

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 Boulevard and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Coming Up

RISE AND SHINE for an early breakfast at the A.M. Café in New Smyrna Beach on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 2nd**. We are going to step back into the '50's at this little place located at 1966 State Road 44. Let's leave from the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona at 8:15 a.m., so be sure to get to bed early on Saturday night. Everybody needs a good breakfast to start the day and according to Yelp, this is one of the best places for breakfast in town.

.....but wait, we are not finished eating yet.

LET'S DO DINNER: For our semi-annual Dinner Night Out, we will be dining at the Garlic in New Smyrna Beach. If you have never been there, you are in for a treat. Hopefully it will be warm enough to dine in their charming



outside area, but the inside is also a unique experience. To get there for their early bird menu, we must be seated and have ordered by 5:00. Therefore, we will leave from Kohl's at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 25th**. Bring your appetite for a nice glass of wine and their customary signature roasted garlic. Club shirts are not required.

DAY OF THE DUELS CAR SHOW:

On Thursday, **February 13**, a car show to help prevent homelessness in Volusia County will be held at the Drive-In Christian Church on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores. Entry fee if you pre-register by 1/31 is \$15 at www.driveinchurch.net or \$20 at gate. We will leave from the Daytona Beach Shores Publix on A1A in the Shores at 8:30 a.m. Club shirts are to be worn.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SPRING TURKEY RUN on March 27-29. Fifteen parking spots have been purchased by John

in our favorite infield location, right next to the food booths. Go to www.turkeyrun.com to purchase your tickets (only \$30 for all 3 days), and buy your infield spot from John for about \$5.00. More info will be in the March Newsletter.

CLUB CALENDAR: Be sure to check out the Club Calendar (accessible from the Home Page under the Upcoming Events) to see what's on the horizon with the club.



Remember that events get added as we discuss them in our monthly meetings, and all listings are subject to change.

ROAD TRIP AHEAD: Be thinking of a location in Florida for a three-day, two-night get-away for the club. Florida is the tourist capital of the world, so surely, we can come up with some ideas for a week-end trip. Give your ideas to a Board Member. Some suggestions given were Amelia Island, Tarpon Springs, St. Pete, Cedar Key, Apalachicola.

A Must Read

Last month, John received an email from Ms. Kathleen Tarnow, a Port Orange resident, who wanted to surprise her husband Jerry with a ride in a Corvette for his 80th birthday. Apparently, Jerry had always loved the car, admiring and commenting on every one they

Passed on the road. Knowing they would never own a Corvette themselves, she wondered if perhaps someone from our club might come by to surprise Jerry and give him a ride. Needless to say, John Doria in his 1971 and Ed Doyle in his 2019 answered the call and gave Jerry his first Corvette ride.



They drove through some backroads of New Smyrna Beach that had been familiar to Jerry. He was amazed at the changes that had occurred in the area since he had last been there. He was also pretty amazed at the changes between the 'Vettes in 48 years. Jerry rode first with John in the 1971, while Kathleen rode with Ed in the 2019. Then they switched, giving both of them a taste of the old and the new. Choosing to remain impartial, when asked which one he preferred, Jerry remained silent. But suffice it to say, Kathleen surprised Jerry with a birthday present he is not likely to forget. Happy Birthday, Jerry. Let's do it again when you turn 81!!

Reviews

DOTR: The club picked the coldest day of the year to go to the Beach ... Beaches

This & That

Restaurant, that is. The day was sunny but crisp as eleven Corvettes headed up the coast to St. Augustine for the first Dining on the Run for 2020. Two groups managed to stay together even with all the traffic lights and tourists in the area. The second group took a little unexpected detour in St. Augustine, but thanks to the leadership of Liz and Edie, we were able to find our way. Leading the pack were Gary and Cindy, followed by Bill and Bonita, Bill Geize, George and Penny, Bob and Linda, John and Rose in the first group. Then came Edie and Liz, followed by Rick and Sheila, Art and Leslie, Lars Connelly, and Ed and Jean. The food was good, the room was warm, and it was so nice to see everyone again after the holidays.

ROLEX 24: I would have loved to have provided a review on how the mid-engine C8 performed at the Rolex, but the publication deadline made that impossible. Hopefully, they did great, as we Corvette lovers have high expectations for the C8.

CARS AND COFFEE car show at the Wawa in New Smyrna Beach on Saturday, January 18th looked like it might have been club event. Enjoying the nice weather and breakfast at C's Waffles were Liz and Edie, Bill and Bonita, with grandson Riley, Bill G., Gary and Cindy, Vin and Tracy, and Ed and Jean. This show has really grown since its inception a few years back. And 75° temperature + full sun in January was a great incentive as well.

SHIRT PRICES ARE GOING UP: The cost of our Club shirts has risen from \$28 to \$30 beginning the first of the year. Hats will remain at \$10 each. Anyone who wants a shirt, please give your order and money to John Doria. Those old-style tangerine shirts that were grandfathered in are starting to look a little ragged, mine included.

