

# 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.

## Coming Up

**IT'S BREAKFAST TIME:** Jason's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach will be the setting for our Dining on the Run for June. Jason's is a small, quaint diner on famous Canal Street. Those who have been to the monthly car shows are probably familiar with Jason's and those who haven't, are in for a treat. Let's leave from Sunshine Park Mall at 8:00 a.m. on June 4<sup>th</sup>.



**FUN RUN:** Remember the fun we had on the Dice Run? Well let's do it again!! Jamie Hawes is, again, geared up and ready to make this another memorable adventure - this time called the **Fun Run**. There will be



door prizes and surprises and loads of fun, beginning at Kohl's in Port Orange and ending at McKenna's in New Smyrna Beach for lunch. Be at Kohl's at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> to register. Cost is \$5.00 per person per hand. Anyone can play. All you have to do is drive your Corvette, wear your collared tangerine club shirt, follow directions, and plan on having a good time.

**BOD MEETING:** The Board of Directors will have a lunch meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ale House in Daytona Beach at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend - just let John Doria know to make reservations. Among items to be discussed are the 2018 Budget, and the remaining Dining on the Run locations for the year. If you have something you wish to place on the agenda, let John know asap.



# Announcements

The Board of Directors of the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona makes the following announcements: Elizabeth Byrne has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bob Fritz as Director, and Jean Doyle has been reappointed as Secretary to fill the spot left vacant by Mickey Fritz. These terms will expire at the end of 2017 as will all the present Board members. It's not too early to be thinking about throwing your hat in the ring for a position on the Board. Elections will be held in October.

# Reviews

## FROM BEACHES TO BEACHES:

Although this reviewer did not make the trip to St. Augustine, I received the following information from a good source. Twelve Corvettes made their way up the coast on a gorgeous day with clear blue skies and the calm turquoise ocean on the right. Twenty members (Richard Wetherby, Rick Demichina, Joanna Oswald, Mike Mills, the Armstrongs, the Quinns, the Neways, the Dorias, Edie Byrne, Liz Byrne, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, the Swansons, and the Giglios) dined on picnic tables on the deck at Beaches of Vilano to take full advantage of the perfect weather. There were raves reviews for

the shrimp tacos, the shrimp platter, the fish and chips, and the haddock, and mixed reviews for the coconut shrimp and the burgers. However, everybody raved about the service and the location right on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway. Following lunch, several enjoyed a walk on the concrete pier next to the restaurant, a good way to get rid of those extra calories just consumed. (Information supplied by Sally and photos by Bill S.)

## REVIEW OF BBQ PICNIC: Thank you



John and Sally for making our annual picnic a delicious success. Thirty-eight members and one guest were present to partake of the yummy food provided by Dustin's Bar-B-Q. Mother Nature was very kind in that the weather was just right - not too hot, not too cold. The battle of the sweet tea vs. the unsweetened tea continues with the sweet tea edging out a win this year. With two kinds of bar-b-que, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, and cookies for dessert, everyone got their fill, as there was very little left over - always the sign of a good meal. Orders for 34 t-shirts were taken, as were a vast variety of embroidered attire. (Are we becoming a car club with a clothing problem?) No doubt about it, Dustin's is goood bar-b-que. Can't wait for a repeat performance next year.

**VETTES AT THE LIGHT:** Two red, two white and a yellow Corvette met in the early morning hours for a trip to the Lighthouse and the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club's Vettes at the Light car show. Will Masotta,



Ed Doyle (with Jean Doyle as the token female), Bill Geize, Bill Neway and John Doria had their cars shined up and ready to go. Parking was tricky as our backing-up skills got a bit of a workout, but the location was great - right in front of the deejay, (where are my earplugs?) the vendors, the baskets for bidding, and of course, the restrooms (always a good thing). Sally Doria and Evelyn Neway joined in a bit later, while Liz and Edie Byrne and Vin Giglio paid a visit lending their full support. The crowd was lighter than in previous years as only about 100 cars participated. The judging was intense, but defects were pointed out to the entrants. Needless to say, a "perfect" car does not exist. Only the interior, exterior and trunk areas were judged. Jean made the judges look under the hood because of the time Ed spent getting it in shape. Pleasant surprises came when the name of John Doria was called as 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in his class, and Ed Doyle for 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class. (Maybe looking under the hood helped a bit, after all.) After trophies were presented, the rains came - a really great ending for a good day. (Photos by Jean - notice the unauthorized shirt on our President.)

