

# 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.



After successfully completing their 3-event trial run, (and actually deciding to stay), our newest Corvette Cruisers are:


**Rick and Sheila Minor**, who live in Daytona Beach and drive a sharp 2007 Velocity Yellow coupe; **Wayne and Tina Cantrell**, who live in South Daytona and drive a very cool 1986 Silver Metallic coupe; and **Rick Demichina**, who lives in Daytona Beach and his very good friend **Gloria Renneker**, who splits her time between Melbourne and Daytona Beach, drive a gorgeous 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Red coupe. If you haven't already, please introduce yourself to these new members and make them KNOW they joined the right Corvette Club! A BIG Corvette welcome to all of you.

**CULTURE, ANYONE?** Did your New Year's Resolution include getting a little

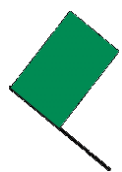
more culture and expanding your horizons? If so, we have just the thing. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the club will digress from its usual plan of a DOTR on the first Sunday, and take a trip to the Bok Tower and Sanctuary in Lake Wales, FL. President Calvin Coolidge dedicated this National Historic Landmark in 1929, as a gift to the American people from Edward Bok, a Dutch immigrant and humanitarian. Built on Iron Mountain, Florida's highest point, the gardens were designed by Frederick Olmstead Jr., who designed many Washington and New York gardens, including Central Park and the Biltmore Estate. So plan to spend a peaceful afternoon filled with colorful blooms and hear the majestic "Singing Tower" play a beautiful recital from the 60-bell carillon. Lake Wales is about a 2 1/2 hour drive, so let's meet on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Kohl's in Port Orange for a pleasant afternoon and a little bit of culture. Cost



is \$15 per person. There is a café on the grounds for snacks or a light lunch. Thanks to Bonita Richardson, our social activities chair, for her work in getting this trip planned and scheduled.

**FEBRUARY DOTR:** What better way to spend Valentine's Day than with the ones you love? Why, your Corvette family, of course,  and also Betty on A1A in Ormond Beach. Heaven knows, we all love her!! Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond Beach for a trip to Betty's for a Valentine lunch. (Okay guys; don't think this will get you off the hook for Valentine's Day!)

### ARE YOU READY FOR SOME RACIN'?



As the Daytona 500 is gearing up for its start, Jim and Ginny Quinn are also gearing up for their annual Daytona 500 race party.

If you don't have tickets to the race, why not do the next best thing. Join Jim and Ginny to watch the race, indulge on Jim's "famous" sloppy joes, make a little wager on the race outcome, and enjoy a good time. Come around noon, bring an appetizer or snack to share and BYOB (but only if you are over 21 😊). Please let Jim or Ginny know that you are coming.



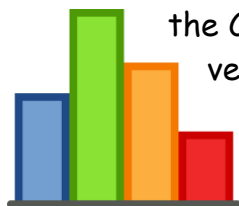
**DE JA VU?** (Have we been here before?) If you enjoyed the brunch at The Grille at Riverview for the first DOTR of the year, you're gonna really like having dinner at this restaurant on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway in New Smyrna Beach. If you didn't enjoy it, then just stay home as the rest of us have a relaxing "Dinner Night Out" among friends and a little R & R after the hectic holidays. Let's meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sunshine Park Mall for the quick trip over the North Causeway, have a soothing drink, some excellent food, and a lot of good conversation. No orange shirts required.

### REVIEW - THE FIRST DOTR OF 2016:

Mother Nature didn't totally play nice for our first Dining on the Run of 2016. After many beautiful, warm sunny days leading up to it, the weather suddenly turned chilly and rainy, but, hey, that didn't stop Bill Geize, Mike Mills, Dan Niswander (later joined by Karen), Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill and Evelyn Neway, John Doria (later joined by Sally), Bob and Linda Wolff, John Reis, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, Ed and Jean Doyle, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Rick Demichina and Gloria Renneker, and Jim and Ginny Quinn who took their nice clean cars out for a chance to see everybody, wish each other a Happy New Year, and EAT (like we hadn't done that enough over the holidays). Thanks to some wonderful

heaters and plastic sheeting, we were still able to dine on the deck, although the view was a little obscured. With \$3 Mimosas and a make-your-own Bloody Mary Bar, what could possibly go wrong, except maybe Maya trying to get in the car with Dan Niswander thinking it was Dave. But wait, that was BEFORE the Mimosas and the Bloody Marys. Following the brunch, which included an abundance of food, the group ventured to the Swansons' home where we indulged in more Mimosas and some delicious delights from Cindy's kitchen. Everyone enjoyed visiting their lovely home in New Smyrna Beach, only steps away from the Atlantic. Especially enjoyable was seeing Gary's extensive collection of model cars and other memorabilia displayed in glass cases in one of their three garages ...a true place of honor for his C7. Thank you Gary and Cindy for your wonderful hospitality in inviting us to your home. Everybody truly enjoyed themselves. (Photos by John D.)

