

# 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.

## Welcome

Two new memberships have been added to our club roster as we welcome Ken and Jamie Hawes from Ormond Beach, and sisters Elizabeth (Liz) Byrne and Edith (Edie) Byrne, who also reside in Ormond Beach. The Haweses drive a beautiful 2006 Monterey Red Coupe, and the Byrnes just purchased a gorgeous 2014 Black Convertible. Great to have all of you as members of the Corvette Cruisers - welcome aboard!!

**TIME FOR TOM:** The Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, and SSR Display will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Tom Gibbs Chevrolet Dealership in Flagler County (on Rt. 100). Remember that this is a FREE event (no registration fee), so make plans to go as we try to bring home the club participation award for the third straight

year. Let's meet at 9:00 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson and Granada) for the trek up I-95. Door prizes, 50's and 60's music, and food and drinks (served by a local high school club for a donation) will be available. Shine up the Vette, throw in some lawn chairs, a cooler if you wish, and get ready for a good time.

**CHANGE OF PLANS:** Well it seems that Mother Nature has not only been unkind to us for many of our outings, but she has not been kind to the strawberry crop in Florida. You may have heard at the January meeting that we were planning a club outing to the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, However, due to a shortage of strawberries caused by the crazy Florida weather, the club will NOT BE attending this year. Even though the festival will go on, we couldn't dare risk the possibility of



not getting as much strawberry shortcake as we'd like, as THAT would be an utter tragedy for the club. We will, however, definitely put it on the calendar for next year and hope for a better crop of those wonderful Florida berries.

**SPRING AHEAD:** Don't forget to change



the clock on your Corvette (and everywhere else) on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Yeah, we lose that hour we gained in the Fall, but just think, we have one extra hour of daylight to enjoy our Corvettes. Now where is that darn Corvette manual to see how to do it?

**DOTR FOR MARCH:** Let's do breakfast!! Meet at Bealls in Ormond Beach on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** to find out what's funky at the Funky Pelican, an oceanfront restaurant next to the Flagler Beach Pier. Word has it that it's a great breakfast spot. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time. **But remember, if you don't change your clock, you will be an hour too late and we will leave you behind.** (Note that this is not our usual first Sunday of the month for the DOTR.)

**SPRING TURKEY RUN:** Because of the great response in 2015, the club will again participate in the Spring Car Show at the Daytona International Speedway, March

25-27 (Easter Weekend). If you are interested in going, you must pick up a parking pass from John Doria after the March meeting. The club has paid for these parking spots, so do not pick up a pass if you are not going to use it. Those of you who remember from last year, we will be parking in the same area (the playground area) behind the food booths. You must register on-line at [www.turkeyrun.com](http://www.turkeyrun.com) (event registration). Cost is \$30 for Friday through Sunday. You can come and go at your discretion. Saturday will be deemed "Club day" when the biggest majority of our club members plan to attend. Enter at Gate 70 on Midway Avenue across from the entrance to the Daytona International Airport. Be sure to pack your chairs and wear your club shirts.

**VETTES AT THE PORT:** Although this car show, sponsored by the Cape Kennedy Corvette Club, is not until April 9<sup>th</sup>, the **deadline for registration to receive a \$10 discount is March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Register online at [www.ckcc.club](http://www.ckcc.club) or pick up a registration form at the March meeting. Cost is \$31.20 per car, (\$30 registration plus a Pay Pal fee of \$1.20), and includes a free t-shirt. This is a fun event held at the waterfront area where the cruise ships dock. Several members attended last year and are looking forward to the drive down to the Cape again this year.

Specifics will be in the April Newsletter, but get your registration in NOW.

