

# 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.

## VACATION ISSUE #1

**A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:** Summer is here and if you go by the thermometer, it came very early this year. This means that as the tourists arrive along with the summer heat, a lot of our members escape to cooler places. Thus, the level of activity for our club slows down as well. In the next month or two, the Newsletter will be shorter than usual, but we hope you will continue to read it to keep up-to-date on the latest happenings. To those who will be traveling, please do so safely. We need you back with us soon. Have a great summer!

*Jean & Ed*

**DOTR TO ST. AUGUSTINE:** July is a good time to take a drive up the coast to Florida's first Grub-n-Pub known as Redfrog & McToad's in St. Augustine. The menu

includes Seafood, Signature Sandwiches, Irish Fare, Soups, Salads, BBQ Ribs, Pizza, Pasta, & More - anything for discriminating diners like us. This casual dining establishment has been highly recommended by two of our members. For those of you who wish to drive into town, a tour of the St. Sebastian Winery will follow lunch. **REMEMBER**, that since the first Sunday of July falls on a holiday week-end, we will meet at Beall's in Ormond on **July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** for the scenic cruise up A1A and a nice afternoon.

**LET'S PLAY SOME MORE:** Are you geared up and ready for a night out and a leisurely game of miniature golf? Some club members are getting together on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a round of golf, and maybe a trip for ice cream afterward. No competition this time, just a fun night out. Let's meet at

Pirates Cove, the course on A1A and Cardinal Drive in Ormond Beach.

**AND SPEAKING OF GOLF:** The miniature golf tournament is but a memory of a fun experience, but many have wondered how they fared in the main scheme of the scores. Remember, the competition was all in fun. So here it is ..... the ranking based on the total score of the four lowest games: Bill Simmons -- 175; Leslie Armstrong -- 176; Art Armstrong and Ed Doyle (tie) -- 179; Jim Quinn -- 180; Bob Wolff -- 182; John Doria -- 183; Ginny Quinn, Richard Wetherby, and Linda Wolff (3-way tie) -- 184; Bill Neway -- 185; Jean Doyle and Cindy Swanson (tie) -- 187; Bonita Richardson -- 190; Sally Doria -- 194; Bill Geize -- 195; Evelyn Neway -- 199; Anita Slaton and Gary Swanson (tie) -- 201; Steve Slaton -- 211. No data is available on how much weight was gained from all the ice cream we ate following the rounds.

**CARAVANNING TIPS:** Corvette Caravanning with more than ten cars can be tricky. Jim Quinn has put together some great information and directions for successful caravanning that the club will adopt. These "Rules of the Road" can be accessed from the Home Page listed under Upcoming Events. Everyone is asked to read them and take note before the next Corvette Caravan takes place.



**BOD MEETING RESULTS:**  
The Board of Directors met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Art and Leslie

Armstrong to decide upcoming events and activities for the remainder of 2015. The calendar for Dining on the Run (DOTR) looks like this:

July - Lunch at Redfrog &  
McToad's in St. Augustine  
Aug - Breakfast at Alfies in  
Ormond Beach  
Sept - Lunch at Shiloh's in  
Titusville  
Oct - Breakfast at Goodrich's  
in Oak Hill  
Nov - 3-hr. Lunch Cruise on the  
St. John's River aboard the  
Barbara Lee in Sanford.  
(see more below.)  
Dec - No DOTR. Christmas Party  
on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

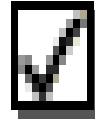
Also coming up will be a Progressive Dinner in lieu of a "Dinner Night Out" on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Flagler 'Vette Show on October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Halloween Party on October 24<sup>th</sup> and the Turkey Run Car Show in November. More information on these events will be provided closer to the dates of the events. Notice that the majority of the DOTR's are some distance from our home base. The point of these get-togethers is not only to get together, but to drive the cars we all have in common and love. (Oh yeah, and EAT, too.) The Caravanning Tips should certainly come in handy!!

**WAY DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE:** Thirteen is a lucky number in some circles, and with 13 Corvettes heading to Dixie Crossroads, it was indeed a lucky day. Herb, Shirley, Linda, Bob W., Gary, Cindy, Bill N., Evelyn, Bob F., Mickey, Jim, Ginny, Art (without Leslie, but driving Leslie's car - WOW), J.R., Vin, Tracy,

John D., Sally, Dan, Karen, Bill S., Bonita, Ed, and Jean made the trip to Titusville to enjoy some goooood eatin'. Several dined on the whole lobster and a few tried the rock shrimp, but everyone seemed to enjoy whatever they ordered. The service was really good as the wait staff was very attentive. With just enough room left for dessert, Sally surprised John D. (and THAT is hard to do) with a cake in honor of his recent retirement. The cake was delicious, so we were all happy that John had retired. (Be sure to check out his photo in the Gallery to see that a little bird is offering his congratulations as well.) Following lunch, the Corvette Caravan returned home by way of the scenic byway through the Merritt Island National Wildlife Sanctuary. (Photos by Jean)

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Bonita Richardson, our Social Activities Director, has some big plans for the upcoming year, beginning in November. In place of our usual DOTR, we will be cruising the St. John River and dining on the Barbara Lee, an authentic paddleboat. The price of this 3 -hour lunch cruise (12 noon - 3 p.m.) will depend on the number attending, so in the very near future, we will be asking for a deposit to get an accurate count. All reviews indicate this to be a wonderful trip with an excellent meal. Check it out for yourself at [www.stjohnsrivershipco.com](http://www.stjohnsrivershipco.com). Also, sometime during the holiday season, plans are to tour the Casements in Ormond Beach, always beautifully decorated for the holidays and sure to put everyone in a festive mood. In the spring, perhaps February or March, Bonita has suggested a trip to Bok Tower in Lake Wales. So, it looks like our social calendar is filling up with some exciting

events Bonita and her committee will be working on for us.