**CCGD STATISTICS REPORT:** Our annual status report shows again that the Corvette Cruisers are a very diverse mix. We are not called GREATER DAYTONA for nothing. As of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, we have 27 memberships, made up of 50 active members from the Greater Daytona area: 13 from Ormond Beach; 11



from Port Orange, 10 from Daytona Beach, 4 from New Smyrna Beach, 4 from South Daytona, 2 from Daytona Beach Shores, 2 from Edgewater, 2 from Palm Coast, 1 from Lake Mary, and 1 from Holly Hill. At this time, our club members own 32 Corvettes: 10 reds, 6 silvers, 6 blues, 4 yellows, 4 blacks, and 2 greens. That means no white, orange or gray. There are 3(C-2's); 3 (C-3's); 2 (C-4's); 7 (C-5's); 11 (C-6's); and, 6 (C-7's). The coupes lead the way with 18, followed by convertibles at 14. Automatic transmissions have taken a commanding lead with 20, with manual transmissions coming in at 12. Oh, and by the way, we have 3 Bill's, 2 Bob's, 2 Steve's, 3 John's, 2 Rick's and a Rich. No repetition yet in our female members' names. You can probably tell this writer just loves statistics!

**MEET THE BOARD:** Our new Board of directors is made up of several returning members and some new members. Members serving repeated terms are John Doria, Art Armstrong, Richard Wetherby, Bob Fritz and Dave Huber. New members are Mickey Fritz and Bill Geize. These are the ones that make the final decisions for our club and they welcome suggestions from the members. Did you try out a new restaurant recently that you think the club might enjoy? Have you visited a place of interest that may be a good outing for the club? Let your

suggestions be known to any Board Member. The Board is always looking for new and fresh ideas.

### SHIRT PROTOCOL:



Since we have several new members (and some old ones who forget), questions always arise as to when to wear our club shirts. The

*official* club shirt is the tangerine (now called cantaloupe) collared shirt embroidered with the club logo, and perhaps your name, if you so choose. The club shirt is to be worn to official club events, with the exception of the monthly meeting. Of course, you are always welcome to wear your club shirt to the meeting, but it is not required. Some events such as a race party, cook-out, Halloween party, the Christmas Banquet, our annual picnic or some special outings do not require the club shirt. At events where we represent the club in public, we generally wear the *official* shirts. *Official* shirts are purchased only from our *official* shirt provider through John Doria, our *official* shirt master. All members may want to take a personal inventory to ensure that your shirts are not so faded that the color is a bit questionable. These shirts are a bargain at \$28. Remember that other shirts and other colors can be ordered with the Corvette Cruisers logo, but **ONLY** from the *official* order form, found on our *official* website under

Members Only. (And that's *official*. my friends!!)

### NEW MEMBER ID AND PASSWORD:

Every year, a new ID and Password is devised for entry into the Members Only section on our website. Here you will find the By-Laws of the club, a printable membership list, a membership roster, biographical sketches of our members, and the club shirt order form. This ID and password will be sent to you via email the first week in February. Watch for it!



## This & That

Those born under the sign of Aquarius are very sociable and quick to make friends. They generally have a very eclectic collection of friends, but can be a little bit unorthodox and unconventional, although quite intelligent. Do these characteristics fit our Aquarians; Dan Niswander on the 8<sup>th</sup> and John Doria on the 13<sup>th</sup>? Happy Birthday to you both.

Happy Anniversary in February to the Dorias, the Slatons, the Swansons, and the Masottas. May you all have many more years of happiness together.

Another C-7 has joined the club. Herb and Shirley Gerstel have said "good-bye" to their 2010 Blade Silver Coupe and "hello" to a 2015 Black on Black Z51 Coupe with the Pacifica design package. Congratulations on your new arrival - a real beauty! (Yes, it has been included in the stats.)

Gary and Cindy Swanson have been out west enjoying some vacation time. It seems that the Ron Fellows Driving School in Nevada has been whispering in Gary's ear since he got his new C-7.

**FOR SALE:** 2009 Cyber Gray Corvette Z51 Coupe with 12,158 miles and 6-speed manual transmission with M.G.W. shifter. Asking \$32,500 OBO. Call Bill Smith at 386-453-1277 for more information.

The BIG money continues as Bill Neway won the tidy little sum of \$41 in the 50/50 drawing at the January meeting. OK, so it's not the *Powerball*, but your chances are much better here. Keep buying those tickets - you could be next.

## Corvette Chatter

Well, here is another bombshell dropped by Chevrolet regarding exterior colors for the Corvette. Chevy will be phasing out production of two additional 2016 colors - Laguna Blue and Shark Gray - by the end of the 2016 model year. According to GM, the last opportunity to order these two colors

will come in April. This is a bombshell because Chevrolet has already ended the production of two of Corvette's ten exterior colors, Inferno Orange and Night Race Blue, and so having 40% of the exterior colors off the table is unprecedented. With these two additional color build-outs in the works, it looks like Chevrolet will only be keeping six of ten colors for the 2017 model year.

