

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.

JUNE DINING ON THE RUN: From apple fritters last month to corn fritters this month, we are ready to head south to Titusville for a club favorite and a culinary delight at Dixie Crossroads. If you love seafood, you will LOVE Dixie Crossroads, with their warm, crunchy corn fritters, and their specialty of rock shrimp and red shrimp. Be sure to bring your appetite when we meet at the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona on **Sunday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m.**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The BOD will meet on Tuesday, **June 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Art and Leslie Armstrong. Anyone is welcome to attend, but if you are not a Board member, please, let Art or Leslie know you are coming. If you have any suggestions you wish the Board to consider, please let any board Member know so it can be placed on the agenda.

THE RESULTS ARE IN: The golf tournament is over and the winner has emerged. But before we crown the 2015 champ, let's take a walk down Memory Lane or would that be Memory Fairway, for a little round-up. Rounds 1 -3 were reviewed in last month's newsletter, but as a quick recap, Bill Simmons was the winner of Round 1 with a 40, Art Armstrong won Round 2 with a 41, and Bill Neway won Round 3 with a 46. Round 4 was played at Pirates Island in Daytona Beach Shores with twenty members taking to the greens. This time we had a repeat winner with Art again taking low score with a 40. Round 5 was scheduled for the more difficult course at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach. Bob Wolff walked away with the lowest score of the night with a 46. After a quick location change from the Hawaiian Falls course, which is in desperate need of a makeover, the last round of the competition was moved to Pirates Island in Daytona Beach Shores. The change proved lucky for Richard Wetherby, who had the winning score of 39 for Round 6.

**MINI
GOLF**

Mother Nature was very kind to the golfers this year - no rain, no intense heat, and no frigid, windy temperatures. It would be a good description to say the weather was perfect, although the golf games were not. But as we prepare to award the Club's Club to the 2015 winner (and announce some (dis)honorable mention of the losers), here are some memorable quotes overheard during play. Perhaps they will put a smile on your face. Perhaps YOU were the one who said one of them. "He kissed my ball right into the hole!" "Wait, my ball is gone!" "Hey, that's MY ball." "Hit me, please, please, please." "Oops, too hard!" "Oops, not hard enough." "Where is the hole?" "Ya gotta get it UP the hill!" "Oh no, I'm in the water." "This entire hole is a sand trap." "It's under that bush." "I knocked her in." "It's wedged between the fence and the curb." "HaHaHaHaHaHa." "Oh no, did you see that?" "What do I do now!?" "Well, Dang." "Darn." "#&%!!"

Will Leslie have to hand over that golden club after a five-year consecutive run, or will the Armstrong household retain it once again (Art DID have two wins this year)? And we all know that consistency pays off, and Leslie definitely is consistent. Okay, okay,--- the wait is over! The Winner (and non-winners) for 2015 are: **DRUM ROLL PLEASE:**

High Total:	Steve Slaton (216)
Runner-Up:	John Reis (204)
High Game:	Steve Slaton (60)
Runner-Up:	Anita Slaton (59)
Most Holes-In-One:	Art Armstrong (6)
Runners-Up:	Cindy Swanson (5) Steve Slaton (5)

Low Game:	Richard Wetherby (39)
Runners-Up:	Jean Doyle (40) Art Armstrong (40)



And for 2015, the BIG Winner with the Lowest Total Score and the new "Keeper of the Club" is BILL SIMMONS with a 175. (Leslie was only 1 stroke behind Bill with a 176). Congratulations

to all the winners and non-winners. If you would like to know how you measured up, contact Jim or Jean.

Twenty-three members played at least one game, and 21 played at least 4 games, enough to be in the competition. Although the finishing touch to every game was a trip to the DQ, Hershey's, or Ritter's, the games were always a lot of fun. Many thanks go to Jim Quinn for organizing the competition and maintaining the statistics, and thanks to all who participated. (Photos by John D. and Jean)



DON'T THROW THOSE

MAGAZINES AWAY: Did you know the club has a magazine swap? Bring the magazines you

have finished reading to any meeting. Someone may want to enjoy them like you did. This doesn't just mean car magazines like Vette or Car and Driver - this means ANY magazines---Southern Living, Glamour, Readers Digest, Cooking Light, Playboy, MAD (is that still around?)