**BOK TOWER REVIEW:** I think Mother



Nature, El Niño, and the Corvette Gods are in a conspiracy against our club. Three events since the start of the year, and all three have experienced a weather-related issue. The first

DOTR was plagued by a rainy start; the second, a car show at Lost Lagoon, was met with cold temperature; and the trip to Bok Tower and Gardens began with 47 degree temperature, a rainy mist, AND 17 mph wind gusts. We need a break!! After much prodding with those in attendance to postpone the trip until the weather was more cooperative, I was outvoted and the trip began. The brave souls who ventured on the bumpy, lane-changing, construction plagued, traffic-filled saga across I-4 were Bill Geize, Rick Demichina, John Reis, guests Arnie and Sherry Ellgard, Vin and Tracy Giglio, John and Sally Doria, Wayne and Tina Cantrell, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Ed and Jean Doyle (the whiner). Arriving at the Gardens was a relief to say the least, although the temperature upon arrival was still in the range of 49-50°. Although the sun was out it was still c-c-c-c-cold and breezy. Brrrr. After a brief guidance lecture from one of the staff and a short video about the grounds and its inhabitants,

both human and animal, we were on a self-guided tour of the area. First stop, the original winter home of Charles Buck, the V. P. of Bethlehem Steel. Elaborate wood moldings, decorative tile, original furnishings, hidden staircases and beautiful views from all windows made for an interesting tour through the mansion. Following the many trails and pathways that wind through the gardens, we arrived at the Bok Tower, a magnificent 205 ft. pink marble and coquina structure on one of the highest "mountains" in Florida, just in time to hear the performance by the carillonneur playing the carillon of 60 bronze bells housed in the tower, the largest of which weighs over 11 tons. Sadly, due to the erratic weather patterns Florida has been experiencing, there were not as many flowers in bloom as there might have been in other years at this time, but camellias were in abundance throughout the gardens, as well as several other flowering plants. In last month's Newsletter, I promised a little bit of culture with this trip, and I think we found it. We left the park in time to get home to experience yet another type of American culture - the Super Bowl. (Hooray, Broncos!!) (Photos by JR, John D, and Tracy)

**GIVE ME MORE STRIPES:** Did you know you can get free food from Fridays? Log on to their website at [www.TGIFridays.com](http://www.TGIFridays.com) and sign in under "Give



Me More Stripes." Print out your membership card, present it when you pay, and you will receive points for every dollar you spend. Since we have our monthly meeting at Fridays and you are spending money on your meals anyway, why not start collecting points for free entrees and desserts. Thanks to so many "Give Me More Stripes" members, the whole club is enjoying another perk of the program ... the free chips and salsa usually provided before each meeting. REMINDER: NO DOUBLE DIPPING! Please break your chip before dipping in the salsa the second time around.

**DOTR TO BETTY'S CAFÉ:** Finally - sunshine and a warm day!! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Our Valentine's Day Dining on the Run brought out a bunch of hibernators who were more than ready for some good weather and a trip up the coast to Betty's Café on A1A. Bill Geize, Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Gary and Cindy Swanson, new members Rick Demichina and Gloria Renneker, John and Sally Doria, Will Masotta, Bob and Mickey Fritz, new members Rick and Sheila Minor, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, soon-to-be members Ken and Jayme Hawes, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Pat and Sandy Cassella, soon-to-be members Liz Byrne and Edie Byrne, and Ed and Jean Doyle enjoyed a good meal and some great conversation as the

"orange crush" invaded the parking lot and took over the dining room at Betty's, one of the club's favorites - and a special Valentine's Day event. (Photos by John D. and Jean)

**IMPRONTU CAR SHOW:** On Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> club members Bill and Evelyn Neway, John Reis, Wayne Cantrell, Ken Hawes, Will Masotta, Rick and Sheila Minor, Bob Fritz, Bill Geize, John Doria, Rick Demichina attended the Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) car show at the Drive-In Christian Church in Daytona Beach Shores. Over 500 cars of all makes and models took part in the show benefiting the Urban Ministries. The weather was picture perfect and made for a wonderful day. Will Masotta and his 1963 Riverside Red split-window coupe captured "Best in Show" in the classic Corvette division. Thanks to all the members who participated and donated food items for this very worthy cause. (Photos by John D.)

