

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 Edition #1

A NOTE TO OUR READERS: Although summer doesn't officially begin until later this month, the thermometer tells us that summer has arrived in Florida. When the tourists begin to flock here 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. For the next three months, the Newsletter will be shorter than usual, but hopefully, you will continue to read it to keep up-to-date with the latest happenings. To those who will be traveling, please do so safely. We need you back with us as soon as possible. Have a fantastic summer and enjoy your 'Vettes!

Jean and Ed



SEEN ANY GATORS LATELY? We may have a chance to catch sight of a few when we dine at Gator's Riverside

Grille in Sanford for our June Dining on the Run (DOTR). Sitting right on the banks of the St. John's River, this restaurant has an extensive menu that is sure to please everyone. Check out the menu at www.gatorsriversidegrille.com. We will meet at 10:45 a.m. at Kohl's in Port Orange on Sunday, June 5th for the scenic drive to Sanford.

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016: Attendance was down a little from previous years, but the nineteen members that did participate can attest to a great competition and a whole lot of fun, (and an extra pound or two from all the ice cream). **Round 3** found us on Course #1 of Hawaiian Falls, which had undergone some renovations since last year, when "playing in the rough" meant exactly that. The winner of this round



was Bob Wolff with a 41 and 2 holes-in-one. **Round 4** took place at the Congo River Course. We now understand why this course has "river" in its name, as many balls ended up in the "river" that runs throughout. Some ended up there through wayward putts; others were put there by one ball knocking another one in (right, Art?) The jasmine was in full bloom and those with allergies held their club in one hand and a tissue in the other. Winners for Round 4 involved a three-way tie between Leslie, Art and Jean, all of whom shot a 43, and strangely enough, played as a threesome. **Round 5** sent us back to Pirates Cove on the steamiest night thus far. No ocean breezes, very high humidity, just plain hot, hot, hot. Almost everybody agonized over their scores in this round, which were mostly in the 50 range. Surely, we can blame it on the weather! But the shining star of the night was Bonita with an outstanding score of 44, which came in 4



under par. Afterward, the gang invaded Hershey's Ice Cream store to perhaps soothe our frustrations or, in Bonita's case, to celebrate her victory, but mainly just to cool off with some icy treats. For **Round 6**, it was back to Hawaiian Falls to play Course #2. Our largest crowd thus far came out to celebrate the end of regular season play. Nineteen players took to the course which turned out to be a challenge for sure. Balls stuck in the walls, out of bounds, in the gravel, under the rocks, over the fence, you name it, it happened. The attendant mentioned at the end of the game, our group was the loudest laughers he's heard in a long time. Bob Wolff handily won this game with a low score of 38 and 4 holes-in-one. How did THAT happen?? This round also took the longest time to complete. Wonder why?? EVERYBODY was ready for sweet treats at Culver's where we literally invaded the dining room. What a fun night!! The tournament ended

with the **Round 2 Makeup Date** which took place at Pirates Island in Daytona Beach Shores. Some strange events happened on this course, one of which was a hole-in-one shot by John that knocked Sally's ball in for a hole-in-one also. Another is a ball that went over the barrier into the parking lot below. Thank heavens one of our Vettes wasn't the recipient. The total number of Holes-in-One for this round was 25, not bad with only eighteen playing. When the dust settled, and the final scorecards were turned in, it was John Doria and Bob Wolff who tied for the lowest score with a 40. Look out Culver's, here we come again!! Participating in the games this year, but not necessarily in the competition, were last year's champ Bill Simmons, Bonita, Art, Leslie, Bill Geise, Richard, Rick Demichina, Jim, Ginny, Bill Neway, Evelyn, Gary, Cindy, Bob Wolff, Linda, John Doria, Sally, Ed, and Jean. Thanks go to Jim Quinn for organizing the games and keeping our scores throughout the series.

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

And NOW, (drum roll, please), the winners (and losers) for Mini-Golf Tournament 2016:

Overall Winner - Low Total and winner of the Club's Club is Bob Wolff with a 167.

Overall Loser Non-winner - High Total was Evelyn Neway with a 208.

Most Holes-in-One - Bob Wolff with nine.

Low Game - Bob Wolf with a 38.

***Next year, we're coming after you, Bob!!!

MAYDAY DOTR: Eleven Corvettes made their way to the Halifax Plantation, a favorite among the Corvette Cruisers, for their Sunday morning breakfast buffet. To stir our appetites, Leslie and Art led us on a backroads trip through the scenic Loop. Following closely behind were Herb and Shirley, Gary and Cindy, Rick M. and Sheila, Bob F. and Mickey, Bob W. and Linda, Rick D. and

Gloria, Bill G., Richard and friend Pat, Bill S. and Bonita, and Ed and Jean. At the restaurant, we met up with Liz and Edie, for a total of twelve Corvettes filling up the parking lot, and twenty-three members in brightly-colored tangerine shirts filling up the dining room. Omelets, Belgian waffles, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, all kinds of breads and pastries were there for the taking. (After writing this description, I'm ready to go again!) Aside from the quirky method of adding the gratuity, everyone seemed pleased with their meal and vowed not to eat again the entire day (Yeah, right.) (Photos by Jean)

PRAYER: We all know that prayer is good for the soul, so here's a little prayer for all us Corvette Lovers; a little different version of the 23rd Psalm.

