

# 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.

## Coming Up

### **SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:**

Several have asked, "Why are our DOTR's always on Sunday?" The quick answer to that question is "Tradition." We just always had them on Sunday. But this month, we are breaking from tradition to have a Saturday breakfast at a little restaurant that sports some local color. Osteen's Diner is just such a spot. Not to be confused with O'Steens' Restaurant in St. Augustine, the Osteen Diner is a staple in the DeLand/Deltona area and is praised by many for its down-home country cooking. Prices are unbelievable and the service is great according to Yelp and Trip Advisor. It will be a nice little Saturday morning drive for a nice little breakfast, so let's leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 8:00 a.m. on SATURDAY, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** Okay, we have taken care of the beginning of the month. Now let's end the month with another social gathering. Dinner Night Out is planned for August 29<sup>th</sup> at Norwood's Eatery and Treehouse Bar in New Smyrna Beach. (Yes, they really do have a treehouse bar, but we won't make you climb up in it, unless you just want to, or have too much wine and become adventurous.) If you haven't been to Norwood's in a while, this is the time to go. It has good food and the Snowbirds love it - thank heavens they are all gone. We will leave from Sunshine Park Mall at 4:00 p.m. for a great little dinnertime treat. (That may sound a bit early for dinner, but Norwood's mid-day menu ends at 5:00 p.m. and prices are sooooo much better before 5:00.) Club shirts are not required - but big appetites are! View the menu at [www.norwoods.com](http://www.norwoods.com) and please let John know you are coming by 8/24.

# Announcements

★ There has been a change in our future activities. The October DOTR for a lunch cruise down the Halifax River has been rescheduled for some time in 2018. Because October will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club, we will be having a special celebration on the evening of October 7<sup>th</sup> instead of the usual DOTR. So, mark your calendars NOW and reserve this date. You will definitely want to attend this special event as we celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. Lots of surprises are in store and a sign-up sheet for a pot-luck dinner will be available at the August meeting. LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!!!

★ After months of research on different restaurants in the area, the Meeting Location Committee came to the conclusion that T.G.I. Friday's is still the place that fits the bill. Over sixteen places were scrutinized to see if a better location could be found to meet the needs of the club, both for meetings and for dining. The criteria used to determine eligibility were:

- Varied Menu including Gluten Free
- Central Location
- Adequate parking

- Private Room
- Alcoholic Drinks Available
- Handicapped Access
- At least two Wait Staff
- At least two high-top Tables
- No conflict with local events

All agreed that the food and the service has improved dramatically at Friday's since the February meeting when orders were mixed-up or not delivered at all, and bills were very late in coming and mostly incorrect. These issues have been addressed and Friday's now aims to please, so keep those Stripes Rewards cards handy. Many thanks to the committee made up of Art, Dave, Liz, Will, Bob W., and Bonita for a great job in searching out the possibilities. Remember that a good eatin' town doesn't always mean a good meetin' town.

★ We are still looking for one more member to serve on the election committee with Jim Quinn and Liz Byrne. (Serving on the committee is a good way not to be nominated.) Let either of them know you want to be on the committee. Or better yet, let either Liz or Jim know you are interested in becoming an officer. It's always good to get new people with new ideas on the Board. So come on, throw your hat in the ring. There will be no hurt feelings involved if you choose to run against any of our present Board members; some of whom are tired and would welcome a break. THINK ABOUT IT!!

# This & That



## I heard it through the grapevine....

..... Bob Wolff is training for a 500-mile bicycle trip in September.

..... Dave and Maya are headed for a European vacation in October.

..... The Dorias and the Neways are Hawaii bound in November.

..... Ed and Jean are taking a land/cruise adventure to Alaska later this month.

..... Jim and Ginny got some R & R in PA last month.

..... Lars has been vacationing by sailing the waters in Maine.

..... Pat and Sandy are spending the month of August in Connecticut.

..... Bill and Evelyn are planning a close-up look at wine country in CA

..... Rick Demichina is spending an awful lot of time in Key West.

..... Gary and Cindy are spending the month of August in New York.

## Celebrations



Birthday wishes go out to several of our members this month.

Richard Wetherby will celebrate on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a triple-dip celebration for Liz Byrne, Edie Byrne, and Steve Terrell on the 6<sup>th</sup>, John Reis on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Rick Minor on

the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Anita Slaton on the 19<sup>th</sup>. May all your birthday wishes come true.



