

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 Boulevard and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Two new memberships have been added to our roster since the beginning of the year.

** Tom Bellavia and Diane McCoy, who live in Ormond Beach, joined the club at the first of the year. Tom from New York and Diane from Key West drive a beautiful 2007 Monterey Red Coupe.

** Del and Patty Fot, originally from West Virginia, also call Ormond Beach their home. The Fots became members in February and drive a beautiful 2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Grand Sport Coupe.

Great to have all of you as the newest members of the Corvette Cruisers ---welcome aboard.

Coming Up

DOTR FOR MARCH: This month, the Corvette Cruisers are taking our 'Vettes on a

cruise down south to Port Canaveral. Gator's Dockside is a restaurant located right at the Port, about 65 miles away. Remember that the DOTR (Dining on the Run) was established to take our Corvettes out and about for a drive as we whet our appetites and enjoy the scenery. We will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona on Rt. 1 at 10 a.m. on **Sunday, March 1st**. Have your gas tank filled up and your stomach tank empty to enjoy the good food at Gator's Dockside and the beautiful view of the Port.

SPRING AHEAD: Don't forget to change the clock on your Corvette (if it doesn't change by itself) and everywhere else on Sunday, **March 8th**, the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Yeah, by springing forward one hour, we lose the hour we gained in the Fall, but just think, we have one extra hour of daylight to enjoy our Corvettes.



WEAR YOUR GREEN: Our monthly meeting falls on **March 17th**, St. Patrick's Day, so wear your **green**. (I will see who reads the Newsletter if you are wearing the green.)



Remember that everybody's Irish on St. Paddy's Day.

SPRING TURKEY RUN takes place on **March 27 – 29** at the Speedway. Order your tickets online at www.turkeyrun.com for \$30 and pay John \$5 for the infield parking pass. Come and go as much as you want all weekend long. If anyone has a car other than a Corvette they wish to bring **that meets the requirements of the event**, you may do so. Since we will most likely be there at different times throughout the weekend, official club shirts are not required.

LOOKING AHEAD: April is a very busy month for us. April 4 (Saturday) DOTR to Flagler Beach for breakfast, April 7 begins our Mini Golf Tournament, April 11 is the Tom Gibbs Chevy Display, April 14 and 17 are Rounds 2 and 3 of golf, April 21 is the monthly meeting, April 24 is Round 4 of golf, April 25 is the club picnic, and April 28 is Round 5 of golf. Hopefully, that's enough to keep you busy. Let's see who can make it to every one of the events.

Reviews

AM CAFÉ IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH: A nice group of twenty-one turned out for

breakfast on a chilly, windy morning in February. Making our way south on Rt 1 to the AM Café in New Smyrna Beach were John and Sally, Liz and Edie, Rick and Sheila, John Pona, Bill Geize, Bud and Mary, Rick Demichina, Ed and Jean, and prospective members Del and Patricia Fot from Ormond Beach. We met up with our New Smyrna Beach residents Gary and Cindy and Vin and Tracy at the restaurant. The Café was already hopping with customers when we arrived, but they had a section set aside just for us. This little café had been recently remodeled, this time with a '50s theme. There were quite a few interesting items from the era adorning the walls, and a few unusual items on the menu (pumpkin pancakes, Italian sausage roll, French toast casserole, just to name a few). Service was really good and everyone seemed pleased with their menu selections.

DAY OF THE DUELS: A beautiful day in the neighborhood could well be the description of the Day of the Duels car show at the Daytona Beach Shores Drive-In Christian Church. There were over 600 cars of every make and model on display. The weather was perfect, even a bit on the hot side, as the aroma of sunscreen began to permeate the air. Attending were Bud and Mary Mullennix, Rick Minor, Bill Geize, Will Masotta, John Doria, Ed and Jean Doyle, Del and Patty Fot (soon-to-be members), Ken Hawes, and Gary Swanson and friend, with Bill and Evelyn Neway stopping by later in the day.

DINNER NIGHT OUT: You can read the review of The Garlic in next month's issue. Publishing deadline prohibited it for now.

C-8 ROLEX 24 RECAP: Last month, I promised a review of the Rolex 24 and how the new C8 Racing Corvettes performed. Well, by now you probably know that even though the new Corvettes looked good in the early stages, the duo had to settle for 4th for the #3 and 7th for the #4 in the 7-car class. A bright spot is that the #3 car set a team record for the most laps in the 24-hour event. Check out some photos in the Gallery from the Corvette Racing garage taken by George Weissgerber, who was there for the action.

This & That

MISSING YOU: Please keep Herb Gerstel in your thoughts. Herb has had some complicated health issues and we want him to know that he and Shirley are missed. We hope to see them both real soon. Get well!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes for March go to Tom Bellavia on the 3rd, Jamie Hawes on the 12th, Sally Doria on the 15th, Leslie Armstrong on the 29th and Steve Slaton on the 30th.

BIG MONEY WINNER...and I DO mean BIG. Mary Mullennix has broken the bank...not once in January when she won \$45.50, but also in February when she won \$51. (A little birdie told me she also won the 50/50 drawing at the

Eagles.) Wow, 2020 is looking good for Mary!



BEWARE OF THE BIKES: March 6-15 marks Bike Week in Daytona Beach and the surrounding areas. Please drive with extra care during this time and watch out for those bikers.



PRINTING PROBLEM? 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 Printable Membership List is guaranteed up-to-date monthly, and is the preferred way of keeping track of everyone (phone numbers, emails, addresses, cars, etc.).



PHOTO FINISH: Here is a very cool photo taken by Mary Mullennix on our way to one of our recent events. The photo was taken from the vantage point of the passenger side mirror of their '63.

AREA CAR SHOWS: Plan your Saturdays around a car show

- ** First Saturday of the month: One Daytona, directly across from the Daytona International Speedway, from 4 -7 p.m.
- ** Also, on the first Saturday of the month: Daytona Flea Market from 9 to noon.
- ** Second Saturday of the month: Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach from 4 – 7p.m. (Get there early!)
- ** Third Saturday of the month: Cars and Coffee Show at the Wawa in New Smyrna Beach at 1780 FL-44. Show hours are from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (10% off breakfast at C's Waffles).
- ** Last Saturday of the month: Cars and Coffee at Destin2Shine at Destination Daytona, Ormond Beach. Show hours are from 9 a.m.- noon.

Irish Blessing

**May your pockets be heavy,
And your heart be light.
May good luck pursue you
Each day and each night**



Happy St. Paddy's Day