

# 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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 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.

## COMING UP

### **#1. Pizza Pizza:**

I know, I know this is the February Newsletter, but sometimes things are decided at the last minute. So get ready to celebrate the end of the month with another trip to our favorite pizza place on Tuesday, **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The Corvette Club is always ready for pizza and Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza at 3658 S. Nova Road in Port Orange is one of the best. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Club shirts are not required.

### **#2. Dining on the Run:**

How about a brunch to start off the busy month of February at a place to relax and take in the spectacular view of the **NSB inlet**? Outriggers in New Smyrna Beach is just the place and will be our host on Sunday, **February 5th**. We will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall on U.S. 1 in South Daytona at 9:15 a.m. Please wear your Orange Collared club shirt.

### **#3. World of Outlaws Sprint Race:**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>**. Although this is not a club event, several members are planning to go. See complete information later in this Newsletter.

### **#4. Corvette Appreciation Night: (Dinner Night Out)**

Circle and underline the date of Monday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. Jeremy Kiel of New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet is extending an invitation to our club members for dinner catered by Don Giovanni's Italian Restaurant in Port Orange. Several selections will be available plus salads, and decadent desserts. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:15 pm, followed by a wild and crazy game of Car Trivia (with prizes). Service people will be available to answer any questions (except during the trivia game, of course! LOL). Other guests may include those who have purchased a Corvette from NSB Chevy in the past year. We will meet at Khol's Department Store on Taylor Rd in Port Orange at 4:30 p.m. and leave shortly thereafter to arrive together. Orange club shirts or blue NS Chevy shirts are requested. People, you don't want to miss this

free dinner and a night of fun. Jeremy always aims to please!!

### #5. Valentines' Day:

Better not forget that special person on this special day – **February 14th**. (Perhaps another chance to eat out.)

### #6. Day of the Duels Car Show:

In conjunction with the start of the Daytona 500 festivities, the Drive-In Christian Church on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores puts on a very popular car show that has attracted upwards of 500 cars of all makes and models. This show, named the Day of the Duels is scheduled for Thursday, **February 16**.

**John & Rita Maffucci**

### Day of the Duels Motoring Festival ®

*"Preventing Homelessness in Volusia County"*



**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 10am-3pm**

Gates open @ 8am Awards@ 2:30pm Rain Day: Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Daytona Beach Drive In Christian Church**

**3140 S. Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118**

**Pre-Register Online by 2/1/2023**

\$20 [www.driveinchurch.net/carshow](http://www.driveinchurch.net/carshow)

\$25 Registration at the door

Proceeds benefit the ministries at Drive In Christian Church & Halifax Urban Ministries

### **Note the pre-registration date is Feb. 1.**

We will meet in the Publix parking lot just to the north of the church and leave from there at 8:00 a.m. This will ensure a parking area all together. Be sure to have that car shined up including the

exhaust tips and the wheels. We had two winners last year! Bring your chairs and any food or drink (non-alcoholic) you wish. Food and drink purchases will be available on-site. Orange Collared club shirts are to be worn.

### #7: Meeting:

Our meeting attendance has been through the roof, but there is still room for more. Even if you are not a seafood fan, or a Red Lobster fan, you can always opt for one of their delicious appetizers or a scrumptious dessert, or just have a drink. Come join us on the third Tuesday of each month!

## CLUB STATS

As of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona have 49 paid members, or a total of 26 memberships. There are 4 prospective memberships to fill the 4 openings and 1 on the waiting list at this time.

Eighteen call Daytona Beach home, 15 are from Ormond, 6 from New Smyrna Beach, 5 from Port Orange, 3 from Daytona Beach Shores, and 1 from Edgewater.

Presently, our members own 30 Corvettes:

- 2-C1s                    3-C2s,
- 2-C3s                    0-C4s,
- 1-C5                      3-C6s,
- 14-C7s,                and 5-C8s

Nineteen of those are coupes and eleven are convertibles. There are three Z06's, one ZR1, and five Grand Sports.

In the color distribution, red leads the pack with 14, then white with 7, yellow with 4, followed by 2 black, 1 silver, 1 gray, and 1 green.

Our members as well as our cars are constantly changing. Only 6 present-day members joined the club prior to 2015. Thanks to our new folks from Margaritaville, Daytona Beach has surpassed Ormond Beach in resident locations, and, as always, our Corvettes may change daily. Change is good.