Happy Anniversary to Bill and Evelyn Neway. Congratulations!!

Bill Geize is richer by \$25.00 after his winning number was chosen in the 50/50 at the July meeting.

## Well Wishes

Good to see Will Masotta up and about and healing nicely after taking a nasty fall in his garage.

Update on Barry Phillips: Barry is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. He is quite weak, but very anxious to get back into the swing of things. He said "hello" to everyone. You are in our thoughts, Barry.

## Area Happenings

Car Shows are popping up everywhere. Are you interested in a car show? Wanna share that beauty you have in your garage with the rest of the world? Why not attend one of the many car shows in the area. Here are just a few to peak your interest:

◆ Third Saturday of the month - 8:30 - 10:30 am - NSB in the old K-mart parking lot on Route 44 next to Wawa.

◆ Last Sunday of the month - Lost Lagoon - NSB - Route 1 near NSB airport - car show and brunch - 10:00 a.m.

◆Last Saturday of the month - Coffee and Cars at Lake Mary - Gateway Classic Cars - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

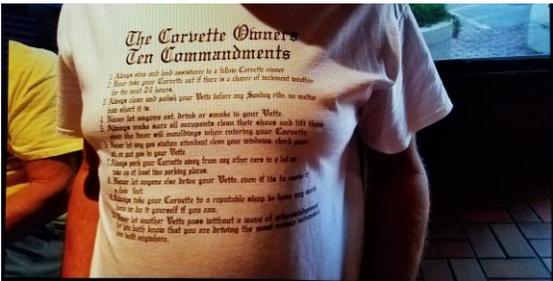
◆Simply Corvettes on Facebook. Join the group and get information on a run from Hanksters to Rogers Corvette in Maitland on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

◆Second Saturday of the month - Canal Street in NSB - 4 - 8 p.m.

You can find other car events going on in our area at [www.FLAcarshows.com](http://www.FLAcarshows.com). Take a look and see what's out there.

## Etc.

If you were at the July meeting, you know who this chest belongs to.....but if you weren't, can you guess who it might be? .



The message printed on the shirt that adorned that chest is something all Corvette owners should know. Just in case you can't read it, here it is.....

### **The Corvette Owners Ten Commandments**

1. Always stop and lend assistance to a fellow Corvette owner.
2. Never take your Corvette out if there is a chance for inclement weather in the next 24 hours.

3. Always clean and polish your Vette before any Sunday ride, no matter how short it is.
4. Never let anyone eat, drink, or smoke in your Vette.
5. Always make sure all occupants clean their shoes and lift them over the door sill moldings when entering your Corvette.
6. Never let any gas station attendant clean your windows, check your oil, or put gas in your Vette.
7. Always park your Corvette away from any other cars in a lot or take up at least two parking spots.
8. Never let anyone else drive your Vette, even if it's to move it a few feet.
9. Always take your Corvette to a reputable shop to have any work done or do it yourself.
10. Never let another Vette pass without a wave of acknowledgement for you both know you are driving the most unique automobile ever build anywhere.

(P.S. That handsome chiseled chest with the washboard abs belongs to Bill Geize.)

# Reviews

**A GOOD CATCH:** Ten Corvettes carrying 17 members and one guest made their way to DeLand for some pretty good eating at the July DOTR. Most ordered seafood of different varieties with a few landlubbers choosing burgers. When the burgers are

good at a fish place, then the fish must **surely** be good. And good it was! Bill G, Dave, Maya, Jim, Ginny, Liz, Edie, Bob W., Linda, JR, John D., Sally, Art, Leslie, Lars, his friend Ellie, Ed, and Jean all left with smiles on their faces, indicating satisfaction and a promise not to eat the rest of the day. (A promise that only lasts until dinnertime.) The décor was delightfully "fishy", the portions were plentiful, service was good, and the food was delicious. Though no one quite knew who suggested the DeLand Fish House, all seemed to agree it was a very good choice. (Photos by Ed and John D.)

(Ed. Note - at the July meeting, it was discovered that Richard suggested the DeLand Fish House - and he missed it!)

