

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.



What could be more appropriate than New Year wishes from Mickey Mouse himself? (Mickey in a Corvette, perhaps?) Here's hoping that 2016 will be your best year ever!! This is the time I usually suggest some resolutions for you to consider, but instead, I will just let you make them on your own this year. (**Hint:** Resolving to attend more club functions this year would be a good resolution.) Make your dues count - the club needs you and your ideas.

FIRST DOTR OF THE YEAR: If your resolution involves losing weight, wait until **after** our first Dining on the Run for

2016: a brunch at The Grille at Riverview in New Smyrna Beach. Hopefully, the weather will be nice enough to dine on the deck, but even if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, dining inside is just as inviting. Let's meet at the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona on Sunday, January 3rd, at 9:45 a.m. for the trip over the North Causeway to this delightful restaurant. (**Hint:** A great resolution would be to attend this first event for 2016.) After brunch, all are invited to the home of Gary and Cindy Swanson.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS....will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5th at John and Sally's home. As always, everyone is welcome to attend a board meeting - just be sure to let the host know.

DECK THE HALLS.....and the walls, and the tables....and that is just what the Halifax



Plantation did for our annual Christmas Party to help us celebrate yet another wonderful and active year for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. After a delicious meal of crab-stuffed shrimp, prime rib, or herb-crusted pork, the twenty-seven members attending were treated to some year-ending words from our president. John thanked the Board for their part in planning the events of the past year, which included 45 different activities, nine of which were car shows, and all of them involved food! He specifically thanked the "retiring" members of the Board: Jim Quinn for his exceptional guidance as director and former President, and Jean Doyle for her six years of serving as Secretary.

Jean then presented a recap of past winners of the 50/50 monthly drawings before announcing the winner of **\$300.00** derived from the sale of tickets at our monthly meeting. (We sure bought a lot of tickets in 2015!) Although all three choices were worthy causes, the one receiving the most votes from our members was the Veterans Assistance Coalition, a local charity that helps returning veterans get on their feet by helping with living arrangements and furnishings. And charity was definitely in the air as our generous members brought in many, many food and paper items to be distributed to the needy through the Family Renew Center.

With the Turkey Run still fresh in our memory, John gave a comical list of descriptions used by some selling cars in the car corral, and what these descriptions "really" mean.

Santa and his helpers were on hand to deliver a gift of appreciation from the club to our members, making the evening end on a very pleasant note. Be sure to check out the photos in the Gallery to see how good we all clean up. (Photos by Richard and JR.)

* I have been accused of scrapping photos of me if they aren't very good, since I decide what gets posted in the Gallery. Well, when you see my picture from the Christmas Party, you should never accuse me of that again!!



CARS AND BOATS: On a sunny, warm,



blue-sky
Saturday in
December, 22
Cruisers and 5
guests set out to

view the holiday-decorated Canal Street, and take part in the monthly cruise-in in New Smyrna Beach. With convertible tops down, the caravan of Corvettes weaved the way along Pioneer Trail eventually arriving at our destination around 1:45. Upon arrival, we were greeted by hundreds of cars already lining both sides of the street. Parking was at a premium, and although we weren't all together, we **did** manage to park fairly close to one another. Enjoying the beautiful day and the beautiful cars were

Bob and Mickey with Mickey's granddaughter, John and Sally and Sally's daughter, Richard and a friend, Vin and Tracy, Bill and Evelyn, Dan and Karen, John Reis, Bill and Bonita, Gary and Cindy along with some friends, and Herb and Shirley, Also in attendance were potential club members Rick and Sheila Minor and Wayne and Tina Cantrell. John D. had prearranged reservations at the "Cork and Bottle", a restaurant on the main drag, where most everyone enjoyed a leisurely dinner. Following dinner and a short walk to the Halifax River, we watched the NSB boat parade - a nice ending to a really nice day.



