

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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting at 6:30.



Coming Up

Last month the activities centered around eating, but the month of March will be geared a little more toward Corvettes. (Better for our waistline).

#1: March 6 - Dining on the Run (DOTR)

will take us heading south to Titusville to have lunch at Shiloh's Restaurant, located on the shores of the Indian River Lagoon with a direct view of NASA's Kennedy Space Center. There is something on the menu for everyone. We will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall on Rt.1 in South Daytona on Sunday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m. Wear your club shirt.

#2: March 12 – Tom Gibbs Corvettes, Camaro and SSR Display, located at the Tom

Gibbs Chevy Dealership in Flagler County (on Rt. 100). There is no registration fee required, but they are asking for a \$5.00 or more donation to Breast Cancer Awareness. Make plans to go, as we try again to bring home the club participation award for yet another year. Trophies for best in class, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, 60's music, a tire raffle, and food and drinks (served by a local high school club for a donation), will be available. We will leave from Beall's parking lot in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson and Granada) for the trek up I-95 at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th. Shine up the Vette, throw some lawn chairs in the trunk, a cooler if you wish, and get ready for a good time. Official club shirts are required. The show is over at 1:30 p.m. **Let John Doria know if you are going by March 1st.**

#3: March 15 – Introduction of the Z06

The 2023 Z06 will be on display at New Smyrna Chevrolet on Rt. 44 from 11:00 a.m. to around 7.

Come on down and take a look. Some of our members have volunteered to guide you around. Wear your club shirt.

This is also the same day as our meeting.

#4: March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

Trade your orange shirt in for a green one and take your Corvette out for a spin to celebrate the coming of spring and St. Paddy’s Day..

#5: March 25-27 – Spring Turkey Run

The spring show at the speedway always seems to be more popular with our members than the fall show, mainly because it is not so overwhelming, but also because we have a much better parking area, right in the heart of the show. There is no pre-registration online this year. You must pay at the gate when you enter, or at the evening events outside the speedway on Thursday. Check it out at their website www.turkeyrun.com. Cost is \$45 per car for the three-day event. You may come and go as often as you like. There is reserved parking for our club, (in the grassy area behind the food vendors), but you must purchase a special parking pass from John Doria at a cost TBD. He will have the passes at the March meeting. Because we may be there at different times, no club shirts are required.

Welcome

This month we are happy and excited to announce our newest members to the club. Please welcome Randy and Peggy Sweeney, originally from Jamestown, NY, who are now full-time residents of New Smyrna Beach. Randy and Peggy have joined the Torch Red “club” with their beautiful 2016, Z06 coupe. Welcome to Florida AND the Corvette Cruisers.

Reviews

PIZZA NIGHT: Corvettes Cruisers LOVE THEIR PIZZA, and I think, most of us LOVE GIUSEPPE’S PIZZA. On Wednesday, 2/2/22, the place was ready for the



invasion of 28 hungry pizza eaters: twenty-three seated at the main table and five seated at the kids’ table. ☺ The pizza was hot and the beer was cold. What more could we ask? The waiter did a pretty good job handling all of us, especially when our pizza tastes are so varied. By the time we left, the place was rocking as all the tables were full and a wait list had formed. Enjoying the night were Steve and Anita Slaton, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, Barry and Bev Luchenbach, Edie Byrne and Liz Byrne, Arnie Ligi and A J Marquardt, Ed and Jean Doyle, Tom and Sandie Bonnett, Gary and Cindy Swanson, prospective members Randy and Peggy Sweeney, John Pona, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Patrick and Aliah Wall, and Alan Segal.

FEBRUARY DOTR: “The Dirty Dozen” made their way to New Smyrna Beach for a (too) early breakfast for the dining on the Run. Though it wasn’t raining that morning, it had been raining on and off all night long, so the streets were kicking up a lot of dirty water. And since there just happened to be twelve of us, thus the name. John and Sally led the way through the backroads to get to Jason’s Corner and luckily, we were all able to park on the street in an area made perfect for our five Corvettes. Seated under a large print of Florida oranges, we blended in perfectly with our orange shirts, as we eagerly slugged down coffee at a fast rate. The food was very good, the service was excellent, the table location not so great, but the chatter among friends was awesome. Our numbers were small, but we sure represented

the area well: Tom and Sandie Bonnett from Palm Coast, Bud and Mary Mullennix from Daytona Beach, the Dorias and the Doyles from Port Orange, Gary and Cindy Swanson from New Smyrna Beach, and Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson from Edgewater. The only area not represented was Ormond Beach. Those folks must have all decided to sleep in.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH CAR SHOW: As Mr. Rogers would say, “It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood,” and that’s exactly what it was in the neighborhood of the Drive-In Christian Church in Daytona Beach Shores. The weather was this side of perfect, with an ocean breeze and temps in the high 70’s. Even a few raindrops felt good under a blazing sun. A huge contingency of 605 cars was in attendance featuring all makes, models, sizes and colors one could only imagine. Our club proudly displayed eighteen Corvettes (and one pink Thunderbird). Though the show made for a long day, the end was worth the wait when two of our members picked up trophies and another picked up a new car:



