, Gary Swanson on the 7th and Bill Simmons on the 21st. Happy Birthday to all!!

Ken and Jamie Hawes are the only ones celebrating an anniversary in April. Congratulations to the happy couple and may you celebrate many more!

Did you know that STRESSED spelled backwards is DESSERTS?

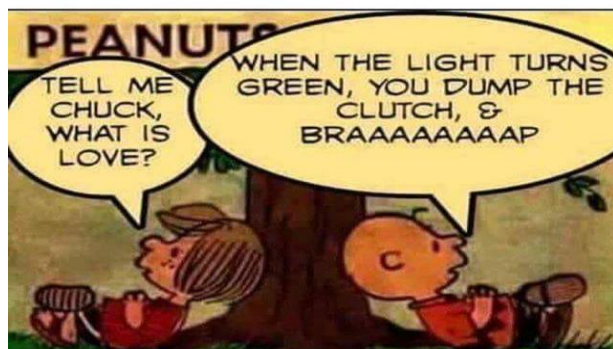
Lots of Luck and Best Wishes for a Speedy recovery to Mike Mills, who will be getting a new hip the beginning of this month. Mike says he has so much metal in him already, he has a difficult time getting through security at the airport. But just remember, Mike, Superman was made of steel.

Herb and Shirley Gerstel just returned from a cruise to the Panama Canal. Unfortunately, they brought back more than souvenirs when they both became sick immediately upon their return. That is definitely not a good ending to a good time. Glad you are feeling better.

Our March meeting was a little light in attendance due to the number of members on the sick list. Richard Wetherby and Bill Geize are recovering from surgeries. Steve Slaton spent a brief time in the hospital with some blood clots in the lungs. Will Masotta calls Florida Hospital his

second home after several heart scares. We wish all these members future good health and to stay away from all hospitals! Congratulations to John Reis for winning the 50/50 drawing. John won \$39, which just about covered the cost of the tickets he bought. □

Well, it didn't take him too long. Will Masotta and Donna Bly are the proud parents of a really sharp 2007 Victory Red Z06. Though we have had other Z06's in the club, this is the only one right now. Congratulations and welcome to the Corvette era that offers our valued creature comforts.



CORVETTE CHATTER

Lamborghini isn't the only automaker developing active aerodynamics.

On May 24, 2016 GM filed a patent application for "vehicle ride-height determination for control of vehicle aerodynamics," which was published on March 23, 2017.

The patent application details an active aerodynamics system on the Corvette, suggesting an even more hardcore track-oriented model is in the works. According to the application, the system includes an adjustable aerodynamic-aid element mounted to the body and configured to control aerodynamics of the vehicle.

Various aerodynamic aids are mentioned in the patent application, including an [adjustable spoiler](#), an air dam, a splitter, a diffuser and shutter - all of which would adjust accordingly to the data received by the system.

There's also a sensor that detects the height of the vehicle relative to a predetermined reference frame, while a controller is configured to receive the signal from the sensor to tell it the vehicle's body height. That controller can then determine the ride height of the vehicle and will regulate the mechanism in response to the determined ride height to control aerodynamics of the vehicle.

It is in a way similar to the fancy-sounding "Aerodinamica Lamborghini Attiva" (ALA) found on the recently debuted Lamborghini Huracan Performante. The Italian automaker attributes its record-setting Nurburgring lap time to the active aerodynamics, which

allow the car to be slippery in the straight and have maximum downforce in corners.

UPDATE: When asked if the Corvette was going to be getting an active aerodynamics system, Ron Kiino from Chevrolet Communications responded, "We have no comment at this time."

Corvette Beats Them All

The best racing in North America can be found in the GTLM class in IMSA's WeatherTech SportsCar Championship series. Last week, five manufacturers (Chevrolet, Ford, Porsche, Ferrari and BMW) slugged it out for 12 hours on the brutal concrete track of Sebring. This track once upon a time served as an air base for B-17 Flying Fortresses during WWII. Against all odds, Corvette Racing never gave up and the No.3 Corvette C7R won the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in dramatic fashion for the 3rd consecutive year.

Hmmm.....with this kind of success, do we really need a mid-engine Corvette???

OUCH --- ANYWAY YOU SAY IT!



UPDATE 3/9/2017: A previous version of this story reported that a woman driving a Ford Fusion caught her cheating husband in a

Walmart parking lot with a young blonde in his classic Corvette, and in a fit of rage, the wife drove her sedan atop the classic sports car. According to a more recent **ABC News** report, however, the Ford Fusion driver was actually an elderly woman who accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake pedal, and despite the property damage, no one was injured. I bet somebody won't be going to Walmart in his Classic Corvette any longer.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page)

Serial Number 003 came off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan on June 30, 1953. Since then it has had a storied life, but today this car has taken on an identity of its own, as you can see by the picture. "This Cutaway stirs the passion people have for Corvette history; its purpose is to educate enthusiasts about early Corvette engineering and design. This chassis provides a snapshot into these early efforts. What is amazing is everything works and it's completely drivable" says Brian Mackay, owner of the car, and the one responsible for its present look. Mackay showed his drivable cutaway chassis for the first time at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance on March 11-12th.

A Little Humor With a Clever Twist

As we are aware, the medical community is unable to reach a consensus on what to do with America's health insurance situation, certainly a timely topic. The Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted. Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow. The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter." The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the a*****s in Washington.

Thanks to Gary Swanson for submitting this clever commentary