Information provided by John D.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER....would be pleased! He would be pleased to know that his summer home at the Casements is being so well maintained and preserved in his memory. It was very interesting to hear the history of its most prominent resident and his time spent at his Ormond Beach "cottage." Split into two groups led by two very knowledgeable guides, 20 members and 5 soon-to-be members toured the home, decorated in its holiday finery. Did you know that the Casement name was derived from all the casement windows in the house, which are windows that are hinged on the side?

Casement windows covered the sides of the house facing the east and west, and were opened to let the ocean breezes cool the house. The house holds a lot of history both in photographs and furnishings. Getting their history lesson for the day were John and Sally Doria, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill Geize, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Jim Quinn, Ed and Jean Doyle, Dave Huber, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Richard Wetherby, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and those who are checking off their third event with us, Rick and Sheila Minor, Rick Demichina and Gloria Renneker, and Wayne Cantrell. Following the tour, the group ate lunch (or breakfast) at Peach Valley, beachside (right Bob Wolff??). Lots of Christmas wishes were extended on this last get-together before the holidays.

(Photos by Mickey, John D. and Richard.)

STATS: January is generally the month I provide you with the statistics of our club; however, I am going to hold off spilling the numbers simply because the numbers may change in the next few weeks. We may be welcoming new members into the club and I want to be sure to include them in the latest stats. So to those of you who love the stats as much as I do, look for it in the February edition of our Newsletter. (**Hint:** Reading every article of every Newsletter would be a fantastic resolution and keep you in the know.)

WEBSITE TUTORIAL: Do you really know what is available on the Corvette Cruisers website? I can tell by talking to some of you that you are not too



familiar with it, so let's take a look. Beginning with our Home Page at www.corvettecruisersdaytona.com, you will find a quick reference to Upcoming Events in the upper right hand corner. The Newsletter will be your source to find out the details of these events. Under Upcoming Events is a yearly calendar. As events are scheduled, they are placed on the yearly calendar; club events in **orange**, non-club events in **black**, and each member's birthday in **blue**. Back to the Home Page and in the lower right hand corner, you will find a dark blue box entitled "Who's Who in the Corvette Cruisers." It is here that you can find the members' photos, their names and a picture of their Corvette, or in some cases Corvettes. This will help you put the names with the faces and the faces with the names. Everybody should know everybody with the help of this guide. Directly above the Who's Who is the Photo of the Month. This photo will be connected to a story at the end of the Newsletter. Most always, it is a story of some unique feature or interesting tale connected to the photo. If you click on the photo, you can enlarge it to see it more clearly. Over on the left side of the Home Page is the Directory. From here you can retrieve the Newsletter, see

event photos in the Photo Gallery, and get direct links to the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS), the National Corvette Museum, a guide to area car shows, and a link to the Corvette Museum Motorsports Complex, all with the click of your mouse. All pages and links are open and available to the public seeking information about our club, with the exception of the Members Only category. This section is a password-protected site in which the password changes yearly. In it you will find the club By-Laws, our club shirt order form, a printable members list (good to keep a copy in your car) and a membership roster, which both contain names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and car information. Also in this password-protected site is where you can find the biographical sketches of some of our members. Please take a look and familiarize yourself with our website, particularly, the Home Page, Newsletter, Photo Gallery, and Members Only. (**Hint:** This would make a worthwhile resolution for 2016.) Hopefully, you will be glad you did.

NEW PHOTO??? If you would like to update your photo in Who's Who, please let me know and send me the picture. There were some really-good shots taken at the Christmas Party. Perhaps you would like to replace the one that's

presently being used with your Christmas photo. Just let me know.