**RACE PARTY REVIEW:** While the 58<sup>th</sup> running of the Daytona 500 was taking place at the Speedway, another party was taking place a little way down the road at the home of Jim and Ginny Quinn. Jim was ready for the crowd with his Sloppy Joe, and all the wonderful array of goodies brought by club members Art, Leslie, Bill G., Dave, Bill



S., Bonita, Richard and friend Michele, Rick M., Sheila, Rick D., and Gloria. The numbers were drawn for the starting positions of the drivers. This year, some instant winners were awarded matchbox cars that ranged from race cars to Corvettes. When the Green Flag waved and the race continued, so did the munchin,' the watchin,' and the chattin.' Not too far into the race, Chase Elliott, the pole sitter, spun out, but would he be able to return? The question remained, but 40 laps later, he was back on the track. When two other drivers crashed their cars on Turn 2, the 40<sup>th</sup> position was declared, and Bonita ended up the winner (or would that be the loser?) and was able to claim the last place prize of \$5.00. Great racing and great conversation took up the remainder of the race which ended with a very close finish. Denny Hamlin edged out Martin Truex Jr. by only four inches; giving Toyota its first win at Daytona and Gloria her win of the \$35.00 pot.

Information provided by Jim Quinn

**DNO:** We only do it twice a year, but when we do, we do it right. What am I talking about? Well, it's DINNER NIGHT OUT, of course. This time we enjoyed a early dinner at The Grille at Riverview on the Intracoastal Waterway in New Smyrna Beach. Bill G., Dave, Maya, John D., Sally, Gary, Cindy, Vin, Tracy, Bill S., Bonita, Richard, his friend Pat, Jim, Ginny, Ed, and Jean enjoyed a great meal, a nice breeze

off the water, a beautiful sunset on an equally beautiful evening. Those who couldn't make it missed a really nice night out. Our next DNO will be in August.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Corvette Cruisers will be teaming up with the Daytona Beach Golf Club and the Folds of Honor (Veterans) Foundation to put on a car show on Saturday, May 28, 2016. More information will follow, but for now, put it on your calendar.



**DRIVE YOUR VETTE ON THE ROLEX TRACK?** Yep, you can do it. The full 3.56 miles of the Rolex track at Daytona will be available for two days, April 14-15 and all cars are welcome. Flat Out Motorsports is sponsoring this event where ALL proceeds will go to charity. There will be 3 run groups, with each run group getting FIVE 30 minute sessions per day. Cost is \$795 for 2 days and \$495 for one day. Stock Convertibles are welcome even without a cage or roll bar. If interested in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (with ALL proceeds going to charity) go to <http://flatoutmotorsports.us/event/> to check out the details. Last year they sold out, so you must register before the end of March.

# ETCETERA

Those born under the sign of Pisces are sensitive and sympathetic. They go out of their way to help those dear to them. They are deeply emotional but can be a bit naïve.



Our Pisces gals are Jamie Hawes on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Sally Doria on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Those born under the sign of Aries are adventurous, self-willed, and courageous. On some occasions, they may display a quick temper but are always clever and quite confident. Our Aries babies are Leslie Armstrong on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Jim Quinn and Steve Slaton on the 30<sup>th</sup>. *Happy birthday to all.*

What?? Another C-7? This is getting to be a monthly event. This time Dave Huber got the bug and traded in his '99 silver convertible for a '14 Torch Red Z51 coupe beauty. We knew Dave couldn't stay away from a RED Vette for very long. Congratulations to Dave for the newest addition to his garage.

If you have a problem printing the "Printable Membership List" found in the Members Only section, you may have to download an Excel Viewer. Much like the Adobe Reader that is necessary to read documents from the internet, an Excel Reader (or Viewer) is necessary to read

and/or print Excel documents if you don't have Office Programs already installed on your computer.

