

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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**President: Jim Quinn, Vice President: Art Armstrong, Secretary: Jean Doyle, Treasurer: Alice Luther, Directors: John Doria, Ed Doyle, David Huber
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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 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Harry and Carolyn Horchler are the newest members of the Corvette Cruisers. Harry and Carolyn make their home in Ormond Beach and drive a really sharp 2008 Jetstream Blue Coupe. Be sure to introduce yourself to the Horchlers if you haven't done so already.

ARE YOU IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT YET? You will be, if you join us for the Christmas tour of the Stetson Mansion in Deland on Sunday, December 2. We will meet in the parking lot of the Daytona Beach Target on the corner of Williamson and International Speedway Blvd. at 9:45 a.m. Enough members have prepaid in order to secure a reservation. However, if you wish to go and have not yet signed up, give Joan Crowder a call at 672-1867 so she can confirm the number, and bring \$20.00 per person in cash. We DO NOT wear our club shirts. The online reviews of this tour have been outstanding.

HO, HO, HO, IT'S TIME TO PARTY: Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at Mario's in

Ormond Beach. Last year, Mario's got rave reviews for their food, and since they were gracious enough NOT to raise the price for this year, it was an offer the club could not refuse. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make check payable to the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD) so that our Treasurer may pay Mario's directly. Mail your check to Alice Luther, 22 Weidner Pl. Palm Coast, FL 32164 by December 4th. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to share with those less fortunate. Items collected will be delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Come at 6:00 for cocktails (cash bar), with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Santa may even make a visit.

HALLOWEEN FUN: On the night of October 27th, the Corvette Cruisers had a chance to become their alter-egos at a fun Halloween party at the home of Joan and Skip Crowder. Let's see, there was our Halloween hostess (Joan), a sexy witch (Ginny), a couple of clowns (JoAnna and Steve T.), a pirate (Ray), a scarecrow (Sandra), a mad scientist (Jim), a pair of Q-tips (yes, you read it correctly – John D. and

Sally), a jailbird (John L.), a beautiful bird (Alice), Freddie Krueger (Herb), a whole biker gang (Jack, Yvonne, Harry, Carolyn, and Shirley), a race car team (Richard and Marsha), Ben Franklin (or was that Napoleon? – Bill Simmons), and a retired Florida couple who celebrated WAY TOO many birthdays (Ed and Jean). Television played a major role in costumes this year as we were visited by Flo, the Progressive Insurance maven (Anita), a pizza delivery guy (Steve S.), the Frito Bandito Amigo (Skip), and the friendly neighbors who offer the bundling of services to the newcomers (Art and Leslie). Who says we don't watch the commercials?? Music was in the air, at least we THINK it was music, as the crowd got into a little Karaoke. Skip and Joan prepared their famous sloppy joes and slaw, and the additions brought by the "cast of characters" were superb and plentiful. (See Sandy Gatz's recipe for Buffalo Chicken Dip, a party favorite, at the end of this Newsletter.) Best costume awards were divided between Steve Terrell, Anita Slaton, and Jean Doyle; however, ALL costumes deserved an award. (Photos by Skip and John D.)

REVIEW OF HALIFAX PLANTATION: Our BOTR for November took us to the outer limits of Ormond Beach to the Halifax Plantation restaurant for their Sunday morning breakfast. After a delightful drive through the loop led by Lars Connelly and followed by Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, Mike Mills, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Ed and Jean Doyle, Ray and Sandy Gatz, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, and Richard Wetherby and Marsha Mims, we were surprised to find that the restaurant offered a breakfast buffet as well as a breakfast menu on Sunday. Everyone decided on the buffet after looking over the goodies including an awesome

omelet bar, and no one went away disappointed. This one is definitely a keeper. It was also nice to see Leanne looking stronger and feeling better as she recovers from her recent surgery. (Photos by Lars)

SILVER SPRINGS SHOW: On Saturday, November 10th, 10 Corvettes and 15 members met at 7:30 a.m. for the annual trek to Ocala for the Silver Springs Corvette show. Although this number didn't win the club participation award for 2012 (Jacksonville took it with 18 cars), we did manage to win four People's Choice Awards; Jack Keimber (again), Joanna Oswald (again), John Luther (again), and Steve and Anita Slaton, first time winners for their 2008 Machine Silver convertible. Enjoying the day were John Reis, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Chuck Konopsky, who brought along his little friend Ayden, Ed and Jean Doyle, Steve and Anita Slaton, Jim Quinn, Jack Keimber, Yvonne Mandley, Dave Huber, Maya Branden, John Luther, and Joanna Oswald. A live band, a silent auction, the glass-bottom boats, the jeep ride, and the giraffe, bears, and monkeys were available to entertain the Corvette enthusiasts, along with a whole field of beautiful 'Vettes of every description. Unfortunately, none of our crack photographers were present at this event, so apologies are in store for the few pictures that were taken.

