

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.



I guess not everybody gets what they want for Christmas, because it looks like I'm still doing the Newsletter. ☺ We don't mind writing it, if you just keep reading it. Ed and I wish you the happiest, healthiest 2017. May this be your best year ever!!

COMING UP IN JANUARY.....

LET'S START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT
...by eating, of course! Our first Dining on the Run (DOTR) will be to High Jacker's Restaurant in Palm Coast for lunch. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 8th. High Jackers is located at the Flagler County

Airport. They have a wide variety of salads and sandwiches at very reasonable prices. You can check out their menu at www.highjackers.com. Let's start the year off right with good participation at the first event of the new year.

CHANGE OF SCENERY: If you were at our last club meeting in November, you may remember that we are having our January meeting at The Mellow Mushroom in Port Orange. Same time, same date, just a different location. NOTE: This is just for January. We will be back at our usual TGIFridays in February. Mellow Mushroom is located just off I-95 at the Port Orange Exit. It's the first right heading East, then right again onto Journeys End Way. Hope to see everyone there for a little Italian fare and a change of scenery for our monthly meeting.

ECKLER'S REUNION: You must have preregistered for the Eckler's Reunion which, thanks to Hurricane Matthew, has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 21st. However, if you wish to go, you may want to call Eckler's to see if they have room, since a rescheduling might mean some empty spots. If you are going, we will leave that morning from the parking lot on the SW corner of US 1 and Dunlawton at 7:45 a.m. for the drive to Titusville. Corvettes will be there from all over Florida and beyond, so have yours looking spiffy, and don't forget the wheels. Tangerine club shirts are required. **NOTE, the new meeting place.**

LOST LAGOON CAR SHOW AND BRUNCH: I think most of us go for the brunch, which has been well received in the past, so the chance to show our cars is an added bonus. Let's leave from Sunshine Park Mall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 29th for this free gathering. Wear your tangerine collared club shirts.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER EVENT...

DECK THE HALLS.....and the banquet room, and the mantle, and the tables. And that's just what the Halifax Plantation Golf Club did in preparation for our annual Christmas Party on December 13th. Thirty-nine members and guests



decked themselves out as well, to end yet another successful and fun-filled year for the Corvette Cruisers.

Following a delicious dinner of either prime rib, crab-stuffed shrimp, or herb-roasted pork loin, our president, John Doria, welcomed everyone, with a special welcome back to Steve Slaton. He thanked the Board of Directors and the Newsletter Editors for their help in making 2016 the success it was. He also reviewed some of the many activities we enjoyed throughout the year and gave some hints as to what might be in store for 2017.

Then a rousing game of Corvette Cruisers Trivia began with groups led by Jim (The Mighty Quinn} Quinn, Bill (3C7) Geize, Art (of the Automobile) Armstrong, Richard (Richie Rich) Wetherby, and Bob and Mickey (The Dynamic Duo) Fritz. The 3C7 group answered the most questions correctly and claimed the honor of having the best knowledge about our club and its members.

Santa determined we had all been pretty good this year and left presents of two cool coffee mugs bearing the club logo.

The spirit of giving was truly evident with the huge mountain of nonperishable food items brought in by our members for those less fortunate. Thanks to Jamie Hawes for delivering the many boxes and bags full of goodies to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank in Ormond Beach.

A beautifully-decorated facility, an excellent meal, the chance to visit with

friends, and the spirit of giving - isn't that part of what Christmas is all about?
(Photos by Bill Simmons, Lars and Richard)

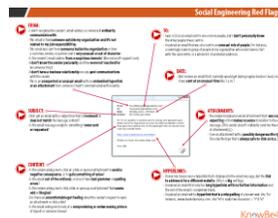
OTHER GOOD INFORMATION...

CALENDAR FOR 2017: The new calendar is available and can be accessed from the Home Page under "Upcoming Events." It is not advisable to make a copy of this calendar as it continues to evolve as events are added, deleted or changed. It is updated monthly when the Newsletter comes out. If you have an event you wish to add to the calendar, please give Jean a head's up.

STATS MONTH: Usually, this is the month we reveal the club statistics, which is collective information about our members and our Corvettes. However, since we changed the dates of the fiscal year to January through December, we may be gaining some new members, which of course will change the stats. We will wait until the membership is stable to present the statistics for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona.

CAUTION...BEWARE!! Lately we have been hearing a lot in the news about website hacking, various scams to obtain information, and viruses that inject themselves into our computers to play

havoc in our lives. A lot of this is done through unsuspecting emails that we are fooled into believing are legitimate. Our club webmaster, Mike Janiszewski, sent me a wonderful guide on how to tell when something questionable comes to you through email. Please take the time to open it, read it, and follow the suggestions to recognize suspicious activity in your email account.