**IF YOU OWN A C-6** (and the majority of our members do), **HERE ARE SOME TIPS AND TRICKS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR CAR.**



- 1) There's a button on the rear fascia to open the rear hatch.
- 2) There are 2 gas tanks.
- 3) You can only recall the max. G force on the HUD during the current engine on cycle. Once you shut the engine off, it's gone.
- 4) The car will remind you to shut off your turn signal after 15 sec.
- 5) Headlamps automatically turn on if using wipers.
- 6) You can just bump the turn signal (up or down) for it to signal for 3 ticks.
- 7) There's also a keyhole above the rear license plate to open the hatch if you don't have your fob nearby.
- 8) The DIC chime loudness can be turned down significantly by turning the "Auto Volume" to "OFF".
- 9) Better hook-up a battery tender if the car is going to sit longer than 3 weeks.
- 10) Most light switches that you push to turn a light ON/OFF are ON when the

- button is held in the depressed position, and OFF when the button is pushed again and released to the "out" position. But the reading lights on the rearview mirror that are controlled by the buttons on either side are OFF when they are in the "in" position, and ON when the button is pushed to the "out" position.
- 11) There's an orange light that shines down from the passenger visor clip that is just simply an area light to give a little low-level light ambiance to your driving experience at night. It was dropped in the 2008 model year in about February as a running change.
  - 12) If you hold the ignition rocker switch in the on (down) position for about 20 sec., the car goes into full "on" mode (same as "ign" with a key car) without the engine starting. This allows you to program the DIC and run all accessories without starting the engine.
  - 13) The handle to pull the hatch down was on the C6 through the middle of the 2007 model year.
  - 14) The button on the panel to the left of the steering wheel/column controls the level of the instrument lighting, but also turns the interior lights ON/OFF. If you inadvertently hit the button, it can turn on the interior lights. There's no in/out to the switch, so you just have to look to see if the lights are on or off, and push the button to get them in the mode you want.
  - 15) The A6 will not up-shift when either TC or AHS are active. You can't force it to up-shift using the paddles either (TC or AHS active). Using Comp Mode can remedy this.....to a point.
  - 16) There's a feature on wiper intermittent delay fastest speed: When one goes over 50 mph in this setting, the wiper automatically switches to constant on (normal speed). There is no rain sensor.
  - 17) Pressing and holding the Fan Speed button, the Windshield Defrost button, and the Rear Window Defogger button at the same time resets the outside temperature display.
  - 18) Mirror dimming is turned off when you are in reverse.
  - 19) If you reset the timer you have to wait 10 seconds before you move the display to another resettable value, otherwise that one will reset too.
  - 20) If you hit the recirculation button twice, it will reduce the warm air in the foot wells.
  - 21) If you touch the time of day in the top right corner of the navigation screen, the day of the week and date will be displayed.
  - 22) If you press down on the wiper stalk it will operate the wiper for one pass.
  - 23) The compass can be calibrated and proper zone selected by pressing either the far left button on the On-Star panel or the left map button until the option for either calibration or zone appear.
  - 24) If both FOBs are in the car at the same time, the FOB 1 settings rule.
  - 25) Get Ice warnings on DIC.
  - 26) Manual shift C6s have a steering wheel lock and automatics do not. - Only the manual 2005, and foreign spec cars, have the column lock - 2006 on do not.
  - 27) If you will be driving your Vette at speeds of 175 MPH or greater,**

**you should set the cold tire inflation to the maximum shown on the tire sidewall of 38 PSI.** (One we all need to know, right?)

- 28) The window switches are not connected to the window motor. They send a request to the computer and the computer lowers the windows.
- 29) Manual door release is on the floor by door sills.
- 30) Hook built into gas door lid for hanging the gas cap via the retaining cord.
- 31) When backing up, both the speedometer and the HUD will show your speed.
- 32) If you want to splash or lube engine after oil change, press gas pedal to floor (which shuts down injectors) and hit start button. Engine will crank but not start.
- 33) If you want to check the mileage with the car off, reach in the window and turn the head lights on -- mileage will show.
- 34) The under hood lamp and locking center console were dropped for '07.
- 35) The floor pans are made of balsa wood. Z06 and ZR1's have carbon fiber covering the balsa, Coupes and Convertibles have fiberglass covering.
- 36) The '09 Z51 doesn't have front grease fittings as per the manual.

**Next month, we will take a look at the C-5, with some tips and tricks for you C-5 owners.**

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** With the Rolex 24 fresh in our minds, it seemed only fitting to feature the Corvette Racing team as our Photo for

February. They ran through a three-day testing program as part of the Roar before the 24 - the final opportunity for track time ahead of the 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona. The two Chevrolet Corvette C7.Rs (shown) completed a total of 449 laps between them on a weekend focused on development and preparation for the start of the 2016 season. We'll know soon if this preparation paid off. Good luck, Corvette!



**February is full of holidays and special days. Hope yours are all good ones.**