NEW ID AND PASSWORD: A new ID and Password to access our Members' Only section will be sent to you via email after the 1st of the month. Please watch for it and lock it in your memory.

WEBSITE DOWN: Just in case you can't sleep on Feb. 8th and feel like looking at the website, you will be out of luck. The website will be down for maintenance from 10:00 p.m. on the 8th until 2:00 a.m. on Feb 9th.



BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating Birthdays this month are our two Johns: John Doria on the 13th and John Pona on the 20th. Happy Birthday to you both!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to four couples celebrating in February:



Steve and Anita Slaton
John and Sally Doria
Will Masotta and Donna Bly
Gary and Cindy Swanson

BIG SPENDERS: We had some big spenders at the January meeting. Mary Mullennix walked away with \$45.50 from the drawing. A nice way to start the New Year! Also, on this topic, we received a very nice thank you note from Meals on Wheels for our donation from the 50/50, and also from Gloria Max, the director of the Jerry Doliner Food Bank for our food donation from the Christmas Party.

GOOD-BYE OLD FRIENDS:
The following members have relinquished their membership for 2020-2021:

Tom Bonnet and Sandie VonKetzellen
Dave Huber and Maya Branden
David Wiegler and Danon Miller
Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz



The club will miss you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER – while other clubs may have a slick version, complete with graphics and photos and fonts that look like the pages of a magazine, ours is homey and newsy by design. Our Newsletter reflects the fact that we are a small club and can keep the news relevant to our members.

We will leave the slick designs to the larger clubs, who can well afford to hire a professional, or are lucky enough to have a club member who could take on the task. Remember, your Newsletter editor works cheap.

Club Stats

Our annual status report is always a very interesting mix. As of January 1, 2020, we have 24 memberships made up of 44 active members. Here's a little insight as to why we are known as the Corvette Cruisers from GREATER Daytona. We presently have 20 members who reside in Ormond Beach, 10 in Port Orange, 4 in Daytona Beach, 4 in Daytona Beach Shores, and 4 in New Smyrna Beach.

At this time (and subject to change at a moment's notice), our club members own 28 Corvettes; 13 red, 5 yellow, 3 white, 2 black, 2 blue, 1 orange, 1 silver, and 1 green. There are 15 coupes and 13 convertibles. The generational spread is as follows: 1 (C1), 4 (C2), 2 (C3), 1 (C4), 5 (C5), 6 (C6), and 9 (C7), 10 of which have manual transmissions and 18 are automatic.

Don't you just love statistics? Can you tell I do?

Here's some more - In our club we have 2 Arthurs, 2 Johns, 3 Bills and a Will, and 2 Ricks and a Richard. None of our ladies have duplicate names. 😊

Corvette Talk

By Jean

Following the sale of the 2020 Corvette VIN #001 at Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale auction with \$3 million going to charity, Chevrolet's PR department issued a press release about the event, but there is one line that should have all C8 Corvette buyers very excited! On the very last line of the press release is this sentence:

Corvette coupe production will begin at GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant in Kentucky in early February, with customer deliveries slated to begin before the end of February.

That is good news indeed and it's obvious they are talking about multiple customer deliveries and not just the Rick Hendrick VIN 001 Corvette Stingray. There are 29 days in February and Corvette production is expected to start on February 3rd. With 20 workdays during the month (Monday-Friday), we estimate that after 2-3 days of production time and processing, and maybe another couple of days for travel, that still leaves about three weeks for any quality control hold before releasing the cars so they can be delivered by the end of the month. As the C7 Corvette generation was beginning its initial roll-out, the quality control hold on those first Corvettes took around five weeks with the cars being held at a location in Nashville. The fact that GM is publicly stating customer deliveries of the 2020 Corvettes will happen within weeks after production starts must mean that the launch team at the Corvette Assembly Plant is pleased with the quality of

builds they are seeing on the captured test fleet cars that are currently being built. Good news for John Doria for sure.

AREA CAR SHOWS: Plan your Saturdays around a car show

- ** First Saturday of every month: One Daytona, directly across from the Daytona International Speedway, from 4 -7 p.m.
- ** Also, on the first Saturday of each month: Daytona Flea Market from 9 to noon.
- ** Second Saturday of every month: Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach from 4 – 7p.m. (Get there early!)
- ** Third Saturday of every month: Cars and Coffee Show at the Wawa in New Smyrna Beach at 1780 FL-44. Show hours are from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (10% off breakfast at C's Waffles).
- ** Last Saturday of every month: **NEW LOCATION** (No longer at Tanger Outlets) Cars and Coffee will now be held at Destin2Shine at Destination Daytona, Ormond Beach. Show hours are from 10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.

Happy
Valentine's
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