

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:

Coming Up

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. The summer is a great time to catch up on some local car shows. 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 along the way!

Jean and Ed

DINING ON THE RUN HEADS NORTH:
On Sunday, June 3rd, we will be cruising north on beautiful A1A to have lunch at Aunt Kate's in St. Augustine. The last time the club dined here was in February of 2012, so we are well overdue for a visit with Aunt Kate. Let's leave from Bealls in Ormond at 9:45 a.m. to enjoy some of these "bests" that had been awarded to Aunt Kate's in 2014 and hopefully continue today.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: It's time for another FUN RUN!! If you participated in either of the other two, you will know you don't want to miss this one. Sunday, June 10, we will meet in the parking lot of Bed, Bath, and Beyond on ISB at 9:30 a.m. to begin our trek inland toward DeLand. Similar to a Poker Run, there will be competitions and surprises at each stop along the way, ending at Brian's Bar-B-Que in DeLand for lunch. Tangerine club shirts, please.

Reviews

PICNIC REVIEW: Some years it was too hot, some years it was too cold, some years it was too windy, but this year we hit the jackpot! It was a perfect day for our annual Bar-B-Que picnic. Warm temps, low humidity, nice breezes...did I say PERFECT! The food, thanks to Dustin's, is always great and there was plenty of it, more than enough for seconds, or even thirds. The rivalry of unsweetened vs. sweetened tea was a virtual tie – exactly the same amount of each was consumed. A new twist was added this year thanks to Jamie Hawes, our social chair. A bit of competitive fun using a deck of cards and a roll of dimes kept us entertained and provided some BIG payoffs. Four rounds of the game produced four winners –Rick Minor, Ellie Murray, Jean Doyle, and Steve Slaton, each winning \$2.00 in dimes. Enjoying the good food, the good weather, the good conversation and some good old-fashioned fun were Liz, Edie, Rick D., and his friend Julie, Richard and his friend Pat, Jim, Ginny, Art. Leslie, Vin, Tracy, Bill G., Steve, Anita, Rick M., Sheila, Lars, and his friend Ellie, Bill S.,

Bonita, Dave, Maya, Ken, Jamie, Joanna, Bill N., Evelyn, Ed and Jean. I think everyone would agree that our picnic was a success. Thank you, Mother Nature for cooperating so well. How about we do this again next year.

PONCE INLET “VETTES AT THE LIGHT” CORVETTE SHOW: We may want to look carefully next year as to whether or not to consider this a club event. Only two cars participated: the Neways and the Doyles. Sadly, although the cars are different years, the facts that they were both C-6's and both convertibles put them head to head in the same class for judging. But hey, we are talking about the Corvette Cruisers here, and what could be better than competing against a friend and both of you bringing home a trophy. Bill Neway took the top prize with his impeccable 2013 Arctic White 60th Anniversary 427, and Ed Doyle brought home the 2nd Place award for his 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport. Two outta two ain't bad!!



(Photo by Evelyn)

Thanks to Liz and Edie, Bill G., and Vin and Tracy for stopping by to show their support. The umbrellas were brought out a couple of

times, but not enough to deter the show-goers, which featured over 100 Corvettes. The only disappointment, (and it was a small one), was that the trophies given out this year were not those cute little replicas of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, as has been in years past. (Look closely for the glass trophies held by the guys in photo above.) But all in all, it was a good show with a great outcome!

MIKE’S GALLEY: Nothing like thoughts of a good breakfast to bring out our members on a rainy Sunday morning in May. Gary and Cindy Swanson, Rick and Sheila Minor, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Mike Mills, Tom Bonnett, Sandie VonKutzelben, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Richard Wetherby, Rick Demichina, Bill Geize, and Ed and Jean Doyle met Edie and Liz Byrne, and Bob and Linda Wolff at the restaurant. Mike’s, whose namesake is a Corvette lover himself, features home-made sticky buns, cinnamon buns and other pastries that are literally the size of one’s hand, along with regular breakfast fare. Richard made one of those pastries his entire breakfast!



(Photo by Art)

Many ended up with to-go boxes filled with these sweet treats instead of leftover breakfast food. Mike’s Galley proved to be a bright spot in an otherwise dreary, rainy day.

But an even bigger bright spot was when Bill Geize drove up in a new “older”

Vette that he happened to latch onto. A 2001 Light Pewter Z51 Convertible now holds the place of honor in his garage. We knew a real Corvette guy like Bill couldn’t be without one for very long. Congratulations to Bill on the newest member of his family and of our club. (Photos by Jean)

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Alas, the mini-golf tournament is over for another year, and though some of us may have gained a few pounds from the ice cream stops at the end of each game, we all had a great time. However, before the big winner is announced, let’s review the May games. Round 5 was played in Ormond Beach at Pirates Cove on the harder course. With 15 players trying their luck, Bill Simmons came out the winner with low score of 44. Following the game, several headed for Hershey’s Ice Cream store to celebrate. Round 6 brought us back to Pirates Island, near Port Orange, where Bob Wolff sunk the competition this night with a score of 39. The night culminated in a trip to Culver’s where they literally had to ask us to leave for closing time. The make-up game for Round 1 at Congo River tickled our noses with the jasmine in the air, but it didn’t stop Bill Simmons who again captured the night with a 43. With so many different winners for each game, along with some mighty close games, it was hard to guess who might win the “Golden Club Club.” The winner will be determined by the total score of the lowest four games.

And now, for the reveal....drum roll please!

