

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through February, 2021) at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club, 35 Fairgreen Ave., New Smyrna Beach. If this location changes, it will be noted in the body of the Newsletter. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

* Coming Up *

LET'S CELEBRATE: The annual Christmas



Banquet will be held on Monday evening, December 7th at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club in New Smyrna Beach. Happy hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar, and dinner will be served around

6:30 p.m. Dress code is Business Casual, so put those orange club shirts away and dress for a party!

By now you have made your entrée selection and sent your check to Bill Simmons, so the only thing left is to make sure you find your way to the restaurant. Those of you who have been attending our monthly meetings, know where you are going, but for those who haven't, the directions are simple. From Route 1 (on the north side of New Smyrna Beach) turn west onto Turnbull Bay Road. Continue straight, across the railroad tracks, for about a half mile. Hidden Lakes Golf Club is on the right. (The Christmas Party is for Members Only.)

And, PLEASE don't forget to share the richness of your life with those a little less fortunate, and there are many as a result of the pandemic. Bring some nonperishable food items with you for our annual donation to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank, that serves Volusia and Flagler Counties.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you plan to continue your membership with the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona, and we definitely hope you do, you will need to pay your dues of \$50 by New Year's Eve, **December 31.** Remember that if your check is not received by the deadline, you will no longer be considered a member. No reminder phone calls will be made, so pick up your checkbook, and write out a check to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD) for \$50.00. Mail it to Bill Simmons, 5955 Park Ridge Drive, Port Orange, FL 32127. Dues pay for such things as our domain name, the website, insurance, and corporation fees, just to name a few.

FIRST OF 2021! Put January 3 on your calendar and keep your fingers crossed for nice weather. Our first Dining on the Run (DOTR) of the new year will be an outdoor breakfast at Goodrich's in Oak Hill. Specific information will be forthcoming in the January Newsletter.

The Board will select dining places for our monthly DOTR's through June, but they would like your help. If you have a great restaurant in mind for either a breakfast or a lunch that would be suitable for a group, let a board member know. They want to go where you want to go. A drive in our 'Vettes always precedes the dining, so start thinking and looking around.

DID YOU CHOOSE A CHARITY? In November, Ken and Jamie Hawes sent out a request for each member to choose a charity from three presented: 1) Family Renew, 2) Meals on Wheels, or, 3) 2nd Harvest Food Bank. The winning charity will be announced at the Christmas Party and will receive a check in the amount of \$300 from the proceeds of our 50/50 drawings. So please vote --- there will be no recounts.

* Notice *

Our meetings will continue to be held at Hidden Lakes through February. A committee will be set up to look into available spots to hold our monthly meetings that might be a little more centrally located. Our members come from as far south as near the Cape Canaveral National Seashore all the way to the Palm Coast border, so a little more in the middle would help everyone. We aren't called the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona for nothing.



* Reviews *

As Mr. Rogers would say, "it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood," and Mr. Rodgers had the perfect description of our club's annual Bar-B-Que picnic on November 7th at Reed Canal Park in South Daytona. The picnic is usually held in April, but because of "you know what," it was postponed until November, which turned out to be a blessing in disguise thanks to the gorgeous weather. This year the meal from Dustin's was handled a little differently than in the past, as it came pre-boxed instead of buffet style. But there seemed to be plenty in each box, nicely topped off with some delicious home-made cookies (thank you Publix Supermarket for baking them). Thirty-one members enjoyed seeing each other after a long absence for some, among them the Cassellas, Shirley Gerstel and Will Masotta. We certainly missed those who couldn't make it. Even though this event was advertised as being FREE, a 50/50 drawing was held,-- but, as the saying goes -- there is no such thing as a free lunch. 😊 The big winner of \$40.00 was Sandy Cassella, whose husband Pat was out of the area when she was announced as the winner. Sandy asked that we not tell Pat, so her secret is certainly safe with us. Two complete dinner boxes were also raffled off with the winners being Bonita Richardson and John Pona. Congratulations to all. A big Thank You goes to John Doria for the food ordering, Sally and Evelyn for serving the tea, and Jamie for sanitizing all the tables and benches, trash cans, restrooms, etc. Thank you for making us feel safe, especially with having both sides of the pavilion to enable proper distancing.

The Christmas Party will be reviewed in next month's Newsletter.



* Reminders *

- There is no meeting in December.
- Also, our meetings will now begin at 6:30 pm. Dinner will remain at 5:30 pm. So come to eat, and stay to meet.

* This & That *



Happy Birthday to Sandy Cassella on December 11th.with many more to come.

Happy Anniversary to Art and Leslie Armstrong with many more years together.

The 50/50 winner at the November meeting was Evelyn Neway, who took home a nice \$27.50. Remember that when you buy a ticket, you are contributing to a charity, along with a chance to line your own pocket with a little spending cash.

Just got word that Will Masotta will be moving back to his home state of Connecticut. We are sorry to see Will leave and will miss him and his 2003 Anniversary coupe. Stay healthy and don't shovel too much snow.

Our Corvette count has hit another bump. Bill and Evelyn Neway sold their 2013 60th

Anniversary 427 convertible.... but the good news is that Bill is now eyeing a C8 very closely.

Welcome aboard to Liz Byrne who graciously accepted one of the positions as Director to fill the unexpired term of Art Armstrong. Art resigned his position in October. We thank Art for his many years of service to the club in various positions. Art, along with Leslie, will continue to be valued members of our club.

Get Well Wishes go to George and Penny Weissgerber. Both have been having medical issues; George with his heart and Penny with her back. Please get well soon, both of you!!

* Fun Corner *

LET'S SAY GOODBYE TO 2020 IN A MEMORABLE WAY:





start at US \$86,500 when equipped with the Z51 Performance Package. The new Corvette is on sale at Chevrolet dealers across the Middle East

Don't you find this a bit strange when so many in the good old USA are so anxiously awaiting the arrival of their C8, or even the submission of their order – many being told they are unable to get a 2020 and must accept a 2021? Kind of makes you say Hmmmmm.



** A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR **

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the Season. I have enjoyed bringing you the news of the Corvette Cruisers this past year and look forward to another year of recording Corvette Club memories. Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a happy, healthy, COVID free 2021.

Jean

** Corvette Chatter **

The 2020 Corvette Stingray is currently rolling out to select international markets, including the Middle East. Ever since the debut of the C8 at the Dubai International Car Show, General Motors has been confident that the 2020 will appeal to enthusiasts in the area and will exceed their expectations, especially at the price point. Middle East-bound units of the 2020 Corvette Stingray