PEACH VALLEY REVIEW: Harry, John D., Sally, Richard, Anita, Steve, Linda, Bob W.,

Bonita, Bill S., Vin, Tracy, Gary, Cindy, Bill N., Evelyn, Bill G., Leanne, Frank, Ginny, Jim, Ed and Jean enjoyed breakfast on the patio at the "new" Peach Valley in Ormond Beach. Thirteen Corvettes lined in a row really dressed up the parking lot. (Contrary to popular belief, Jean was NOT selling t-shirts out of the trunk of her car!) Unlike the Peach Valley on beachside, there was no crowd waiting to get in; we were seated immediately; and we did not have to jockey for elbow room. The service was great and the coffee just kept coming. The food was delicious, especially the fried potatoes that were certainly a hit at my table. Hmmm, Peach Valley on one side of the little strip mall on Granada, and Mango Sun, another favorite breakfast spot of the club, on the other end. One cannot go wrong with either, but our experience with Peach Valley on this date was definitely a good one, and we shall return. (Photos by John D. and Frank.)

HAVE YOU LOOKED? With six new memberships since January, you may not really know who is who in our club anymore. Remember that one reason we keep our



club membership capped is so we get to know one another better. On the Home Page in the lower right hand corner, you will find a box labeled "Who's Who in the Corvette Cruisers." Look at all those wonderful faces and those beautiful cars. Do you know everybody? This site should be of particular benefit to our new members as you get to learn who is partnered with whom, and which Corvette belongs to which member.

* If you don't like your picture or you want to update it, please send Jean a new photo and she will be happy to replace it. That goes for your car photo as well.

"VETTES AT THE LIGHT" REVIEW: Once again, the Corvette Cruisers were blessed with beautiful weather as sixteen members in ten Corvettes made their way to Ponce Inlet for the show at the Lighthouse. After some tricky parking maneuvers, John Doria, John Reis, Richard Wetherby, Will Masotta, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Ed and Jean Doyle managed to secure a shady area big enough to handle all our chairs. About 100 Corvettes of all shapes and sizes, years and colors, modified and stock, filled the parking area at the point beneath the Lighthouse. Joined later by Sally Doria, Bill Geise, Gary Swanson, and past members Skip and Joan Crowder, the Corvette Cruisers displayed an imposing presence. Bill Neway was the only one to win a door prize ... a blue C-7 hat, which doesn't exactly go well with his C-5 50th Anniversary model. (Bill generously presented John Reis the hat which matches his blue C-7 perfectly.) The club participation award went to Flagler County who had 13 cars in attendance - we had ten - so maybe next year we can bring home that distinction. Will Masotta won a People's Choice Award for his '63 red split window coupe, and Ed and Jean Doyle brought home a third place trophy in the judged C6 class for their 2010. Bill Simmons, Bonita and Jean were the winners -- paying winners, that is -- of some silent auction items for which they bid. Bill's basket



of goodies was so large it wouldn't fit in the trunk of his convertible. Bonita had to ride all the way home with it on her lap. All in all, the day was fun, the hosts were very visible, the weather was perfect, and it was so nice to see the Crowders again. Maybe seeing all those Vettes will put Skip in the mood to buy another one. (Photos by John D. and Richard)

A BIG THANK-YOU..... to Chuck Konopsky and Leslie Armstrong for all their help in ordering and delivering our "tangerine" club shirts since 2006, when "our colors" were first adopted. Because the manufacturer quit carrying the women's version in our color, we were forced to look elsewhere for a comparable color in a men's AND women's shirt for a reasonable price. John Doria will be handling the ordering of our club shirts from now on. The new manufacturer calls the color "cantaloupe" but they will forever remain "tangerine" in our hearts.



MID-YEAR STATS: This information is usually reserved for January, but with the new members our club has added since then, a little review might be in order. As of this date, all 30 memberships are filled, with 51 active members from the "Greater Daytona" area: 14 from Ormond Beach; 12 from Port Orange; 11 from Daytona Beach; 4 from New Smyrna Beach; 2 from South Daytona; 2 from Daytona Beach Shores; 2 from Palm Coast; 2 from Edgewater; 1 from Holly Hill, and 1 from Deltona. Presently, 33 Corvettes are among us: 10 Red, 7 Blue, 6 Silver, 4 Yellow; 3 Black, 2 Green and 1 Orange. There are 18 coupes and 15 convertibles; 17 are automatic and 16 are manual. The generational spread is as

follows: 0 (C-1); 3 (C-2); 6 (C-3); 2 (C-4); 6 (C-5); 13 (C-6); and, 3 (C-7). All this from your friendly statistician.

SHIRT ORDER: Due to the overwhelming popularity of the screen-printed t-shirts, another order will be placed. If



you want to order one (or more), please let Jean know - number, color and size. The cost is \$7.00 plus \$.50 (tax). The final order will be placed on June 8th.