## From the Archives



Do you remember? The year was 2009. The place was Pirates Cove Golf Course after the final tournament game. Pictured among the "regulars" are some faces from the past: Jerry and Julie Macklefresh,

Mike and Virginia Fitzpatrick, Bob Compton, Warren Brasch and Jackie Karagoshian. Also in the photo is deceased member Carole Connelly. Such happy memories of our present friends and those from the past!!

## Corvette Chatter

**A MILESTONE** for the Corvette occurred 25 years ago on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was the date that the 1 millionth Corvette rolled off the Bowling Green assembly line. The 1992 Corvette convertible was outfitted the way the original 1953 Corvette appeared - white with a red interior. But you may also remember that the 1 Millionth Corvette was one of the "Great Eight" Corvettes to be swallowed by a sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum in February 2014. Once the 1992 Corvette was rescued, Chevrolet took the milestone car back to Detroit where a rebuild team made up of 30 people from GM Design's Mechanical Assembly Group took four months and spend some 1,200 man-hours to fully restore the car, including the hundreds of signed components by those that originally assembled the car in Bowling Green. It made its fully restored debut in the National Corvette Museum in September, 2015.

**CHEVROLET'S LATEST SPECIAL EDITION MODEL**, the 2018 Carbon 65 pays homage to the gods of Carbon Fiber (and the Corvette's 65th Anniversary) with a package that is loaded with the lightweight composite panels and accessories, and features the new-for-2018 exterior, Ceramic Matrix Gray. The Z30 RPO special edition adds \$15,000 to the price of a 3LT Grand Sport or 3LZ Z06, and only 650 will be built. The Ceramic Matrix Gray is an interesting color and it appears to be one of those that Corvette enthusiasts either love or hate based on the comments heard at the Bash and at Bloomington Gold. As the Corvette team promised the Carbon 65 would enter production prior to the August 1st shut down. GM has already accepted nearly 400 orders for the Ceramic Matrix Gray Grand Sport and Z06 models, and sources say that nearly 350 Carbon 65s will be completed prior to the summer shutdown on August 1st. Chevrolet is building as many as they can, but constraints by vendors will cap the number of cars that can be completed before the three-month break. Once the plant is back up in November, production will resume and the remaining Carbon 65 orders will be completed as soon as possible

**TAKING YOUR BRAND-NEW CORVETTE C7 TO THE TRACK** is definitely not the brightest move you could make. After all, there are break-in miles to occur before

any sort of spirited driving is condoned. Right? Right! However, the National Corvette Museum now offers the next best thing as a part of the museum delivery option: hot laps in one of their own Corvettes. As a part of the delivery experience (order code R8C), the NCM will bring you to the NCM Motorsports Park for a couple of hot laps in their own C7 Corvettes with the Z51 package to give new owners a taste of what their new car is capable of. Not only is it pretty cool, it also spares new owners' Corvettes and keeps them safe and sound during the break-in period. The museum delivery is a \$990 option, but the hot laps are now included with the package with no price increase. Next time you're in the market for a Corvette, the NCM would be happy to have you.

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO KENTUCKY....** For the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette. Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next caravan is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Start planning now to go. There is a link to the website on the left side of our Home Page. Click on our state for more information.

# The Fun Corner

Ginny Quinn sent me some humorous t-shirt slogans the other day and I couldn't help but match them to our Board of Directors. See if you agree:

I'm not arguing, I'm just explaining why I'm right.... John Doria

I'm so busy, I don't know whether I found a rope or lost my horse ... Art Armstrong

A little gray hair is a small price to pay for all this wisdom ... Rich Wetherby

I could be a morning person, if morning happened at noon ... Jean Doyle

I am who I am, your approval isn't needed ... Bill Geize

I consider on time to be when I get there ... Dave Huber

Families are like fudge, mostly sweet with a few nuts ... Liz (and Edie) Byrne

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# Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

The buzz is on and continues to grow about the possibility, or should we say probability, of the mid-engine Corvette becoming a reality by 2019 or 2020. Rumors are rampant and Chevrolet is mum on the issue. In fact, GM hasn't given a single clue that indicates there even WILL BE a mid-engine Corvette. But, they haven't so much as denied it either. And, with the company spending more than \$700 million on updating the facility, something major has to be in the works. So, as the rumors persist, the imaginations do also. Pictured this month is simply a rendering of what the mid-engine might look like, and if this were actually the real deal, sign the Doyles up for one. It's a beauty, don't ya think?



School starts in mid-August, so watch out for the kiddoes!