...**AND SPEAKING OF BIOS**....Where is yours? Only the members named below have turned in their bios. (**Hint**: Ahhh, here's a possible resolution for all you procrastinators out there.) Thank you to the following:

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| Branden, Maya | Doria, John |
| Doria, Sally | Doyle, Ed |
| Doyle, Jean | Geize, Bill |
| Giglio, Vin | Giglio, Tracy |
| Huber, Dave | Neway, Bill |
| Neway, Eveyn | Niswander, Dan |
| Niswander, Karen | Quinn, Jim |
| Quinn, Ginny | Reis, John |
| Simmons, Bill | Wetherby, Rich |
| Wolff, Linda | |

This & That

Interestingly, there are no January birthdays or anniversaries for our club members. Can't explain the birthdays but it was either too cold to get married in January or everybody was broke from the holidays.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing at the November meeting was Jean Doyle, who took home a cool \$40. November begins our new year with the proceeds from the 50/50 drawing going toward next year's charity choice. So keep buying those tickets. It's

pretty nice for the monthly members also....just ask Jean. (**Hint**: Another possible resolution would be to buy more tickets this year.)

Get Better Soon wishes go to Steve Slaton as he tackles some very painful back problems.

Like I said, I'm going to leave your resolutions up to you this year (**hint, hint**), but I wish you much luck in keeping them.

That big, bad 427 gets some big, bad stripes. Check out the new look on Bill_and Bonita's Vette. Growwlll!



Corvette Chatter

Jeff Gordon may be out of NASCAR, but he may not be out of racing. Jeff hinted he might like to race for Corvette Racing at some point in time, and according to his manager, Zak Brown, that dream is still very much alive. Brown, who represents Gordon claims Jeff is not ready to hang up his helmet just yet. "I think Jeff will take 12 or 24 months, and then when the right opportunity comes along, he'll take it," says Brown. Endurance races in sports cars are what Jeff has his eye on, and he has also shown a lot of interest in LeMans. In February, Gordon said he loved "seeing those Corvettes in the 24-hour race in Daytona. I think it's very cool

and I'd love to be a part of that." Gordon added, "Chevrolet has been a huge part of my Cup career." Well, we may miss him in NASCAR, but here's betting we'll see Jeff Gordon behind the wheel again in the not-so-far future.

Let That Little Light Shine: The light is shining - literally - on the Bowling Green, KY, facility where the Stingray and the Z06 are built. General Motors is breaking ground this month at the Corvette assembly plant, where the largest solar installation by an automaker in Kentucky will be constructed.

The 850-kilowatt array will generate enough clean energy annually to produce about 850 Corvettes - some 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year.

"Corvette customers are passionate about their vehicles because of their design, technology and precision performance," said Rob Threlkeld, GM global manager of renewal energy. "Offering them a product that is partially built using green energy will be another proof point that they're driving a true supercar."

Update on Museum's Legal Woes: The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park's noisy legal troubles could go on until fall of 2016, but use of the track can go on in the meantime. In a 10-page order, Warren Co. Circuit Judge John Grise denied a request for a temporary restraining order by nearby residents of the park asking for the park to be shut down because of the noise the vehicles create. Grise said instead he wants a more permanent solution to the noise problem to be reached in a jury trial that would be held in the fall of



2016. The judge said the residents can get money damages for the noise at trial and therefore aren't entitled to a temporary restraining order. The attorney representing the residents said his clients are in a "catch 22" situation because to show noise pollution at their homes, noise has to be there to measure and quantify. Meanwhile, the NCM is still trying to develop a permanent way to reduce the noise levels. "We want to do this the right way," said the attorney for the Museum. "We are in the process of considering all of our options. We know the neighbors have expressed frustration." Details about the trial will be forthcoming at an attorney conference set by Judge Grise. Also, in another legal matter, the NCM will be in another court over its appeal of the \$100-a-day fine set by the Warren County Code Enforcement Board because the park doesn't have a certificate of occupancy. Stay tuned for future updates.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Unless you have been living under a rock and don't believe in things like TV, Internet or magazines, then you've likely heard that Star Wars has returned to the big screen. In celebration on this much-anticipated event, Hot Wheels has created something special: A 526 hp Darth Vader Corvette. The car, which is based on a C6 Corvette, uses a tuned LS3 V-8 with a reworked exhaust system. The carbon-fiber body panels are particularly striking, clearly resembling the man in black. And the whole thing is fully drivable. Do a search of Jay Leno's Garage for the Darth Vader car to see it in action.