

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



December 2018

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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

LET'S CELEBRATE: The annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, December 9th at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club in Ormond Beach.

Happy half-hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with a



cash bar. Dinner will be served beginning around 5:30 p.m. By now you have made your entrée selection and sent your check to Richard. So the only thing left is to make sure you can find your way to the banquet site. Ormond Beach residents probably know their own way, but for those coming from Daytona

Beach and places to the south, here are the directions: Take I-95 N to Exit 278 (Old Dixie Highway). Turn right at the end of the ramp. Proceed 1.8 miles and take a right onto Monaghan Drive into Halifax Plantation. **(You will see other entrances to Halifax Plantation, but be sure to go 1.8 miles before turning into the correct entrance.)** Take the first right onto Halifax Clubhouse Drive, which dead ends at the Clubhouse. Parking is on both the left and right side. And, PLEASE don't forget to share the richness of your life with those a little less fortunate by bringing some nonperishable food items with you for donation to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank. (The Christmas Party is for Members Only.)

DEADLINE FOR DUES: December 31st is the magic date. If you have not paid your dues by this date, you will no longer be a member of the club. No reminders will be sent, no phone calls will be made. If you haven't already done so, please mail your check



made out to CCGD for \$50.00 to Richard Wetherby, 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, FL. 32114.

JANUARY DINING ON THE RUN: It's not too early to put our first DOTR of 2019 on your calendar. On Sunday, January 6th, the club will make a run to Titusville to have lunch at Shiloh's Restaurant. We will leave from Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona at 10:00 a.m. with Dave Huber leading the way. Dave reminded us at the November meeting, that when he led the way to Shiloh's the last time we went there, we encountered no red lights the entire way. Let's keep this streak going!!

Reviews

The skies were dark and cloudy. The rain looked as though it would start any minute. "Should we take the Corvette or should we go at all?" question certainly on the minds

of those planning to drive to 3 Bananas in Crescent City for the November Dining on the Run. Apparently, the Corvette Cruisers have seven true 'Vette lovers (Rick and Sheila, Bill G., Bill and Bonita, and Bob and Linda) and six wimps (Ed and Jean, Gary and Cindy, and John and Sally) who chose to keep their Corvettes nice and dry in their garages, and bring "other" cars. Well, guess what? Even though the clouds remained for most of the day, no rain occurred. The restaurant was more than ready for us when we arrived. The Corvettes parked directly in front; the other cars were relegated to the grassy knoll across the street. While eating, we were pleasantly surprised by a visit by Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz, our Canadian snowbirds, who live very close by. Also, another Corvette Club had the same idea to dine at 3 bananas at the same time. With the Corvettes from both clubs, we turned the usual Biker Bar into a Corvette Camp.

BOARD MEETING(S):

Two board meetings were held in conjunction with planning out the 2019 year. A summary of the meeting decisions are as follows:

→ The original tangerine collared shirt is still considered the approved shirt of the club, however no new orders will be made for them after Jan. 1st. The orange and white dri-weave shirt will be phased in for all new members or those who wish to order them.

→ The three charities for our 50/50 donation were selected. The membership will vote on the one they feel the most deserving.

→ The DOTR's for the first half of 2019 were selected. They are as follows:

January 6 – Lunch at Shiloh's, Titusville

February 3 – Breakfast at Victoria Hills, DeLand

March – Lunch at Hidden Treasure, Flagler Beach (date TBA)

April 7 – Breakfast at Crabby Joes, Daytona Beach Shores

May 5 – Lunch at La Fiesta, Ormond Beach (Cinco de Mayo)

June 2 – Lunch at Eaton Beach, Lake Weir

→ Our semi-annual Dinner Night Out will be February 26 at Limoncello in Ormond Beach.

→ The budget for 2019 was approved. Dues will be \$50 per membership, down from \$70 in the past.

This & That

Don't forget to vote on the charity you wish the 50/50 proceeds to be given. There are still eight members who haven't voted. Our national elections should have taught you that every vote counts!!