**MINIATURE GOLF RESULTS:** As the miniature golf tournament quickly fades from our memory, a few statistics remain intact. Round 3 was changed to Mystic Harbor after learning that Hawaiian Falls was closed. Apparently, the bugs decided to play there on the same night and nearly were declared the winners. Just ask Rick Demichina. But in spite of the "no-seeums" as well as the "seeums", Leslie Armstrong managed to pull out a win with a 36, with John Doria close behind scoring a 37. Round 4 at Congo River didn't have the bugs, and Linda Wolff pulled out an impressive win with a 42. Second place was a tie between Gary Swanson and Bill Simmons with a 44. Round 5 took us back to Pirates Cove for a round on the tough course, and tough it was. Most scored in the 50's with Jim being low man with a 48. Round 6 was supposed to be played at Mystic Harbor, but because of the buggy



experience, the final game was played at Pirates Island in Port Orange.

Three tied for the win on this round with a 42 for Cindy Swanson, Leslie and Art. All in all, twenty-two members participated, seventeen of whom were in competition, meaning they played at least 4 of the 6 games. And the final results are - --- drum roll, please ----. High total with a 218 was Liz Byrne, followed by a tie between Jean Doyle and Sally Doria with a 198 each. High game was Liz with a 57, followed by Bill Geize with a 55. Most

Holes-in-One had a tie of 7 each for Gary and Leslie followed by Liz with 5, John D., with 5 and Ginny with 5. (Yes, you read that right - Liz, who had the highest total, was runner-up for most holes-in-one. Talk about consistency!!) Low overall game was Leslie with a 36, followed by Gary and John D. with a 37.

And now - the 2017 winner of the gold putter, or the "Club Club," as it is affectionately known, is Leslie with a total of 165. Gary came in second with a 170 but vowed to pass her up next year. We will hold him to that. Leslie regained her title after giving it up for the past two years. Perhaps one of the biggest winners was the ice cream stores who benefited whether we won or lost. Thank you, Jim Quinn, our statistician and tournament organizer for a great job and the good time that was had by all. Next year, everybody needs to try it out. If you want to know where your score fit in. email or text Jean or Jim for that information.



**ROAD TRIP:** You may remember the 1987 movie starring Tom Selleck and Ted Danson called "Three Men and a Baby." Well, to describe our road trip across the state, I will use the story of "Three Guys and the Corvette Cruisers."

First there was Joe, Crabby Joe, that is. Bright and early, fifteen of the seventeen traveling members gathered at Crabby Joe's place to watch the clear and magnificent sun rise over the ocean. Now granted, Crabby Joes sounds a lot like Joe's Crab Shack, and they are both located on piers, so thanks to the wonders of modern texting, Gary and Cindy will no longer confuse them, and they still were able to join the rest for a hearty breakfast send-off. The adventure began with a little hiccup from Bill Geize's Vette, which wasn't sure it really wanted to go. But with a little coaxing from Bill, along with Jim, Ginny, John D., Sally, Bill S., Bonita, Bob, Linda, Liz, Edie, Bill N., Evelyn, Gary, Cindy, Ed and Jean, the group headed west. Dodging the Interstates and the toll roads, we drove the scenic route through every little central Florida town including a Bowling Green (all with lots of traffic)



Then we met Andy at Andy's Drive-In for lunch. While most of us munched on hot dogs, hamburgers and fries, Bonita decided on a unique lunch of a banana split, proving once and for all that desserts don't always belong at the end of a meal, they can BE the meal. With our (tummy) tanks full, we proceeded on to our destination, the Punta Gorda Waterfront Hotel. The hotel was an older one that had been updated, and the rooms proved quite adequate and roomy. After sitting in our cars all day, some chose to walk the

grounds, some decided to take a nap and some of the ladies played a few games of Mah Jongg.

Soon, it was time to meet our third guy, Charley. Charley owned a restaurant called Hurricane Charley's, and he was beckoning us to Happy Hour on the patio, with dinner to follow. You had to be there to know about the little episode of the disappearing wine; just one of many laughs shared by the group. But now, it was time to put a cap on the day, culminating with the sun setting over the bay. The sunset was also gorgeous, if you caught it before it sank behind the clouds... (Evelyn and Jean did!)

Ahhh, a beautiful day, lots of driving, lots of laughs, lots of food, but it's 9:00 p.m. and time to call it a night (yep, those midnight parties are a thing of the past).