## REVIEWS



### FIRST DOTR OF 2023:

Lots of chit chat occurred in the Bealls parking lot on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. There were lots of Happy New Year wishes, a close-up view of the Doria's new Z06 Arctic White Coupe, the first chance to see Liz and Edie's new ride, and the return of a previous member with his new 2023 Convertible. As the clock ticked away, 13 Corvettes, 1 Jeep, and 1 Miata made their way to Palm Coast (via the scenic route, aka a loooong route) where 29 members had lunch at Pine Lakes Golf Club. We practically had the room to ourselves, with two large tables and 2 smaller tables. It must be noted that the table with President Doria (chuckle, chuckle) was served first...and I might add, quite a bit ahead of the rest of us. I think the sheer number of us overwhelmed the kitchen a bit, but when the food did come, it was well received, and most enjoyed their menu selection. Making the run were Liz and Edie Byrne, John and Sally Doria, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, Arnie Ligi and AJ Marquard, Bill Neway, John and Rose Pona, Alan and Loudette Segal, Emery Simkulak and Fran Alderson, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Patrick and Aliah Wall, Bob and Linda Wolff, and Ed and Jean Doyle. A great start for the first DOTR of the year.

\*A footnote to this story is that Ed Doyle's food came out last. For those of you who were club members in 2016, you know the meaning of this. After 6 years of NOT being last, alas, the tradition reignites.

### CRUISERS GO CRUISING:

Too many memories were made to relate here but know that after spending 5 days and 4 nights



sporadically together, the seventeen members and two guests who sailed to the Bahamas still came back as friends. LOTS of food, LOTS of fun and some beautiful weather were ours to grab;

from the "Perfect Day at Coco Cay," and the great entertainment on the ship, some of which may have made us blush, to the plentiful food selections and our fun Indonesian servers. (OOO ♪ OOO ♪) Enjoying our time on board the Mariner of the Seas, staring at the aqua-marine waters of the Caribbean were John and Sally Doria, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Arnie Ligi, AJ Marquardt, Khalid Akkari, Emery Simkulak, Fran Alderson, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Ed and Jean Doyle, and Mike and Kathi Payne, friends of the Dorias who graciously filled in at the last minute in place of Edie and Liz Byrne. Collectively, the group had been on many cruises, but as time passed by, we discovered we had become more the spectator than the participant in the many events offered, although Bob Wolff showed he can hang with the best with his rock-climbing and paddleboarding skills. Good going, Bob. We'll just watch. It's always good to get away, but it's

equally good to come back home. Does anybody have the number for Weight Watchers?

## THIS & THAT

### **WORLD of OUTLAWS SPRINT CAR RACE:**

Interested in some down and dirty racing? Go see the winged outlaw sprint cars run at the Volusia Speedway Park in Barbourville with several other club members. Purchase your tickets at [www.dirtcarnationals.com](http://www.dirtcarnationals.com) for February 9, 10 and/or the 11th. The 3-night event cost is:

General Admission = \$100.00

Reserved Admission = \$119.00.

Premium Reserved is already Sold Out.

### **Tickets may also be purchased for a single night.**

The Grandstand opens at 5 pm, qualifying at 5:15, and racing begins at 7:00. Contact Keith Hardin at 719-429-5009 if interested in carpooling. **DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE!!**

### **GOODBYE OLD FRIENDS:**

The following members chose not to rejoin the club for various reasons.

Art and Leslie Armstrong - inactivity

Tom and Sandie Bonnett – inactivity

Barry and Beverly Luckenbach – moved out of the area

George and Penny Weissgerber – health reasons and selling the Corvette

We will miss you folks and wish you well in your future endeavors. If you should change your mind on down the road, please look us up.

### **HELLO OLD FRIEND:**

Welcome back to the club, Bill Neway. Bill relinquished his membership when he sold his 2013 Arctic White 427 Convertible, but now he is

the proud owner of a 2023 Torch Red Z51 Convertible. Interestingly, Bill owned a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Corvette, a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Corvette, and now a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Corvette. Welcome back, Bill, and congratulations on the new ride.

### **HELLO NEW FRIENDS:**

**WELCOME** to our newest members, Jim and Kitty Bauer, who have lived most everywhere. Most recently, however, they settled in Port Orange from California. Jim and Kitty drive a 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convertible, which, unfortunately is still in California. Plans are to get it here soon. Please introduce yourself to Jim and Kitty and welcome them to the Corvette Cruisers.

### **CORVETTE FOR SALE:**

As mentioned above, George and Penny are selling their Victory Red Convertible. Pass the word.

**FOR SALE:** 2007 C6 Vert w/ LS2, 6 Speed auto w/ paddle shifters, 95k easy enjoyable miles, (never raced). No mechanical mods but several aesthetic interior additions, (all original interior parts will be included). Maintained in good condition. Need to pay medical bills. Asking \$18,500. Call George at 301-538-8019

### **GOOD-BYE TO A C2:**

Last month I reported that Bud and Mary Mullennix sold their 2018 'Vette. Well, the news for this month is that Bud and Mary sold their '63 as well. All that's left at the Mullennix home (in Corvettes, that is) is that 1958 beauty. Sounds like somebody is making room for a C8. Hmmm.

