

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



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**President: John Doria; Vice President: Arthur Armstrong; Treasurer: Richard Wetherby;  
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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.



**Welcome 2018.  
Let's make it a banner year!!**

**THE PREZ SEZ.....**

Happy New Year Cruisers:

As we start the 2018 year, our club calendar will be filling up shortly. Those dates will include our monthly meetings, DOTR's, mini-golf, club Bar-B-Q, car show, and other activities. I hope that all of you will be able to participate and enjoy the company of our members at these fun-filled social gatherings. The

officers and the board are always receptive to your ideas for places to drive and visit. As you've heard several times, we are an eating club with a Corvette problem. The success of our club is driven by you, our wonderful members. Now that the hustle and bustle are behind us, I want to wish everyone a very healthy and joyous new year.

*John*

## Coming Up

**FIRST DOTR FOR 2018:** Mother Nature had something to say about our first attempt to dine at The Southern Table in Bunnell. (You might recall that it was scheduled the Sunday that Hurricane Irma hit our area). However, on

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, we plan to take another chance to get to this restaurant to see just how southern it is, barring any natural disasters. Let's leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson Rd. and Granada) at 11:00 a.m. for a leisurely lunch to unwind from the hectic holiday rush. After all, we do know that Southerners operate at a very slow pace.

### FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**MEETING:** On Tuesday, January 2, the first meeting with the new board will take place at 11:00 a.m. at The Ale House on ISB in Daytona Beach. Any member is invited to board meetings as long as you let John Doria know, so he can make appropriate reservations. If anyone has an agenda item, please let John or any board member know as well.

## Announcements

### A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW MEMBERS:

Although the exact number of membership positions we have open is not known at press time, it is evident that we will have some new faces joining us at meetings and other events in the next few months. Please go the extra mile to introduce yourself to any guests and make them feel welcome.

**A NEW YEAR MEANS NEW IDEAS...**and we want yours!! Do you have an event you want the club to participate in, a new restaurant

for the club to try out, a new car show for the club to attend? Let a board member know. Don't know who the board members are? They are listed right at the top of this Newsletter, in the yellow box. Remember, this is YOUR club. Let your voice be heard.

## Reviews

### WE LIT UP THE NIGHT, BUT WE ATE



**FIRST:** The Magic of Light Show at the Daytona International Speedway was a great threshold into the Christmas Holiday for some

of our members, but only after dining out, an event we always do best. John, Sally, Bill N., Evelyn, Ed, Jean, Rick D., Richard, Rick M., Sheila, Liz, Edie, Leslie, Art and John R. enjoyed a good meal with a fun waiter in the relaxing confines of the Malibu Beach Grill at the Pavilion in Port Orange. Following the meal, the majority of the members doubled up in cars to get the best bang for the buck to venture through the mile and a half maze of beautiful Christmas lights....truly something different to get the holiday mood started. Proceeds went to the Florida Hospital Foundation Pediatric Unit.

**CHRISTMAS BANQUET:** The end of 2017 was celebrated in style with 32 members and one guest in attendance at our final event of the year, the Christmas Banquet. As has been the case for the past four years, the



Halifax Plantation Golf Club was the perfect host to welcome us with beautiful decorations, delicious food, attentive servers, including John the bar attendant, and the wonderful ambiance that only Halifax can deliver. Feasting on Prime rib, stuffed shrimp, or herb-roasted pork loin and ending with a decadent slice of cheesecake, members signaled approval after a quick survey of each table.

Following dinner, John began his remarks by thanking outgoing board members Dave Huber and Bill Geize for their years of service. He also thanked the officers for their contributions to the well-being of the club. On behalf of the officers, Arthur thanked John for his past two years of service as president and recognized his dedication to the well-being of the club. Art also reviewed some of the activities the club participated in during the past year. This year the club celebrated 25 years of existence, so John provided some things to think about 25 years ago. How old were we, who lived in Florida then, who owned a Corvette in 1992, the price of a Corvette then, the price of gas, a postage stamp, a gallon of milk, and so on. Also in the past 25 years, the club has taken several adventures: two cruises to the Bahamas, a trip to the NASCAR Museum in Charlotte, the Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Bowling Green, Savannah, Cedar Key, Key West, Jekyll Island GA, Amelia Island, Sunrise-Sunset road trip, and lots of other activities closer to home. In conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> year, each member was presented with a commemorative pin to wear on your club shirts or hats.

Once again, as in years past, our very generous members provided a mountain of nonperishable food items that covered a large table and overflowed onto the floor. These items will be delivered to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank in Ormond Beach to be distributed to the

less-fortunate. Thank you, Jamie and Ken Hawes, for providing the delivery service, and thank you club members for your kind hearts.

The evening ended on a high note with bar bills being settled, lots of hugs, and everybody wishing everybody else a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Photos by Richard)

## This & That



Look what Gary Swanson found at the Turkey Run and brought home. Others attending but not lucking out in the same way were Pat and Sandy, Bill and Evelyn, Ed, John D., Ken H., Mike, Vin and Tracy, Liz, Edie, Richard, Bob Wolff, and Rick D. So sorry if I left anyone out. Since the event lasted four days, it's hard to know everyone who was there.

**Happy Birthday** to Barry Phillips, our only January birthday. Some of you may not have met Barry as shortly after he joined the club, he started battling an illness that kept him from coming to many events. We hope to see Barry a lot more in 2018. Starting the year off with a birthday is a good sign.