THIS & THAT

Our only January birthday belongs to Gloria Renneker. Happy Birthday, Gloria!
The month belongs to you!

Get well wishes go to Mike Mills, who is on the mend from knee replacement surgery. We know you will be good as new and jumping out of planes again real soon.

Please keep the Doyles in your prayers as their daughter undergoes some serious surgeries at the end of December and the beginning of January. Also, Jean lost her oldest sister following a short illness in December. Neither is a good way to end the year.

MEMBER'S CORNER

As I mentioned last month, here's your chance to take over the pen (so to speak). If you have a story to tell, an anecdote to relate, or perhaps a funny (family-approved) joke, this is the place to do it. This month we have special contributor Gary Swanson with an exciting tale to tell:

An email several club members received from Bill Geize on Dec. 8th led to an interesting outing the next day. The email referred to a posting by "Corvette Bob" on the Corvette Forum, letting Corvette fans know that he would be at the Daytona Speedway that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The occasion was a track weekend where adventurous owners of sports/racing cars could come and have fun with their toys. Bob stated that it was free to come and watch, just let them know at the gate that you were part of Bob's pit crew and drive right to the NASCAR garage area. Look for his Laguna Blue C-7 Z06 and stop to say hello, and possibly get a ride.



I called Bill to see if he was going, and he said he probably would if the weather was ok... (which to him means 75 degrees or higher!) As it turned out, the sun was shining the next day, but the temps were only in the high 50's, so the weather didn't meet Bill's criteria. I was in the area anyway, so I figured why not? Just as Bob said, I entered the gate, signed a waiver and got a wristband, and drove to the blue garage, bay #20. I located Bob and introduced myself, and he was happy to show me his car and orient me as to what was going on.

Bob, who lives in the Spruce Creek Fly-in, is a 71-year-old retired airline pilot and has been tracking his cars for quite a while. He has another Corvette he has been using, I think a C-6, but since getting this new C-7 last May, it has quickly become his favorite. He has added a cold air induction system that he was using for the first time this weekend, which he thought seemed to make even more power. The car has 2500 miles on it, but he put about 1500 on before tracking it.



Bob is a certified instructor for these type of events, and had been out showing a couple of first timers at Daytona the ropes on the Rolex course they were using. He extended an invitation for a ride, which of course I accepted. I signed another waiver to go on the track, got helmeted up, and buckled myself into the car using the standard C-7 belts. Soon we were off, what a ride! The



course is part infield road track, and partly on the high banks. We were connected by radio, so Bob gave me a running commentary on the track and how he was approaching it, just as he would a student. I was keeping an eye on the speedometer, and we were well into the 170's (in 5th gear) as we went through the front stretch each time. It was a twenty-minute ride, plenty enough for me, as my stomach was getting queasy, but what a blast! One thing I found interesting was the heat from the exhaust had actually melted his plastic license plate frame, causing the bottom portion of it to sag.

The price to play here is not cheap. It is \$600 for one day, \$1,000 for two, or \$1,200 for the entire weekend. For that you get 4 thirty-minute sessions on the track each day. If you want garage space, there is an extra charge for that.

There were a wide variety of cars, lots of Corvettes, Mustangs, Porsches, and many other makes. The cars are divided into four groups, determined by the car and driver abilities. No racing is allowed, but you can pass, always on the right, and after getting the ok signal from the cars in front of you. I can tell you that NO ONE passed us when we were out there. What a great afternoon!

Submitted by Gary Swanson

CORVETTE CHATTER

CORVETTE SAYS GOODBYE TO STERLING BLUE



So long, Sterling Blue...We hardly knew ya! The silver/blue exterior color just introduced for the 2017 model year will end production early in March 2017. The last order date will be February 16, 2017 and the last build week is March 20, 2017. So if you're on the fence and this was your color, it's time to call your Chevy dealer! What isn't clear is whether a replacement color will be offered or if the space on the

color wheel will remain empty for the remainder of the 2017 production. Anything is possible with the new paint room at the Bowling Green plant scheduled to open in April of 2017. Corvette has had the blues over blues for a long time...looks like it is a continuing saga.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page):

The next best thing to owning a one-of-a-kind Corvette is owning one of a two-of-a-kind Corvette. That describes Roger Judski, owner of Rogers Corvettes, when he became the owner of what is arguably the rarest of all high-performance Corvettes, a documented 1969 ZL-1 Corvette. When this car was announced to the world in the fall of 1968 as an option on the '69 Corvette, it became an instant legend for numerous reasons. For example, it had an all-aluminum engine block, only two were produced, and it was the first time that an option (\$4,718) cost more than the base price (\$4,438). This rare car, among other collectibles, can be seen in the showroom of Rogers Corvettes in Maitland, FL.