THE CORVETTE PRAYER

My Corvette is my Shepherd,

I shall go fast.

It maketh me burn out on black pavements.

It leadeth me down wide open highways.

It leads me on the path of gut-wrenching quickness.

Yea, though I drive through the valley of rice,

I shall fear no turbo

For the torque art with me,

Thy rod and thy piston

They comfort me.

Thou preparest a smooth track before me.

Thou hast anointed my bearings with oil.

My car has an abundance of power.

Surely traction and victory shall follow me

All the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Chevy V-8

Forever.....

Amen

-- Anonymous

(taken from the windshield of a Corvette at a Car Show.)

A NIGHT AT THE RACES



On May 11th Ed, Bill Neway, Jim, Gary, Bill Geize and Bob "Launch Control" Wolff took a trip through the land of Christmas (FL, that is) and landed at the Orlando Speed World dragstrip. Bob was the only brave one to bring his 2014 Lime Rock Green "Wonder Machine" and pay his fee to race. While he was going through tech, the rest checked out the competitors; everything from motorcycles to a carbureted rail, and even a few souped-up ATVs. Old hot rods, Camaros, Mustangs, GTOs, GTX, pickup trucks, foreign jobs all raced each other and the clock. The smell of burning rubber and fuel vapors filled the air; the roar of the engines was deafening at times. Then Bob pulled up to the line. His runs were very respectful, with a couple over 110 mph. After his first two runs he joined us to relax for a couple minutes, but the look on his face told the story that he was reliving his youth. His smile looked like the kid who just kissed the prom queen. Two questions, Bob. What is the shift pattern for a 7 speed? And just how fast was that Subaru Forester? All in all it was a really fun night. The facilities are set up for RACIN' and not very fancy, but the crowd that was there got just what they came for---a whole lotta RACIN'.

Bob, one more time, clutch in, 1st gear, mode selector to track, push button two times, mash accelerator to floor, dump clutch. ☺

Information and sarcasm supplied by Bill Geize

THIS AND THAT



Those born in June under the sign of Gemini are the great communicators. They are spontaneous and intelligent people.

Their love of life is evident in their way of living! However, they tend to worry too much on certain issues and don't always handle stress well. Our June Geminis are Leanne Fedele on the 13th, Vin Giglio on the 14th, and Mike Mills on the 17th.



Those born in June under the sign of Cancer the Crab are quite sentimental and have a loving and caring nature. They are cautious in their actions and tend to be very

protective towards their loved ones. Our only June Crab is Ken Hawes, who celebrates on the 30th.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

LOVE is always in the air, but especially in June when several of our couples celebrate wedding anniversaries. Among them are Frank and Leanne Fedele, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Bob and Linda Wolff. Congratulations to all, with many more years celebrating together.



MONEY TALKS.....and the one speaking the loudest is Jim Quinn who won the 50/50 drawing of \$45 at the May meeting. Don't spend it all in one place, Jim.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Swanson, who took home 1st place at the Volusia Antique Automobile Club of America car show held at Lake Helen the end of April. Although not an antique, Gary's 2015 Black Corvette won its class. Way to Go, Gary!!

AND, although not for a Corvette, Steve Terrell took 1st place at the Port Orange Riverwalk car show with his '54 Mercury. Good going, Steve!

DAREDEVIL....that's what we shall call Mike Mills, who plans to celebrate his 85th birthday by skydiving from an airplane. Says Mike, "If George H.W. Bush can do it at 90, I can surely do it at 85." We KNOW you can do it, Mike!!

SNEAK PEEK: If you want to look ahead at the DOTR's and events for the remainder of the year, check out the 2016 Calendar, accessed from the Home Page, underneath "Upcoming Events."

CORVETTE CHATTER

OOPS: In last month's Newsletter, it was mistakenly reported that Chip Miller's father was the creator of Corvettes at Carlisle, when, in fact, it was Chip Miller himself who was instrumental in the Carlisle show. His biography states..."Chip was known worldwide for his resilient positive attitude, his passion for Corvettes, his tremendous personal Corvette collection and for creating the grandest Corvette event anywhere on the planet - Corvettes at Carlisle." He died in 2004 from complications from Amyloidosis. Sorry for the error.

CORVETTE STATS: Although we are already halfway through the 2016 calendar year for Corvette sales, the stats were recently released for 2015 that shows how Chevy dealers fared with selling the Corvette Stingray and Z06. During the calendar year of 2015, Chevrolet delivered 33,329 Corvettes. That was about 1,500 cars less than in 2014, but considering that the Z06 makes up nearly one third of that production, you can bet the GM bean-counters were happy with that number as well as the dealers who saw the Z06 fly off their lots in record time. The top three dealers and the number sold are as follows:

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| 1. Kerbeck | NJ | 1,268 |
| 2. MacMulkin | NH | 820 |
| 3. Les Stanford | MI | 462 |

Jon Hall moved up from 19th place in 2014 to 15th in 2015 with 170 sold. Not bad for the local guy.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): The Photo of the Month is on vacation also, and will return next month.

**Have a Great Summer
and travel safely!**