A little trivia about our 50/50 drawing: Over the past two years, our biggest money handout of \$52.00 was won by Bill Simmons. The most times winning was Bill Geize at three times for a whopping total of \$110.50. And those who

won at least twice are Shirley, Liz, Jamie, and Jean. Keep buying those tickets for your chance to win, (or at least help Bill G. make his car payment. ☐ )

Want a new (to you) Corvette to start off the new year? A friend of a friend of Bob Wolff has a 2011 triple black, Grand Sport convertible 4LT for sale. It's the original owner, garage-kept with only 14,000 miles. Contact Paul Szabo at 516-776-6844 if interested.

Bill and Bonita have extended their plans to stay in Colorado through the second week in January. Sure hope you don't get snowed in!

## From the Archives

The year was 2010. The event was the first DOTR of the new year. Although no photo exists that denotes the event, it is remembered quite well by Jean, who didn't even attend. The temperature was 21 degrees. A breakfast at the European Village was on the agenda. As we pondered whether to drag ourselves from a nice warm bed, we determinedly convinced ourselves that no one would go....no one in their right mind, that is. So we didn't go. Little did we know, for some strange reason, it was the largest attended DOTR in recent history. Nineteen Corvetters headed towards La Piazza café in Palm Coast, including Jim and Ginny, Dave and Maya, Chuck and Shirley, Bob and Mickey (guests from Tennessee) Bob and Sadie, Lars and Carole, Jack and Yvonne, and Art. Meeting us there were John and Alice and George and Carol. Since reservations were made

for 12, it was a bit crowded trying to fit 19 in, but the restaurant was very accommodating. After breakfast, Dave had the misfortune of locking his keys in his '87 with the engine running. He really just wanted to get the inside all warmed up, and by the time AAA arrived, it was probably REALLY warm!! Several tried their door keys but to no avail, and several stayed around to make sure Dave eventually got on the road. Remember this, Dave? The only possible explanation of why so many would venture out into 21-degree temperature on a Sunday morning was that cabin fever had struck and they couldn't wait to get out after the holidays, but who knew. The Doyles will never again assume anything else about our members.

## Corvette Chatter

### ENGINE BUILD

Assemble the 650-hp supercharged LT4 engine for your Z06® or the 750-hp LT5 engine for your ZR1 at the new Performance Build Center inside the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The Engine Build Experience is selected with order code PBC and is offered on all Z06 and ZR1 trim levels.

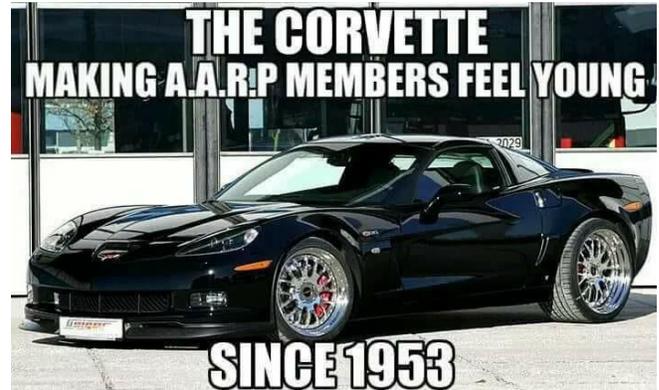
It includes:

- A full day with a Performance Build Center engine assembly technician who instructs and oversees the build
- A personalized engine plaque and poster identifying the customer who performed the engine build

- Professional photography of the experience
- Piston trophy commemorating the experience with customer name and date
- Build Your Own Engine Polo and Z06/ZR1 cap

# The Fun Corner

After the order is submitted, personnel from the National Corvette Museum will handle concierge services for the customer, following up on the scheduled build date and handling logistics on the day of the build. The customer is responsible for travel costs to Bowling Green and lodging.



On the day of the engine build, the customer arrives at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant front door at 5:45 AM CT.

- 5:45 AM – Greeted by Corvette Museum Host
- 5:45 AM – 6:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- 6:00 AM – Safety Presentation / Pre-Build Pictures
- 6:30 AM – Build Begins
- 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM – Lunch
- 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM – Complete Engine Build
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM – Cold Test Engine
- 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Completion Ceremony
- 3:00 PM – Departure

# Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Upon completion, the engine moves to the vehicle assembly area of the plant, where it will be installed with the scheduled assembly of the customer's Z06/ZR1.

You can also opt for Museum Delivery (order code R8C), which personalizes the buying experience with delivery at the National Corvette Museum. This option is available for Corvette Stingray, Grand Sport, Z06, and ZR1 customers.

**Engine Build Program Cost: \$5,000**  
Do we have any takers????

Hey Folks, they can still be found. You just have to know where to look. Matt Barczak had heard the rumors from his dad and others around the town. Someone had a 1957 Corvette stashed away in a barn in Glen Campbell, PA. He had heard the legend all his life and began tracking down the source. The owner and her son led him through brush just to find the barn. There it was, scattered all about.; motor on an engine stand, the frame with five original wheels, the 3-speed transmission laying on the ground, parts spread everywhere, some on a shelf, some tossed in the car, and some on the ground. But it was all there. After some resistance from the son, Barczak was finally able to make the deal. The restoration will probably take years to complete, but it's worth it to have secured a true legend.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

**THIS JUST IN:** It is with shock and a very heavy heart that I announce the death of our dear friend and member John C. Reis. No other information is available at this time, other than the fact that he passed away on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. John was one of the earliest members of our club and will be sorely missed.