High Score for 1 game – Liz (64)

High Total for 4 games – Evelyn (229)

Most Holes-in-One – Linda (4)

Low Score for 1 game tie Linda and Bob (39)

Low Total in 4 games AND the winner of the “Club Club” – Linda Wolff (167)

CONGRATULATIONS, LINDA!!!



(Photo by Bob W.)

With these results, another successful tournament is in the record books. Thanks to Jim for compiling our stats, thanks to all those who played, and thanks to the ice cream parlors who provided us with a good nightly ending. Until next year.....

(Photos by Bill S. and Richard)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The Board met on May 11 at Millers Ale House. Several items were discussed including an optional dry-weave shirt to be worn to official club functions, the DOTR's for the next five months and a Dinner Night Out in August. Please refer to the calendar link on our website Home Page under UPCOMING EVENTS to see what's in store.

This & That

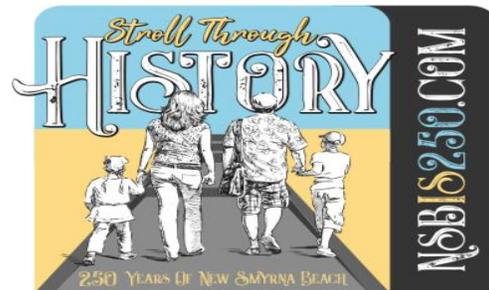
A bunch of our members had birthdays in May, but only three will celebrate in June. Happy Birthday wishes go to Vin Giglio on

the 14th, Mike Mills on the 17th, and Ken Hawes on the 30th.

Looking for something to do this summer? Here are a couple of suggestions:



On Saturday, June 16th from 9 to 4, New Smyrna Beach will be celebrating 250 years of history at Old Fort Park at 120 Julia St.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2018
9AM-4PM | OLD FORT PARK**

- ENTERTAINMENT -
- Seminole Indian & Greek Dancers
- Bus Tours to Historic Sites
- Interactive Archaeology Digs For Kids
- DISPLAYS & INFORMATION -
- Historic Turnbull Settlement
- Civil War Living History
- Vietnam Veterans Commemorative
- New Smyrna Museum of East Coast Surfing
- REPRESENTATIVES -
- The Menorcan Cultural Society
- Turnbull Clan Association of the United States
- Greek Hellenic Society



Not many birthdays, but several anniversaries will be celebrated during the month of June: Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Bob and Linda Wolff, and Rick and Sheila Minor. Congratulations to all!!

Word has it that Will Masotta and Donna Bly were on the first historic cruise from Port Canaveral to Cuba. Cross one off the bucket list for you two.

Bill Geise is not the only one with a “new” car. (See story in Mike’s Galley Review). It seems that Will Masotta has purchased a 2003 50th Anniversary Red Coupe. Congrats, Will and Donna. This one’s a keeper.

The 50/50 for May was won by Rick Minor, whose ticket was drawn by his visiting grandson Peyton. Good way to keep it in the family. Now give that boy a cut of that \$40!



It’s time to get out that American Flag and proudly display it. Coming up is Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Show your colors!!

last day to order Admiral Blue is June 28th. Shown here are the two new colors.



From the Archives



Corvette Chatter

Two new exterior colors have been introduced by General Motors for the 2019 series. Shadow Gray is taking the place of the popular Watkins Glen Gray, and Elkhart Lake Blue will be replacing Admiral Blue. The last day to order Watkins Glen is May 17th and the

The year was 2013, five whole years ago and we still look the same (at least from a distance)!! The event was a Dining on the Run for lunch at Dixie Crossroads in Titusville, one of the club’s favorite spots. You should be able to find John and Sally, Joanna and Steve, Ed and Jean (not standing together), Dave and Maya, Art and Leslie, Richard, and our late friend John Reis on the right. We will again be lunching at Dixie Crossroads at our DOTR in August.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

Do we have any Green Bay Packers fans in the house or those that appreciate early NFL history? You may have missed your chance to own the same C2 Corvette that was built for legendary quarterback Bart Starr following the Packers win in Super Bowl I. The Green '67 Convertible was offered at Mecum's Indianapolis auction on Friday, May 18th. Super Bowl I (it was known back then as just the Super Bowl) featured the first post-merger AFL-NFL Championship game with the Green Bay Packers taking on the Kansas City Chiefs in Los Angeles on January 15, 1967. Green Bay would win the game 35-10 and its quarterback Bart Starr was named the Super Bowl's first Most Valuable Player (MVP). The MVP award of a new Corvette for Bart Starr began one of the great traditions in sports that continues (off-and-on) to this day. A 1967 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible painted in Goodwood Green to match the Packers uniforms was gifted to the MVP for his efforts. The 1967 Corvette was produced in June of '67 and features a base 327/300 hp small block V8, 4-speed manual transmission and 3.36:1 positraction. An AM/FM radio and the telescopic steering wheel were also optioned on the Sting Ray. In 1980, Starr sold the car, but when Michael Anderson of Thunder Valley Classic Cars tracked it down, he was able to make a deal to purchase it. After reviewing some of the documentation which included the tank sticker that stated "Courtesy Delivery: B. Starr" as well as an AFL-NFL World Champion Game ink pen that was found under the passenger seat, Anderson decided to keep it unrestored.

Instead of a body-off restoration, Anderson directed his efforts at cleaning up the undercarriage and suspension, overhauling the brake system and getting the matching numbers Corvette back into good running condition. At the Mecum auction, the car sold for \$150,000.



To All our Dads and Granddads!