### **ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST:**

Another Corvette change is happening with Patrick and Aliah Wall. Pat sold his 2018 Long

Beach Red coupe in anticipation of receiving his C8 in March or April. Bet you guys know what Carly Simon was singing about.

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY PLEASE:**

Jamie Hawes slipped, fell, and broke her wrist right before Christmas. A real nice Christmas present for sure. Just so happens, the broken wrist is on the hand with which she takes the Minutes. Our secretary needs a secretary! Heal up quickly.

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY HERE TOO:**

Liz Byrne has been hospitalized with some major health issues that began at our last DOTR, unbeknown to anyone attending. Liz seemed fine as we chatted throughout the meal, but as the meal was winding down, she started having strange sensations with her eyesight and a headache. A trip to the emergency room later that night confirmed some pretty serious issues. Please keep her and Edie in your thoughts and prayers.

### **ANOTHER GET WELL WISH:**

This time, the wish is for Alan Segal, who is recovering from surgery. Unfortunately for Alan, (and his wife Loudette) the surgery took place on the Friday before they were scheduled to sail away with the club to the Bahamas. So sorry you both had to cancel the trip, but health issues always come first. Get well soon.

### **NEW PASSWORD:**

Sometime during the first week in February, you will receive an email with the new ID and Password for the Members' Only section of the website. So please watch for it.

### **MORE SUNSHINE:**

Patty Fot is our new Sunshine Chair. If you know anyone in the club who is in the hospital, has lost a loved one, or hasn't been seen in a while, please let Patty know. She will send a card from the club letting them know they are in our thoughts.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Celebrating another trip around the sun are Del Fot on the 1<sup>st</sup>; John Doria on the 13<sup>th</sup>; Don Veatch on the 14<sup>th</sup>; and John Pona on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you many more to come.

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

Celebrating another milestone year are John and Sally Doria, Steve and Anita Slaton, and Gary and Cindy Swanson. Congratulations to all.

### **BIG MONEY WINNER:**

WOW!! The January meeting was a big payday for Linda Wolff who won the 50/50 drawing for \$52.50.

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

Mario's in December, Giuseppe's in January, Don Giovanni's in February.....is John turning us all into Italians?



## NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS:

Keith Hardin is heading up a committee to review the club's By Laws. He needs two volunteers from the general membership to help with this task. Please see Keith if interested in helping him out.

# 'VETTE NEWS

## NEWS OF A SHAKE-UP:

For the first time since the mid-1960s, the world's largest Corvette dealer isn't located in New Jersey. MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua, New Hampshire is now officially the top Corvette seller in the USA, besting Ciocca Corvette of Atlantic City which has held that title for the last past 27 years.

Sources say that MacMulkin really went after the crown by purchasing and trading for excess inventory from other dealers as opposed to simply selling the allocations provided by Chevrolet. That strategy allowed them to surpass Ciocca by just 45 Corvettes. Here's how the Top Ten list looks for 2022:

1. MacMulkin = 1,486
2. Ciocca = 1,441
3. Mike Furman/Criswell = 603
4. Bonmin (Dadeland) = 582
5. Les Stanford = 481
6. Stingray = 291
7. Bonmin (West Kendall) = 225
8. Rick Hendrick (Duluth) = 222
9. Coughlin = 207
10. George Matick = 179

What's interesting about the Top 10 for 2022 is that even with more Corvettes delivered in 2022,

seven of the 10 dealers sold fewer cars than they did in 2021.

## IT'S COMING:

By the time you read this Newsletter, the E-Ray will have made its debut on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Also, on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Corvette Z06 GT3.R will debut at Daytona International Speedway in conjunction with the Rolex 24, set to take place that same weekend.



The Corvette Z06 GT3.R is closely related to the street-going C8 Corvette Z06, with both machines sharing the same aluminum chassis and naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 engine, plus similar aerodynamic features as well. Of course, the racing machine is also extensively modified for competition use. Notably, the majority of Corvette's rivals already offer a customer GT3 race car for purchase, including Audi, BMW, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, and others.

Personally, I love the paint scheme. The #04 car has yet to be revealed. Perhaps it will be the opposite with yellow fading to gray.



**ALSO ANNOUNCING.....  
THE C-9 is COMING IN 2029**

**LOCAL CAR SHOWS:**

One Daytona – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month  
Port Orange City Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month  
WAWA in NSB – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month

# FUN CORNER

**SOME THINGS TO PONDER:**

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision.  
The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Getting another set of teeth would be much more useful at age 60 than at 6.

Only in math problems can you buy 60 cantaloupes, and no one asks what the hell is wrong with you.

When the pool reopens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.

When I get a headache, I take 2 aspirins and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed and we're having a meeting.

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.



**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S DAY**

