

# 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 at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

## VACATION ISSUE

**HERE COMES SUMMER:** As we approach the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, the Corvette Cruisers' activities become a little laid back to match the season. As many in the nation flock to our beautiful beaches, the locals have a tendency to seek other venues, and likewise do our members. So for the next couple of months, the news will be light and the Newsletter will be short as many Cruisers' will be on vacation. Please travel safely

**AND, IF YOU'RE HANGING AROUND....**we have just the thing. As was reported last month, Joan Crowder is our new Social Activities Chairperson, and, as such, she will be planning some fun events that may, or may not, involve Corvettes. How about a leisurely cruise down the Tomoka River...in a Kayak or a Canoe? On Saturday, July 28, those who are interested in this adventure will meet at 3:00 at the park. Kayaks or Canoes (your choice) and all necessary equipment can be rented for \$15/\$20 for the first hour. And after the trip, we can eat a hot dog, watch a beautiful sunset, enjoy a dessert and listen to some live musical entertainment all with a little help from your friends. If you even paddled a Kayak, OR WANTED TO, now is your chance. Please let

Joan or Skip know if you are interested (so the equipment can be reserved) by Tuesday, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>. Call 386-672-1867 or email at [skipcrow@aol.com](mailto:skipcrow@aol.com) .

**BOTR FOR JULY:** A little trip inland is in store for Sunday, July 1, as we motor to Deland to dine at The Stockyard Restaurant for a brunch that's sure to please. So says King Bowen of the Flagler Corvette Club, who has eaten there with his club and recommended it highly. Let's meet in the Target parking lot on Dunlawton (next to Lowe's in Port Orange) at 9:30 a.m. for a leisurely drive to Deland to see what King was talking about!!

**PERHAPS YOU MISSED IT:** If you did, you missed some good eatin'. First, on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Wolffs, the Armstrongs, the Comptons, the Gerstals, John Doria, Sally Clutter, Richard Wetherby, the Quinns, and the Doyles drove their Vettes to Altamonte Springs for a little Caribbean fare at the Bahama Breeze. Did they enjoy it? Yeah, Mon, they sure did!  
(Photos by John D. and Richard)

Then, it was off to more eating at the semi-annual Dinner Night Out, held on Tuesday, June

12, at the Blue Grotto in Daytona Beach. Although the skies looked a little threatening when dinner began, they cleared up beautifully to allow some after-dinner lingering on the deck overlooking the Halifax River and some mighty fancy yachts. Chuck Konopsky, Leanne and Frank Fedele, Sadie Compton, Richard Wetherby and Susan Hooper, Joan and Skip Crowder, Art Armstrong, Linda and Bob Wolff, Jean and Ed Doyle, and Ginny and Jim Quinn enjoyed the great food and the interesting décor the Blue Grotto has to offer. (Photo by Richard)

**SHIRT ORDERS:** Anyone desiring (or needing) a new official club shirt with the club logo will need to complete an order form available from Chucky Konopsky, Leslie Armstrong, or Jean Doyle. You may want to take a personal inventory to ensure that your shirts are not so faded that the color is questionable. ☺ These shirts are still a bargain at \$22. Remember other shirts can be ordered with the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona logo, but ONLY from the Official Catalog.

**AND THE WINNER IS...** Frank Fedele, who had the lucky number (drawn by his wife Leanne, we might add), won \$10 at the June meeting. Just about enough to pay for your meal, eh Frank?

#### **HOW ABOUT A LITTLE GENERATIONAL CORVETTE TRIVIA?**

- C-1: Polo white, the only color of the first Corvette, was last used in 1957. Sun visors (called Sunshades) became an option in 1959.
- C-2: Luxury amenities such as power steering, A/C, and leather seats were first available in 1963. Aluminum knock-off wheels sold for only \$322 for a set of 5 in 1964.
- C-3: The first year an AM/FM radio was offered as an option was in 1968.

The "Sting Ray" name was not used on the 1968 Corvette, but returned in 1969, this time spelled "Stingray"

- C-4: The one millionth Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Bowling Green on July 2, 1992. In 1996 only 53 Grand Sport convertibles were built with the red/black interior option.
- C-5: The 1997 model was the first Corvette to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction. The first 200 production C5 Corvettes were painted red, not the traditional white color previously used for the first production run.
- C-6: The 2009 ZR1 was the first 200+ mph production Corvette ever made. 2005 was the first year for keyless access and start.
- C-7: Stay tuned.....

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** go to Tim O'Leary on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We wish you many, many more.

**ANNIVERSARY CONGRATS** go to Jim and Ginny Quinn on their 43<sup>rd</sup> year together. WoW!

**GET-WELL WISHES** go to club member Joanna Oswald and Herb and Shirley Gerstal's daughter, Wendy. Both Joanna and Wendy have been battling some serious health issues. We are thinking about you.

**OUR CONDOLENCES** go to Steve and Anita Slaton on the passing of Anita's brother. Our thoughts are with you.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the home page):** Well it seems that Corvettes also go on vacation. Here is one enjoying the beauty of Daytona Beach – and just think, that beach is right in our own back yard.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**