**ELECTIONS COMING UP:** Do we have a Hillary, a Jeb or a Marco in our group? Jim Quinn will be heading up an elections committee to see if we do. If you are interested in serving on the elections committee, please let Jim know.

**CAR SHOW REVIEW:** Even though it wasn't an "official" club event, the first annual car show/golf tournament put on by the Daytona Beach Golf Club deserves mention. On a hot, hot, hot and steamy Saturday afternoon, eight Corvettes belonging to Vin, Will, Art, Ed, Dave, Richard, Bill N., and Bob F. met at Sunshine Park Mall and drove the few blocks to the Golf Club. There, we were directed to park on the 18th green. As the thermometer neared the 98° mark, we were oh-so thankful to be beside the one large shade tree and a canopy. Entertainment was provided by a precision equestrian drill team composed of eight horses and their riders. Lunch of 2 pizza slices, a cold drink, and all the cold water one could drink was included in the price of the registration, along with numerous door prizes from caps to towels to car care products. Proceeds went to the Folds of Honor Foundation, a worthy charity that provides scholarships for spouses and children of those killed or disabled in service to our country. The Corvette Cruisers fared quite well in the awards department. The oldies proved to be the goodies as Will Masotta won 2 awards, Tropical Detroit Pick and a top GM award, for his '63 split window coupe; Vin Giglio, won the Superintendent's

Pick for his '74 coupe; and Art Armstrong, won a top GM award for his '67 convertible. (Winning two out of three top GM awards is pretty darn good.) This inaugural car/golf show raised more than \$6,000.00, an indication that next year will only be bigger and better. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

**BIOS WANTED:** The biographical sketches have been steadily coming in from our members. They will go on the website in the Members Only section beginning next month. It will be fun finding out what we did for a living, where we lived, who we cheer for, what we do for fun, etc. etc. etc. Get yours turned in soon.

## THIS & THAT

If you hear that a member is ill, had an operation, lost a loved one, etc., please let Leslie Armstrong or Jean Doyle know, so immediate wishes may be extended from the club. We want each one to know they are being remembered, but we can't do this if we don't know about it.

And that makes FOUR - four C-7's in our club with the new addition to the Swanson household. Gary and Cindy traded their black 2007 C-6 for a snazzy black on black 2015. Sweeeet!!

Our thoughts are with the Swansons as Gary's Mom struggles through some serious health issues in NY.

**BIG MONEY:** Bill Simmons is a little richer after winning the Powerball 50/50 drawing of \$24.00 at the June meeting.

Speaking of Bill---he and Bonita have hit the road, returning to Colorado for the summer. Have a safe trip and come back to Florida before the first snow falls.

Cindy Swanson will be rocking and rolling with Mick Jagger as both celebrate their birthdays on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to Jim and Ginny Quinn celebrating 46 years of wedded bliss.

OH NO!! At the June meeting, Vin and Tracy



Giglio's new Lexus, with only about 5,000 miles on it, was hit in the parking lot of T.G.I.

Fridays. Strangely enough, it was hit by another Lexus, the driver of which thought it was okay just to leave the scene. Although no cameras captured the dirty deed, patrons of the restaurant thought they might know who it is. Let's hope this hit and run will be solved!!

## CORVETTE CHATTER

It's not every day that the Bowling Green Assembly Plant receives an order to make a car for the company CEO. But that's just what happened, when Mary Barra, General Motors Chief Executive Officer, chose her new 2015 Corvette Z06 Convertible. Mary took the reins at GM in January 2014 just in time for the North American International

Auto Show, and coincidentally, the launch of the C7 Corvette Z06. The sports car obviously made an impression on her. Mary's new Corvette is both a 650-horsepower performance machine and a nice boulevard cruiser as well. That's because the Convertible is outfitted with both the Z07 Performance Package and the new 8-speed automatic transmission. The Black Z06 Convertible has a black top, black aluminum wheels and the only splash of color comes from the yellow Brembo brake calipers. Doesn't it speak volumes that of all the vehicles in the GM fleet, the C.E.O. would choose a Corvette?

**Recent Corvette Headlines:**

\*All Corvette models will see a \$400 price increase for 2016.

\*Corvette wins GTE Pro Class at LeMans.

\*Mobil 1 is the synthetic oil of choice for the last 600,000 Corvettes produced, beginning in 1994.

\*Corvette Z06s account for 40% of all new orders.

\*Only in Texas will you find a Z06 with a gun rack.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** There is no real story that goes with this Corvette other than its unique paint job. It is clearly a reminder of this time of year, a reminder of how lucky we are to live in this great country, and the independence we have gained through the struggles of those who came before us. In the words of Lee Greenwood, whose song has become a staple on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, "God Bless the USA." Have a happy and safe holiday!