Bob Wolff won in the early ‘Vette class with his 1964 Riverside Red convertible, and



John Pona, won in the late model ‘Vette class with his 2015 Torch Red coupe. (John had just purchased his car the week before.)

Bud and Mary Mullennix came home with a cream puff 1956 tangerine and white Crown Victoria. What a beauty!



Thanks to all who attended for a worthwhile cause. The church was able to make a sizeable donation to the Halifax Urban Ministries, in their quest to help the homeless of Volusia County.

This & That

CORRECTION: Last month I introduced you to Bob and Debbie Dutcher, two of our newest members who reside in Margaritaville. By mistake, I mentioned that their ride is a 2017 Admiral Blue Convertible. Where I got the information that their car is blue, I will never know. Bob and Debbie drive a beautiful 2017 Corvette Racing Yellow convertible. I must have had my blue blockers on. Sorry, guys.

CONGRATULATIONS! Not very often do we get to announce a marriage in our club, but I am happy to announce that one of our bachelor members is no more. Alan Segal and his new wife Loudette made it official and tied the knot on Valentine’s Day. Congratulations to the happy couple.

\$50/\$50: Well, it happened again. A visitor at our February meeting walked away with the nice sum of \$52.50, one of the biggest amounts in over three years. Two couples, members of the Cedar

Rapids Corvette Club in Iowa, visit the area for two months in the winter, and always join us at our meetings. One of them held the lucky winner. How many times has this happened? More times than we would like to think.

A NEW ADDITION to our Corvette family is a gorgeous 2015 Torch Red coupe owned by John and Rose Pona. They sold their 2005 Black coupe, and at the first event with the new car, John pulls in a trophy from a car show. (See Review above.) Congratulations!!

MISSING YOU: We have not seen Art or Leslie Armstrong or Vin and Tracy Giglio in quite a while. We hope all is well, and we miss you greatly. We cannot spell C-L-U-B without U (you), so we hope to see you soon. Also, prayers needed for Penny Weissgerber who remains in the hospital.

BIRTHDAYS: Another trip around the sun for Jamie Hawes on the 12th, Sally Doria on the 15th, Susan McCracken on the 24th, Leslie Armstrong on the 29th and Steve Slaton on the 30th. Happy Birthday to all.

ANNIVERSARY: Only one couple in our club picked March to get married. Happy anniversary to Del and Patty Fot. Congratulations!!

Hmmm??? 

Here's a story from Gary Swanson that will, hopefully, make you go Hmmm.

Back in October, Cindy and I purchased a 2019 Torch Red coupe with only 203 miles on the odometer. I had seen it online at Starling Chevrolet in Orlando. When we went to look at

it, the first thing I asked was, "How could this car have such low mileage?" They didn't have many specifics, except to say they had bought it at a dealer auction along with a couple of other cars owned by the same individual. The original owner apparently had several cars, and for some reason this one was barely driven. I keep asking myself, what was the reason, why was this beautiful car not used?

When I was at New Smyrna Chevy last week to get a couple of things checked out, I realized that the three-year bumper to bumper warranty was due to expire on Valentine's Day. That meant it was sold and put into service on February 14, 2019. Hmmm.

Was this red car purchased as a Valentine gift for someone's wife? If so, was it a make-up gift for a major transgression? Did she reject both the car and him? Was it then stored away awaiting divorce proceedings? Or was it purchased for a girlfriend or daughter who for some reason didn't like it? Don't know if I'll ever know the answer, but it's kind of fun to speculate, isn't it? What do you think?? Is there another reason entirely??

We'd love to know what your theory might be. Why did this car have only 203 miles on it when it was traded in? Send your imaginative guess to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com and I will publish your thoughts next month. Hmmm???

Irish Blessing

May your neighbors respect you,
May trouble neglect you,
May the angels protect you,
And may Heaven accept you.

