

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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting at 6:30.

Coming Up

April is a busy month for the Corvette Cruisers if you participate entirely, so gear up and let's have some fun .

DINING ON THE RUN:

The April run will take us inland to DeLand to one of our club's favorite breakfast/brunch spots at Sparrows Grill at Victoria Hills Country Club. Not only do they have good food in a bright, cheery atmosphere, but they offer a free Mimosa or Bloody Mary with your meal! Let's leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. And did I say, they serve a Free Mimosa or Bloody Mary with your meal. Please wear club shirts.

TOM GIBBS DISPLAY:

Rescheduled from March 12th due to weather conditions, the Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR, and any Chevy-powered hot rod display, located on Rt 100 in Flagler Beach, will take place Saturday, April 9th. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. This early hour is

necessary to park together. No advance registration is required, so it fills up fast. This year, however, they are asking for a \$5 or more donation to Breast Cancer Awareness. Make plans to go, as we try again to bring home another club participation award. Trophies for best in class, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, 60's music, a tire raffle, and food and drinks (served by a local high school club for a donation), will be available. We will leave from Beall's parking lot in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson and Granada) for this early trek up I-95. Shine up the Vette, (don't forget the exhaust tips), throw some lawn chairs in the trunk, a cooler if you wish, and get ready for a good time. Official club shirts are required.

MINI-GOLF:

It's time to be a kid again. We all need to do that every now and then, and playing in our Mini-Golf tournament will make you feel that way. There are 6 rounds played. To be in the competition, you must play in at least 4, but remember, you don't have to compete. If you want to play one or two rounds, that's perfectly fine. We just have a couple of competitive freaks in our club that want



to bring home the “Golden Club” that will be awarded to the winner. All games begin at 7 p.m. at the assigned course, and all courses are located on A1A from Ormond Beach to Port Orange. You may wear any “Corvette” shirt to play. The schedule is as follows:

- Rd 1: Pirates Cove (OB) **4/12**
- Rd 2: Congo River (DBS) **4/15**
- Rd 3: Pirates Island (PO) **4/22**
- Rd 4: Pirates Cove (OB) **4/26**
- Rd 5: Congo River (DBS) **4/29**
- Rd 6: Pirates Island (PO) **5/3**
- Rain Date at missed location **5/6**

The dates and locations can also be found on the club calendar accessed from our Home Page. Come on out and enjoy the nice ocean breezes, and your chance to be that kid again. We may even go somewhere for ice cream afterwards.

CLUB PICNIC:

Right smack dab in the middle of all this activity is the club Bar-B-Que picnic on Saturday, April 23rd from 11 – 2. Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Our picnic proves that phrase is nothing but fake news. Come out to Reed Canal Park, Pavilion #1 in South Daytona



and experience a truly free lunch, and you don’t have to bring a thing. Bar-B-Que pork or smoked sausage with all the

trimmings will be available. Since it is a public park, no alcohol is permitted. Sweet and unsweet tea and dessert will be furnished. There are nice picnic tables, but you may wish to bring a fold-up chair. **Directions to the park :**

The Park is located in South Daytona, on Nova Road between Dunlawton Ave. and Reed Canal Road. 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, as 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. Hope to see you there. Club shirts are NOT required. The picnic is only for club members.

PONCE INLET SHOW:

If you plan to participate in the Ponce Inlet “Vettes at One Daytona” show on May 14, you must register before April 25th. Cost is \$35 and includes a t-shirt and a door prize ticket. Read all about it and get the registration form at www.ponceinletcorvetteclub.com .



BIG GM ANNOUNCEMENT

This is hot off the wire – GM is introducing a new paint palette for the 2023 Corvette in addition to the already announced colors called the NEON GROUP. Along with Accelerant Yellow that came out in 2020, four other neon (glow in the dark) colors will be added to the line-up. You will be introduced to Lime Sizzler, Joocy Orange (not a typo), Purple Haze and Fushia Fusion. These colors will be experimental to see if a younger age group might be attracted to the mid-engine Corvette offering more vibrant colors. It is not known yet how many will be produced in the NEON GROUP. A big ad campaign is scheduled to hit the airwaves soon, but remember, you heard it here first. It sounds like we might need to get our sunglasses ready.