December birthdays are Maya Branden on the 3rd, Sandy Cassella on the 11th and Herb Gerstel on the 25th. Happy, happy birthday to all.

Celebrating an anniversary this month are Art and Leslie Armstrong. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Last month while our thoughts were on eating turkey, Pat and Sandy Cassella's thoughts were on visiting Turkey. A trip of a lifetime, perhaps. Wow, what an adventure!

A correction AND an omission from the salute to our servicemen in last month's Newsletter. Bud Mullennix was incorrectly listed as Army, when he actually served in the Air Force. Sorry Bud. And I just found out at the meeting, that Lenny Valentine served in the Army. We truly appreciate your service to our country.

Another tidbit I discovered at the meeting: Besides the sharp '58 Panama yellow Corvette we've seen Bud and Mary Mullennix driving, I found out they also own a '63 Riverside red convertible. They join the elite "club within our club" of having more than one Corvette. Other multiple owners are Art and Leslie, John and Sally, and Lars.

It's amazing what one can find out at meetings!!

Another thing discovered – Jamie does not like to waste food – ANYBODY’s food. But one question remains -- where does she put all of it in that tiny form?



This photo was taken of her at the meeting with so many dishes surrounding her, she ended up with some on her lap.

He comes to a meeting after a long absence, draws the 50/50 ticket out of the can, and, yep, you guessed it. Dave Huber draws his own ticket for \$31. How does that happen??

Our Corvette Club has some sort of an affinity toward Italy. First John and Sally vacationed there, then it was Bob and Linda who cruised to the ‘Boot.’ Now Leslie is heading that way for an exciting adventure with her sister and family. (Art didn’t get to go ☹.) There is definitely something over there pulling our members. Maybe the rest of us should go just to see what the attraction is.

Lenny and Patsy drove 55 miles to attend our November meeting. Shame on the rest of you who live a lot closer and didn’t come. Just Sayin....

From the Archives



Ahhh, Christmases past, and our generosity continues. The year was 2012, the first year of our donation collection, and our generous souls began a tradition that remains today. Alice Luther, our past treasurer and past member, proudly looks on.

Corvette Chatter

If the rumors prove true that the 2019 Corvette ZR1 could be a one-year-only model, then what a year it will have been.

But why would Chevrolet put so much effort into the ZR1 just to build it for one year? And who knows what will happen in 2020 with the C8 widely speculated to be arriving then.

In the meantime, the 2019 ZR1 just keeps racking up honor after honor, the latest being chosen as Motor Authority's "Best Car to Buy 2019".

After comprehensive back-to-back testing, the ZR1 beat out "a particularly strong" field this year that included the Audi RS 5, BMW M5, Ford Mustang GT Performance Pack Level 2, and Jaguar I-Pace.

Overall, the 2019 ZR1 remains "a usable supercar that you can drive regularly, not just take to the track," Motor Authority concludes, "and you won't find any car that can put up its track times for even twice the price."

Motor Authority's website went on to congratulate the Corvette team for "building not only the pinnacle of the Corvette nameplate, but a car that deserves a hallowed place in supercar history."

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Don't you just love the old ads, especially the Corvette ads? I found it fitting to end the year with an advertisement for one of the oldies but goodies. The hp choices and the options are quite interesting.

Chevrolet, you've come a long, long way, baby!!

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

The holiday message I write to you this year is indeed bittersweet. After eight and a half years of authoring, editing, designing, composing, copying, and arranging the monthly Newsletter, I have decided to throw in the keyboard and let someone else take over the reins. I have thoroughly enjoyed recording club memories and bringing you the news of the Corvette Cruisers over the past one hundred two months. Many thanks to those of you who faithfully read it. I hope that it brought a smile or two, as well as timely information. So, along with my Corvette Chatter(box) Ed, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy and happy 2019. May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the Season.

*Your Retiring Editors
Jean & Ed*