AN INTERSTING STORY OUT OF SILVER SPRINGS...one strikingly beautiful Corvette with a great story was in attendance. What made this 2013, 60th anniversary 427 commemorative edition so special was that the owner WON it in a recent raffle held by the Corvette Museum. The white convertible with gray stripes and a navy blue top with

matching ghost stripes was even delivered to the winner's house. Talk about being the envy of everyone at the show!! The car is valued at around \$100,000 and this guy won it!!! So, how lucky are YOU feeling? The Museum has weekly raffles for Corvettes for as little as \$10.00 a ticket to as much as \$500.00 a ticket. Check them out at www.CorvetteMuseum.org . Somebody's gotta win – and now that we have put an actual face to the winner --- it might as well be YOU. What a nice Christmas Present THAT would make!!!

“SPIRIT OF DAYTONA” OPEN HOUSE:

Ten Corvettes and 15 members turned out for the open house at the new racing garage for the Rolex series Corvette “Spirit of Daytona.” The parking lot easily rivaled any car show as Corvettes from all over the area came to check out the new facility. Silent auction baskets for bid, sponsors such as Smokey Mountain Moonshine (complete with samples), SW Grill gift certificates, a tire changing exhibition, a tour of the haulers, a parade and judging of some special Corvettes, and a lunch provided by Friday's were among the things enjoyed by Art and Leslie Armstrong, John Luther, Steve and Anita Slaton, Richard Wetherby, Mike Mills, Jim Quinn, Ed and Jean Doyle, Ray and Sandy Gatz, John Reis, and Dave Huber and Maya Branden. Art Armstrong took the top prize for the C-2 division and John Luther received an “Honorable Mention” for his One-Owner '57. Congratulations to you both. (Photos by Richard and Leslie)

A GENTLE REMINDER: We are a Corvette Club and as such, part of our fun is to get together with the one thing we all have in common, and that is our Corvettes. We are

happy to have all members attend all functions, but if by chance you are not driving your Corvette for any reason, please take your place in line **after** the Corvettes. Since we are a Corvette Club, the 'Vettes take precedence.

VICTORY LAP(s) AT THE SPEEDWAY:

Thanks to Art Armstrong for organizing on short notice, the 60th anniversary celebration of the Corvette in conjunction with the Turkey Run. Even though this was not a club function, Art was instrumental in getting several club members to join forces with the Ponce Inlet Club and the Flagler Club, and collectively meet up on the track with Corvette clubs from Orlando for an exciting three laps around the Daytona International Speedway. (A couple members reported doing about 60 mph at some point.) After four days of nothing but clouds and cold weather, the sun finally made an appearance as a helicopter overhead took pictures, and several photographers on the ground captured the Corvettes as they crossed the start/finish line. All participants were provided with free tickets to the Turkey Run show for any or all days including a special parking section inside the track for Corvettes, and then treated to a lunch of hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Seventy-two Corvettes, including Art, Skip, Richard, Harry, Dave and Maya, Mike and his son-in-law, John R. and his friend Delanie, and Ed and Jean enjoyed this neat experience.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR: Dining on the Run (DOTR) for January will be on Sunday, January 6, to Columbia's in St. Augustine. Time and meeting place will be provided in next month's Newsletter.

AND THE WINNER IS.....John Doria had the lucky number in the 50/50 drawing and walked away with a cool \$27.00. Wait a minute, Bill won last month without Bonita, and John won this month without Sally. Are you guys starting a trend or something?

MILESTONES:

Birthday wishes: To Maya Branden on the 3rd, Carolyn Horchler on the 8th, Chuck Konopsky on the 10th, Skip Crowder on the 17th, Herb Gerstel on the 25th, and Bob Fritz on the 29th. Whew! March must be a busy month! Many, many more to all.

Anniversaries: Happy 15th to Art and Leslie Armstrong.

Condolences: To John Reis on the recent, sudden passing of his Mother. Our thoughts are with you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS:

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the season. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday. We have enjoyed bringing you the news of the Corvette Cruisers this past year and look forward to another year of recording Corvette memories. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very happy 2013. See ya next year.

Ed and Jean
Your Newsletter Editors

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY: At the Halloween party, one particularly yummy dip was brought by Sandy Gatz. It received rave reviews, and many requested the recipe. Sandy was nice enough to share it with us, so here it is:

BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

1 8-oz package cream cheese, softened
½ cup buttermilk ranch dressing
½ cup buffalo style hot sauce*
1/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
2 10-oz. cans of chicken breast

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place cream cheese in a deep baking dish and stir until smooth. Mix in buttermilk ranch dressing, hot sauce and cheese. Stir in chicken.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until the dip is completely heated throughout. Stir again and serve with crackers.

* Sandy used about ¼ cup rather than ½ cup of the hot sauce. Adjust it to your liking.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Submitted by Lars Connelly, the photo of this cake says it all.

And remember, if you have a picture you would like to see as the Photo of the Month, please send it to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com .