The BIG money continues as Will Masotta won the not-so-little sum of \$43 in the 50/50 drawing at the February meeting. Okay, Will, dinner is on you next month.

A speedy Recovery and lots of well wishes go to Steve Slaton, who has undergone not one, not two, but three back surgeries in the course of a week and a day. Our fingers are collectively crossed that Steve will be up and about in no time, but patience is the key in any surgery, and especially true of back surgery.

My apologies for a huge punctuation error in last month's Newsletter. Okay all you teachers out there, see if you can find it and let me know what it is. I will give a shout-out to whoever finds it first. As an ex-teacher and English major myself, I should not have let this one slip through, but sometimes "auto correct" isn't always correct.

Are you seeing double? You might be if you are running into Liz and Edie Byrnes, our newest members. Not only are they sisters, but identical twins as well. And one really needs to look hard to tell them apart. When you read their biographical sketch, you will see that they share many things, above all their love for Corvettes.

# Corvette Chatter

## **\* Corvette Museum to be Featured on Season Three of the Hit Series**

'Americarna,' which premieres Thursday, March 3 at 9 PM on the Velocity Channel. Ray explores the fascinating details behind the disastrous sinkhole that swallowed the showroom at the National Corvette Museum and visits with car-loving A-list celebrities such as country music star Tim McGraw, racing legend Dan Gurney and blue's musician Joe Bonamassa.

(Editor's note: Marking the 2-year anniversary of the infamous sinkhole, the [National Corvette Museum](#) opened its latest attraction, officially dubbed the [Corvette Cave-In](#), for museum guests on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.)

## **\*Could 2016 finally be the year that confirmation is given on a mid-engine**

**Corvette?** According to [Corvette Forum](#), it will be. The website claims to have received a tip from a reliable source that General Motors will approve a mid-engine Corvette sometime this year. It is claimed that development of the car is so far progressed that it's approaching the point of no return and has to be launched as a direct rival to the third-generation Ford GT. Given the successful sales figure of the C7-generation Corvette, GM will apparently sell the mid-engine Corvette alongside the existing model, but offer it as a much more expensive alternative. Given its high sticker price, breathtaking performance will be one of Chevrolet's key goals with the car. Power could come courtesy of a twin-turbocharged V8 engine derived from the current LT1 and LT4 family, pumping

out well over 700 hp. Power will of course be sent to the rear wheels, potentially through an all-new seven-speed manual transmission.

As with other class-leading mid-engine cars, the new Corvette derivative will be produced in extremely limited numbers. An announcement about the car could come as soon as November's Los Angeles Auto Show.

## **\*Chevrolet has partnered with Daytona International Speedway to offer a unique**

**delivery option.** Purchasers of select vehicles will be able to pick up their car at the speedway as part of a package featuring a tour of the Daytona facility, an on-track driving experience, a memento that commemorates the delivery and authentication verifying the vehicle participated in the program. Chevrolet isn't a stranger to unique delivery options considering Corvette owners can pick up their car at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, with perks similar to the Daytona experience, including an option for Corvette Z06 owners to assemble their own engine at the nearby assembly plant. Specifics regarding which vehicles will be part of the Daytona delivery program haven't been announced, nor has pricing; the Corvette museum delivery option costs \$990 and does not include airfare or lodging. Chevy says the Daytona program won't include airfare or lodging either. The Daytona option also doesn't include shipping to your local dealership after the experience, so you'll have to drive it home. However, we guess that's probably not too much of a burden if the program includes performance cars like the Chevrolet Corvette, Camaro and SS.

