

# 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

### **LET'S DO BREAKFAST!**

Nothing like a good breakfast to get the juices flowing, and Mike's Galley in Daytona Beach Shores can provide a great one. This breakfast spot may be remembered for the HUGE cinnamon buns and pastries that set Mike's Galley apart from the rest. The club will leave from the Sunshine Park Plaza at 2400 S Ridgewood (Rt.1) in South Daytona at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 4. Though not a long drive, the great breakfast at Mike's will make the short trip worth it.

### **DAYTONA 500**

The biggest race in NASCAR is February 18<sup>th</sup> and it's right in our own back yard. Sadly, the car show that was held at the Drive-In Christian Church on A1A in conjunction with the Thursday Day of the Duels will not take place this year. Since the organizers have passed away, no one seems to want the job of planning and executing this event. Our club had many winners over the years, and we will truly miss it.

### **MONTHLY MEETING:**

Don't forget about our monthly meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> – always the third Tuesday of the month. In January, we had 28 members and 4 guests in attendance. Be sure to read the review of the meeting to find out who the guests were and a few changes that were made....some that worked and some that didn't.

### **VALENTINES DAY**

Gentlemen, don't forget this very important date coming up. It's the 14<sup>th</sup> in case you've forgotten. Take that favorite person out to dinner, at least!!!

## Reviews

### **BEACHES RESTAURANT IN ST. AUGUSTINE:**

January 7 turned out to be a beautiful day for our first DOTR of the new year. Eleven Corvettes showed up for the drive to St Augustine, as well as one Lincoln SUV. (Hope the Wolff's '64 roadster is back on the road again soon!) There were two beautiful Red Mist C8 convertibles that

were new to the club and the owners, Bud and Mary's 2022 and Bob and Debbie's 2023. We hope they enjoy many safe and happy miles in them! The drive up A1A went well with little traffic. The staff at Beaches at Vilano had a long table set up for us. The food and conversation were enjoyable, and our server, Tonda, was pleasant and efficient. Taking part in the day's adventure were Bob & Linda, Bud & Mary, Bill & Joan, John & Rose, Pat & Aliah, Keith & Cindy, Bob & Debbie, Arnie & AJ, Gary & Cindy, Bill & Bonita, Wayne MacLeod, and Julius Frittelli. Prospective member Bill Wear rode along with Julius.

Reported by Gary Swanson

### **PIZZA PIZZA!**

Wow, who says we don't like pizza? Thirty-three members and 3 guests were present at Giuseppe's to enjoy a variety of dishes topped off with good conversation and some ice-cold beer.



**WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE???**

### **MEETING REVIEW:**

If you were at the meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, you would have noticed a new table arrangement. The 4 or 5 tables of six have been replaced by one long table down the middle. The Board felt this arrangement will make it more conducive to

meeting others in the club. Please enter the restaurant through the right-hand door and fill in the table as you come. We tried paper nametags, but most of them ended up on the floor, so we will go back to the drawing board on this thought.

Two prospective members joined us for dinner and the meeting. Welcome to Mike Augun from Port Orange and Bill Wear from Daytona Beach. Hope to see you both again soon.

Also, as an additional treat, George Siprell, an Ambassador from the National Corvette Museum, spoke to the group about various things going on at the museum, the temporary cessation of the plant tours, the Museum in Motion tours offered by the museum (the reason he was in the area with this latest tour to the Rolex 24), the infamous sinkhole, and several other topics. George provided an interesting and informative talk and was open to questions. Suffice it to say, several had questions since he and his friend Valerie were the last to leave the restaurant.

Remember there is a direct link to the National Corvette Museum on the left index of our home page. Check it out to see what's happening. All you need to do is click and you are right there.

## **Club Stats**

Every February, a statistical accounting is made to give you an idea of who and what comprises our club. As of this date, February 1st, we have 26 memberships filled with 49 active members: 11 from Ormond Beach, 19 from Daytona Beach, (15 of which are from Margaritaville), 5 from Port Orange, 6 from New Smyrna Beach, 1 from Daytona Beach Shores, 2 from Edgewater, 3 from DeLand, and 2 from Flagler Beach. Our members presently own 29 Corvettes; 1 (C-1), 2 (C-2), 0 (C-3), 0 (C-4), 2 (C-5), 4 (C-6), 10 (C-7), and 10 (C-8). Fifteen are some shade of Red, (6 of which are Red Mist), 3 Blue, 2 Yellow, 4 White, 1 Green,

1 Silver, 1 Gray, and 1 Black. The coupes still outnumber the convertibles but only by 3: Coupes = 16, Convertibles = 13.

From locations as far north as Flagler Beach, south to Edgewater and west to DeLand, you can see why we are the Corvette Cruisers of GREATER DAYTONA.

## This & That

### GOOD-BYE OLD FRIENDS:

Those members deciding not to renew their memberships for 2024 (other than those mentioned last month) include John Bayliss and Susan MacCracken, Ken and Jamie Hawes, Bill Neway, Alan and Loudette Segal, and Steve and Anita Slaton. I left their pictures up in Who's Who in case you don't recognize their names and wish to see who they are. We wish them the best in the new year and for all years to come, and if there is a vacancy in the club, they are always welcome to rejoin.

### Happy Birthday

Del Fot on the 1<sup>st</sup>



John Doria on the 13<sup>th</sup>

Don Veatch on the 14<sup>th</sup>

John Pona and Kitty Bauer on the 20<sup>th</sup>

### Happy Anniversary

John and Sally Doria



Gary and Cindy Swanson

Randy and Peggy Sweeney

### Money and Luck

It takes a little bit of both to pull off what Keith Hardin did at the January meeting -- \$51.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Wow, a great New Year win.



Gary Swanson was the winner of the \$20 raffle ticket for a 2024 Red Mist

Convertible provided by our Museum Guest. Now if Keith's luck will rub off on Gary, we'll be adding our 7<sup>th</sup> Red Mist 'Vette to our corral.

### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY:

As mentioned in the DOTR Review above, both the Mullennixes and the Dutchers have added a new family member; a '22 Red Mist Convertible for Bud and Mary and a '23 Red Mist Convertible for Bob and Debbie. Congratulations to all!

### REMINDER:

Be sure to check out the club calendar (found on the Home Page under "Upcoming Events") to see dates for a Dinner Night Out and the Tom Gibbs car show in March, DOTR's through June, the Mini-Golf tournament and the BBQ in April. Mark your personal calendar to coincide with the club calendar.

## Corvette Clips

Chevrolet has recently released sales figures for the 2023 Corvette model year. The past year was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ever for Corvette production with 53,785 cars rolling off the line. It was only eclipsed by the 1979 model year that saw 53,807 cars produced, a difference of only 22! 46,865 cars were delivered here in the US, with 3,179 going to Canada, and 2,195 going to Europe. There were 575 right hand drive models produced for Japan and 492 of them going to Australia and New Zealand.

There were 47,372 Stingrays built vs. 6,413 Z06's. Of the Stingrays, 24,834 were coupes and 22,538 were convertibles. Z06 coupes numbered 3,109 and there were 3,304 convertibles. As for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary production, there were 1,569

Stingray coupes and 3010 convertibles. An additional 389 coupes and 633 convertibles were Z06 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary models.

Torch red was again the favorite color for 2023 with 7,895, Arctic white was in second with 7,216, and black was the third favorite with 6,403. The rarest of all colors for the year was caffeine with only 536 in this hue.

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# Fun Corner

**CHECK OUT THESE PRICES. LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME IN 63 YEARS.**



**This guy wasn't specific enough when he asked Santa for a new Corvette.**



*Happy Valentine's Day*