Reviews

DINNER NIGHT OUT:

This event took place after last month's Newsletter deadline, so no review was available last month. However, I think it was worthy of a review. Twenty-five members attended, and I believe all twenty-five were satisfied with the entire evening at Coastal Grill and Raw Bar. Perhaps Red Lobster could take a lesson on the service. There were two tables, one with 13 and one with 12, and each had their own waitress. Meals followed drinks after a very short wait, with Table 2 getting their food first. However, Table 1 was able to gloat when their bills came first. Service was efficient and friendly, soft drinks and water were refilled without asking, bar items were tended to timely and Happy Hour lasted until 7 p.m. (My Bloody Mary was just \$3.75). The food was great, but 25 was probably the limit for the private room with possibly 2 more being able to fit comfortably. There were no mix-ups on the bills, and no meeting to listen to. (LOL). The only downside was there were no Cheddar Bay biscuits. Enjoying the night were Steve and Anita Slaton, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Tom and Sandie Bonnett, Ed and Jean Doyle, and Patrick and Aliah Wall at Table 1, and Keith Hardin, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, John Bayliss and Susan McCracken, Bob and Linda Wolff, Edie and Liz Byrne, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Arni Ligi and AJ Marquardt at Table 2. (Just heard this place closed its doors – permanently.)

MARCH DOTR:

If a rocket was launched from the Cape on Sunday, March 6th, we would have had a front-row seat. Shiloh's, which was the destination for the March Dining on the Run, sits directly across the water from the NASA launch pad. This huge

restaurant has several levels, and its size looks quite deceptive from the outside. We had room for a lot more members. Where was everybody on this beautiful day for a nice drive to Titusville? The seventeen members who did attend enjoyed good food in a great rustic atmosphere. Easily navigating the traffic lights in both Port Orange and Titusville, the nine Corvettes managed to keep pace and stayed together. Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Leslie Armstrong, Anita Slaton, Gary and Cindy Swanson, John and Rose Pona, John and Sally Doria, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Patrick and Aliah Wall, Keith Hardin, and Ed and Jean Doyle enjoyed lunch at the Cape.

MARCH MEETING:

What a difference a month makes!! By Golly, I think they got it right! After the horrendous service at the February monthly meeting, a stern conversation with the manager, and his promise to make things right, the March meeting went off without a hitch. In fact, it might have been the best service we have had there to date. Three servers were assigned, orders were taken as soon as we arrived, the food was served when it was ready, and we actually had our meeting at the proper time. Drinks were refilled and checks were correct. Now, the big test will be to see if this continues next month. Good to see Cindy Hardin back from Colorado, and George Weissgerber back from sick leave.

Z06 INTRODUCTION:

Over 600 people came to view the 2023 C8 Z06 on display at New Smyrna Chevy on March 15. It appeared to be an overwhelming success as the views really liked the car (perhaps not the price, however.). Thanks to John Doria, Gary Swanson, Randy Sweeney, John Pona, Liz Byrne and Edie Byrne for their assistance in the flow of the crowds. Word has it you all were rewarded handsomely in shirts, jackets, and food, food and more food. Anybody sign up for a Z06?

This & That

HMMM, NO RESPONSE: Last month we asked for a possible explanation of why there were only 209 miles on a Corvette purchased by Gary Swanson. I received no responses, which leads me to believe (1) we have no creative minds in our club, or (2) nobody reads the Newsletter. Now it's my turn to say Hmmm. My guess on the mileage is that it was owned by a little old lady who only drove it to church on Sunday. No matter what the answer, Gary got a great deal!!

\$50/\$50: Winner, winner, chicken dinner!! Randy Sweeney might be able to buy a chicken dinner with his winnings of \$47.50 in the 50/50 drawing. A reminder that Randy also won the January drawing. Some people are just lucky, and perhaps an Irish leprechaun was on his shoulder.

DID YOU FIND IT? If you noticed any kind of fishy or unbelievable story in this Newsletter, you might want to check your calendar. Perhaps GM/ Corvette will come out with some new bright colors that will appeal to a younger age group, but for now, we can only hope. In the meantime --- gotcha --- April Fool!

SNOWBIRDS ARE TAKING FLIGHT: As the weather here in Florida begins to heat up, we may soon be saying goodbye to our snowbirds. Randy and Peggy Sweeney (who I mistakenly said had become full-time residents) heading to NY; Bud and Mary Mullennix to MI; John Bayliss and Susan McCracken to WV; and Keith and Cindy Hardin to CO. There may be others of which I am unaware. Safe travels to all. We will be anxious for your return to Paradise in the fall.

BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating another year on the calendar are Gary Swanson on the 7th, Mary

Mullennix on the 19th, Bill Simmons on the 21st, and AJ Marquard on the 28th. Happy Birthday to all.

ANNIVERSARY: Celebrating another year of wedded bliss are Ken and Jamie Hawes and Bud and May Mullennix. Happy Anniversary.

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 just became too much and he could go no farther. He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally, a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he was going too fast, to honk the horn on his bike and that 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 speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 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."
(Submitted by Cindy Swanson)

Happy Easter To All