The next morning, we ventured to Muscle Car City where some chose to eat breakfast in the retro diner. Then we oohed and ahhed over hundreds of pristine Corvettes, Chevilles, GTO's, early Impalas, Caddies, El Caminos, Nomads, Novas, Willys, and other goodies from the 50's to the 70's. Over 99,000 square feet of these beauties captivated our memories from back in the day. Then we were on our own for the trip home ending this Sunrise - Sunset cruise across our beautiful state. Thanks to Bill Geize, Bonita Richardson, and John Doria, for arranging and coordinating this fun adventure. and the three guys Joe, Andy and Charley for helping to make it a memorable one. (Photos by John, Jean, Bill S. and Evelyn)

# This & That

Many thanks to those responsible for the surprise ice cream sundae presented to the Doyles at the May meeting. Fifty years of marriage is a long time, but it was certainly worth it to share that yummy sundae. THANK YOU!!!

We have some new vanity plates in the club.



Can you identify to whom they belong?

Celebrating birthdays for the month of June are Vin Giglio on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Mike Mills on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Ken Hawes on the 30<sup>th</sup>. May all your wishes come true.

Happy Anniversary to our June brides and grooms: Vin and Tracy Giglio, Rick and Sheila Minor, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Bob and Linda Wolff. May you have many more years of wedded bliss.

Congratulations to Vin Giglio, who won a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in his division, and Gary Swanson, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his division at the Volusia Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA) car show in Lake Helen. We all knew you guys were winners, and your cars are too.

Bill Geize had the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing at the May meeting. That \$30.50 haul is a great way to end the meeting, at least for Bill.



June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. Please display yours proudly!

Father's Day is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember that anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there.

## Corvette Chatter

### How well do you know the Corvette?

- 1) Where was the first Corvette shown?
- 2) How long did it take to produce the first Corvette after it was shown to the public?
- 3) What year was a Corvette produced, but never offered for sale?
- 4) When did the Corvette get its first V8 option and manual transmission.
- 5) When was the first 427 big-block V8 offered?
- 6) When was the first Grand Sport made?
- 7) What year was the 3<sup>rd</sup> official Indianapolis 500 pace car? For an extra pat on the back, what color was it?
- 8) When did Chevrolet get back into racing after the ban was lifted?

9) When was the Z06 performance option first offered?

(Answers can be found below.)

**Some Food for Thought:** The twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum will take place on Labor Day weekend of 2019. Caravans of Corvettes will be descending on Bowling Green KY from all corners of the country. The really neat thing here is that the Florida Caravan kicks off their start in Daytona Beach at the Speedway. Be thinking of the possibility of our club members making the trip. Many more details will come later, but start thinking about it.

### Say goodbye to Black Rose Metallic

The nostalgic purple color of the 1990s that was brought back for 2017 and the first part of 2018 Corvette production will be retired on July 24<sup>th</sup>. This move takes a color that accounts for just 4% of production off the table, and will be one less color that will be moved to the new paint shop. The planned build-out of Black Rose Metallic comes the week before the Bowling Green Assembly Plant shuts down for three months for upgrades. When 2018 Corvette production resumes on November 1st, we are not expecting this color to be replaced. As of April 4th, production of Black Rose Metallic was limited to 528 Stingrays, 284 Grand Sports and 313 Corvette Z06s for 1,125 total.

## Answers to the Corvette Quiz:

- 1) Motorama Car Show
- 2) Six months after being displayed at Motorama.
- 3) 1983; 43 made, 42 crushed, 1 remaining in Nat'l Corvette Museum
- 4) 1955
- 5) 1966 was the first 427 ci.
- 6) 1996 was the last year for the C4 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Sport. The first Grand Sport was in 1963, but not publicly available.
- 7) 1998, Purple and yellow
- 8) 2001 and very dominant in the GT-class with wins at Le Mans in 2001, 2002, and 2004; combined with 31 class victories in the American Le Mans Series with an overall victory at the 2001 Daytona 24 Hours.
- 9) 1963

## Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

For the 14th time in the history of the Indianapolis 500, the Chevrolet Corvette will pace the iconic motorsport event. This time, a 2017 C7 Corvette Grand Sport has been selected for pace car duties at the 101st Indy 500. "Chevrolet is proud to once again pace the Indianapolis 500," said Steve Majoros, marketing director for Cars and Crossovers. "The Corvette Grand Sport's performance capability and motorsports

heritage make it the perfect choice to pace the Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The first Corvette was fielded as a pace car in 1978, but Chevrolet has been pacing the event since 1948. Isn't she pretty?

## The Fun Corner

For men and women who remember the past, this just shows how really different we are!

A wife was curious when she found an old negative in a drawer of a time when she was much younger and much slimmer. It was taken many years ago on one of her first dates with her husband. She had it made into a print and was anxious to show her husband to get his reaction.



When she showed him the photo, his face lit up. "Wow, look at that!" he said with appreciation...

***"That's my old Ford!"***

From the Gary Swanson Collection