THIS & THAT

June 21st is Father's Day. Remember that anyone can be a Father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad. Happy Dad's Day to all who fit the bill.

A Small World: Bob Wolff got a phone call from a NC number asking about the 2007 Atomic Orange Corvette he traded in for his 2014 at a dealer in Naples, FL. It seems that a couple from NC was visiting Naples and happened to see the car. If you believe in coincidences, this one will rank right up there because it turns out this couple had just moved to, where else, Ormond Beach, and, of course, that is where the Wolffs live! And they are also interested in joining a Corvette Club. Bob doesn't know if they were able to negotiate a price, but don't be surprised if we meet them at one of our functions. Can you say "Small World"?

Big Money: Shirley Gerstel got her dinner paid for, enough to cover Herb's, and some

change to spare when she won the 50/50 drawing of \$32.00.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Leanne Fedele who will celebrate on the 13th with Richard Thomas who played John-Boy on the Waltons; Vin Giglio will



celebrate with Donald Trump on the 14th, and Mike Mills with Venus Williams, the tennis great, on the 17th.

Happy Anniversary to all our June brides and grooms --- Lars and Carole Connelly, Frank and Leanne Fedele (51 years!!), Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Bob and Linda Wolff. Congratulations to all, and many more years together.

The Coach Has Left the Building:

Congratulations to John Doria on his retirement after 38 years of teaching and coaching high school kids in New Hampshire and Florida. The open road beckons you. John received accolades from his students when he was voted "Most Influential Teacher" at honors night this year. What a great honor!! Now, we just have to figure out HOW he influenced them. ☺

From the Cape Kennedy Website: Here are the photos of us taken at the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club show in April.



On a Sad Note: Just received word from Sandra Gatz that she lost her beloved pet of seven years, Rocko. All of us who are dog lovers know that when a pet leaves us, we lose a part of the family. This year has been exceptionally hard for Sandra beginning in January with the passing of Ray. We grieve with you, Sandy.

CORVETTE CHATTER

→The data is in...the final count from 2014 of Corvette sales by the top 50 dealers has been released. Chevrolet sold 37,281 in the first year of the C-7. The top 50 dealers only account for 1/3 of that amount - 10,348.

This shows that more likely than not, a Corvette buyer will choose a dealership close to them rather than going out of state. The #1 dealer in the U.S., selling 1,245 Corvettes in 2014 is Kerbeck Cadillac, Chevrolet, Buick, GMC in New Jersey. No. 2 is MacMulkin Chevrolet Cadillac in New Hampshire selling 919. Jon Hall Chevrolet Inc. came in at a respectable #15, selling 188 Corvettes. Just to give you an idea of the numbers involved, in 50th place is a dealer in Michigan who sold 79.

→The National Corvette Museum continues to make lemonade out of the lemons that literally fell beneath its feet last year.

Museum officials have released details about what they're calling "Thunderdome," a unique multimedia experience that will allow visitors to 'live through' the collapse of the Skydome floor that sent eight corvettes falling into the depths of the earth in February, 2014.

Thunderdome, designed by a Florida company, is actually just one part of an exhibit that will teach visitors about caves, sinkholes, karst landscapes, and the Corvettes damaged or destroyed by the sinkhole inside the museum. The exact opening date hasn't been set but Thunderdome may be ready to greet its first guests by this fall. Another reason to visit the Museum!

→General Motors announced that a new paint shop would be included in the \$439 million being invested at the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green. The 450,000 square-foot paint shop will be almost half the size of the entire current production facility. The investment builds on approximately \$135 million GM has invested in the plant over the last four years for the new Corvette Stingray and Performance Build Center. Construction, which will include substantial technology upgrades, is planned to begin this summer and take approximately two years to complete.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Mike Yager, owner of Mid-America Motorworks, has sold his collection of eleven rare and unique Corvettes at the Mecum Auto Auction at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds this past month. Among them is one you certainly don't see every day. This 23,889 mile Corvette limo graced the cover of the 2010 Corvette Funfest Commemorative Book. This Corvette seats six instead of the usual 2. Some of the unique features inside include power privacy divider, a Chevrolet bowtie mirror on the ceiling, a rear glass roof panel, tinted windows, and two TV's. It's powered by the standard 300hp LT1 mated to

an automatic transmission. It even has Corvette-etched glasses and ice trays. No word yet on what it sold for, but no doubt, it was probably more than any of us would be willing to pay.



" How fast do you figger you was going when you hit the speed bump? "

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER