

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 Houligans Speedway Grille, 1725 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.



Dear Fellow Cruisers and Corvette Lovers:

We have come to the end of the thirty-second year of the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona; not a small feat for a small club. But as we begin 2025, you will see some changes that, perhaps, are long overdue. After 14 years, and about 160+ issues of “The Talepipe,” the club’s monthly Newsletter, I have decided it’s time to close the keyboard. Therefore, the issue you are now reading will be the final edition. I will still coordinate with our webmaster to ensure the website remains up and running with the Events Calendar, the Photo Gallery, Who’s Who in the Club, the quick look at Upcoming Events and all the other links presently available on our site.

You may have noticed that more and more information has been included on the Club Events Calendar. This is my way of transitioning from the fluff pieces you were subjected to each month to the nitty-gritty of what’s coming up. All the information you need to know will be found within the calendar squares; the event itself, where to meet, and when. But remember, the meetings are your best source of information. Attend the meetings to get the whole scoop.

It’s been fun writing the Newsletter all these years, but as the saying goes, “All good things must end.” If any changes to the calendar are made after publication, an email notice will be sent. I will continue to be the Membership Chair to welcome new Corvette lovers into the club. Many thanks to all those who read the Newsletter, those that put up with my not-so-subtle attempts at humor, and those who endured the 8-pagers in the early days. Now, on to the important stuff.....

Jean

COMING UP

ALL ABOARD



The SunRail commuter train recently opened a new terminal in Deland, and some club members thought it might be fun to ride the rails to Winter Park, one of the prettiest towns in Florida. The train leaves the station at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd. The return train leaves the station at 4:01 p.m. Cost is \$7.75 per couple or \$3.88 per person. John will purchase the tickets for those who reserved them at the meeting. Please be ready to repay John. If you were not at the meeting and wish to go with the group, you may purchase your tickets from the kiosk at the station. You will be on your own in Winter Park to stroll Park Avenue, choose from a wide variety of fine restaurants for lunch, perhaps take a boat tour to see where some of the rich and famous live (or lived at one time) or tour the Hosmer Morse (Tiffany) Museum. **We will leave from Target on ISB at 8:30 a.m.** It is not advisable to take your Corvette as it will be parked all day in the train station lot. Club shirts are not required.

HO HO HOLIDAY TIME



The annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, December 15th at the Cranes Roost Restaurant in Crane Lakes, Port Orange. Happy half-hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:00 p.m. By now you have made your entrée selection and sent your check to our Treasurer. So, the only thing left is to make sure you can find your way to the banquet site. From Kohl's Department Store on Taylor Road in Port Orange, drive

approximately 9/10 mile west to Crane Lakes Blvd. and take a right at the traffic light. At the entrance gate, you will say you are going to the restaurant with the Corvette group. The guard may or may not ask to see your driver's license. Proceed to the parking lot on your right. The dress attire is Business Casual, so put away those orange or blue shirts and let's have a party!!

CORVETTE CHRISTMAS AT NSC



Shine up those Vettes and start your engines for the 4th Annual Corvette Christmas Saturday, December 14th, at New Smyrna Chevrolet! Join in from 9am to 11am, hosted by New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet, located at 2375 State Road 44, New Smyrna Beach, FL. This car show will provide toys to needy families in our community. Registration opens at 8am and during the show there will be music, breakfast beverages and pastries, a vehicle holiday photo spot, and lots of prizes! Registration is free with a \$20+ unwrapped toy. Cash donations will be accepted as well. Club members wishing to attend are to go directly to the dealership. John will have some spots saved. Wear your blue shirt with the NSB Chevy patch.

DUES ARE DUE



Not only is December 31st New Year's Eve, it is also the magic date when your club dues are due for the upcoming year. 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. We have three couples on our

wait list. If you haven't already done so, please make your check out to CCGD for \$50.00 (for 2 people) and mail it to A J Marquardt, 413 Good Life Way, Daytona Beach, Fl 32124.

REVIEWS

DAY TRIPPIN'

A long drive on a beautiful day in a Corvette—how does it get any better than that? Eaton Beach Sandbar & Grill was the culmination of the drive, and it did not disappoint. Good food and service with a nice view of Lake Weir in the middle of our state capped off a great Dining on the Run for 24 members. Kudos to Bob and Debbie for recommending the Shrimp and Grits, and the warm bread pudding is a must if you ever return to Eaton Beach. Leading the way were Keith and Cindy, followed by Wayne and Diane, Dean and Rachel, John and Rose, Bill and Joan, Bill and Bonita, Mark and Susanna, Mike and Barbara (who got a little off the beaten path getting there), Bob and Linda C., Jean, Evelyn (guest), Bob and Debbie, and our newest members Eric and Cindy. Thanks to GPS, we all found our way back home.



WEEKEND TRIPPIN'

Twenty-eight members made the weekend trip to St. Simon's Island, Georgia for a fun-filled couple of days at the scenic spot on the east coast. Thirteen Corvettes led by a Cadillac was certainly an impressive site heading up the Interstate..AND we all managed to stay together even after the departure from I-95. However, the question of

whether a traffic light was “really red” came up a couple of times. The lodging was in a great location although the décor was a little unique considering the hotel was undergoing major renovations. What?? a fancy coffee machine that doesn't have coffee? ☹️. A slight mix-up by the hotel provided a real get-to-know-each other occasion for the Wolffs and the Sweeneys, who ended up sharing a suite. Many things were within walking distance of the hotel; the lighthouse, the pier, lots of shops and restaurants, the huge oak trees harboring the spirits of St. Simon's just to name a few. The restaurants attended by the group got a thumbs up, and the trolley ride was a highlight in discovering the rich history and beauty of the area. Making the trip were John and Sally, Julius and Brenda, Dean and Rachel, Jean, Evelyn, John and Rose, Arnie and AJ, Bill and Joan, Emery and Fran, Bill and Bonita, Randy and Peggy, Bob and Linda W., Bob and Linda C., Bob and Debbie, and Patrick and Aliah.



THIS & THAT

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Dutcher on 3rd
Mike Augun on the 8th
Tina Ericsson on the 21st
Arnie Ligi on the 27th
Keith Hardin on the 29th
Barbara Augun on the 31st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Keith and Cindy Hardin

BIG MONEY WINNER

Last month, I announced we had a tie for the largest amount of \$\$\$ won in a 50/50 drawing. Well, the tie was broken with Bill Rowe winning a grand total of \$76.00. Remember that the other half will go to a charity yet to be determined.

SOME CORVETTE NEWS:

- 1) John Pona won a 2nd place trophy at the Flagler County Corvette Club car show for his beautiful Hypersonic Gray coupe. Congratulations, John!!
- 2) John and Sally Doria finally have their very own keeper Corvette. They purchased a 2025 Hysteria Purple Metallic Convertible, a brand new color for 2025.



SPEEDY RECOVERY NEWS

To Kitty Bauer, Diane MacLeod, Khalid Akkari (spinal surgery), Keith Hardin, (getting a new knee on the 18th) and to all members we don't know about who are just under the weather or fighting a difficult health battle, we wish you a fast track to recovery.



DEAR SANTA:

I'll just take mine in the driveway, please.



May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the Season.

Merry Christmas to All.