**\*As promised, here are some tips and tricks for you C-5 owners.**



- 1) If you put your key in the driver's door, turn it twice towards the front to unlock the passenger door and a third time to pop the trunk.
- 2) Pop the trunk and also pop the gas cap cover by pulling on metal lines hidden in the cargo area.
- 3) The inside air temperature sensor is located behind the little slotted cover on the dash in back of the steering wheel.
- 4) All of the option codes are in the glove box.
- 5) Tire inflation recommended pressures are on the driver's door
- 6) That thing that looks like a little LED near the DIC buttons is a light sensor
- 7) That thing that looks like a little LED near the defroster vent is a UV sensor for determining A/C usage to compensate for the heating effect of the sun
- 8) The build sheet is in the front re-bar
- 9) If you leave your turn signal on, in about 1 minute it will start to ding (loud enough to hear over the stereo) to let you know you have old-timers disease.
- 10) Reset the oil life by pumping the gas pedal 3 times (but not with the engine running)
- 11) Hold down the reset button while on one of the trip odometers and it changes that reading to the miles you've traveled since last starting the engine.
- 12) Hold down the Active Handling button for 5 sec. to engage "Competitive Driving" on cars equipped with active handling (2000 and previous years must be stopped.)
- 13) If you pull the seatbelts all the way out while you're buckled in, they ratchet back in to hold you tighter into the seat.
- 14) If you hate DRLs, remove fuse #2 under the hood and they will be out permanently. But when you unlock at night using the key fob, your front turn signal lights and back up lights will not flash. Your front turn signals will operate normally, however. You can also pull the e-brake ONE click and they go off while engine is on.
- 15) The side-view mirrors can twist both forward and backward, decreasing the chance of damage if struck.
- 16) There is a release opening with a flap to let air out of the car when the hatch is closed. It is located just above the driver side rear compartment, behind the carpet and on the side of the car.
- 17) Also you can ground your amp to a screw/bolt that holds the rear middle compartment to the frame.
- 18) If you have a 6-speed, you can pop the trunk when the car is running by lifting the e-brake.
- 19) If you turn on the headlights, then go to parking light position, the lamps remain up but the headlights are not on.
- 20) With the passive entry feature: If your keys are locked in the car, wait a few minutes and then shake the car. That will unlock it.
- 21) HUD has a shift light for manuals.
- 22) Hold the PAGE button down and it'll show MPH, hold it down again and it'll show RPM's, hold it down again and it'll show MPH and RPM, hold it down again and it'll show MPH, RPM, Gas/Oil Pressure or temperature.
- 23) Shift the M6 trans up or down without the clutch if you match revs. (Not great for longevity, however.)
- 24) Eject a cd from the in-dash player without turning on any power. Don't even need key in the ignition.
- 25) Pull the turn signal lever towards you (away from the window) to allow your lights to 'flash' which notifies others in front of you that you are going to pass (must have the fog lamp option for this to work).
- 26) The cruise will disengage if you purposely make



sharp side to side turns while cruising at say 60-80 mph.

- 27) When the engine is shut off, you can get the odometer reading by turning on the parking lights.
- 28) You can program setting #3 (both memory buttons at once) in the seat memory to run the seat back and steering wheel forward for getting in/out of the car with the engine running.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!**

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** We're not sure what to think about this 1980s Corvette spinoff. The first reaction is that a Corvette was attacked by a Buick Riviera and a Cadillac Eldorado, and this is their love child. It's actually the handiwork of legendary customizer Les Dunham, also known as the "Father of the Pimpmobile." Dunham created Dunham Coach in 1957 as a result of increasing demand for his custom vehicle fabrication skills, according to the Dunham Coach website. (Apparently, the company is still alive and kicking today as their website says: "As a result of nostalgic demand for the cars of yesterday, Dunham Coach has dusted off the old dies and manufacturing tools and upgraded the design for today's discerning driver"). Reworking Cadillacs of the 1960s and '70s became Dunham's specialty, culminating in the James Bond 007 car in the movie "Live and Let Die." From there, the Corvorado was born and later upgraded to the Caballista and then Caballista Hawk. Believe it or not, you can still buy an example of a 1982 Caballista Corvette today.

