

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.



HAPPY NEWS: A big welcome goes out to Arne and Sherry Ellgard, the newest members of the Corvette Cruisers. The Ellgards live in Port Orange and presently drive a beautiful white (our first white Corvette) C-7 with a red stripe. (I say "presently" because Arne has owned 30 - you heard that right - 30 Corvettes over the years, so he may be subject to trade at any minute!) Please introduce yourselves to Arne and Sherry if you haven't already met them and welcome them to our club.

MAY DAY - DOTR DAY: Celebrate the month of May by starting it off with a great breakfast at Halifax Plantation Breakfast Buffet. This one has been a favorite of the Corvette Cruisers in years past and is sure

to be a hit again. Let's meet at Bealls in Ormond at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1st. We will surely brighten up the restaurant with our colorful tangerine shirts. Be sure to wear yours.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Mini-golf tournament started out a bit slow with only 12 members participating in Round 1. The first hole of the first course was aced (a hole-in-one) by Sally to start the night off with a bang, but it was Gary and Cindy who tied for the win in Round 1 with a 48. Round 2, at Pirates Island, was another story. After one entire week of absolutely beautiful, perfect weather, the skies turned black and the rain moved in, just as we approached the course. With lightning in the area, we were not permitted to begin play, so fourteen faithful stood around under the eaves of the hut waiting for the skies to clear. About 15 minutes into the wait, a unanimous decision was made



to skip the golf and go for ice cream. Culver's on Dunlawton Avenue kept the night from being a total wipe-out. The remainder of the games and the tournament champ will be discussed in the June issue.

(Photos by John D. and Jean)

BOARD MEETING: There will be a BOD meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at the Daytona Beach Golf Club on Wilder Avenue beginning at 10:00 a.m. Any club member is welcome to attend. Board Members are asked to be present for a meeting concerning the Folds of Honor Car Show (discussed below) at 9:00 a.m. prior to the BOD meeting.

GUYS NITE OUT (Ladies welcome too!):



"So you think your car can beat mine? Well, let's just see." Any Don Garlits wann-a-bes out there? How

about a John Force? On May 11th, several guys from the club are planning a trip to Orlando Speed World Dragway on a reconnaissance for "Whoop A**" Wednesday. Every Wednesday, "Test n Tune," Grudge matches and Fun Runs are offered. If you want to go just to see what's what and how it's run, meet at Kohls in Port Orange at 4:30 p.m. for the drive down I-95 to Route 50 and on to the dragway in time for the 6:00 p.m. opening. Admission is \$12.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact Bill Geize (phone or text) at 386-871-8483 and

let him know you will be going. He will not be taking his Vette this time. But maybe next time we might be able to see how a 2014 Lime Rock Green Z51 manual stacks up against a 2015 Laguna Blue Tint automatic. Since this is not an official club event, collared club shirts are not required. You may want to take some ear protection, as drag races can be pretty LOUD.

#1 -- FOLDS OF HONOR GOLF

TOURNAMENT & CAR SHOW: This is the second annual Folds of Honor Golf Tournament & Car Show, but the first in which our club will assist the Daytona Beach Golf Club with the car show part by directing traffic, assisting with parking, judging entries, and various other duties as directed. The show will be held on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Folds of Honor Foundation, a worthy charity that provides scholarships for spouses and children of those killed or disabled in service to our country. On-site registration is \$20.00 and includes a special gift from DBGC, lunch of a hamburger, hot dog and drink, and a special performance by the Horse Force Drill Team at the 18th hole. Email your name, model and make of your car to Brian Jaquet at Jaquetb@codb.us. Be sure to note that you are with the Corvette Cruisers and that you request "Parking Only." (Since we are co-sponsoring the event, our cars are for display only and will not be judged for awards.) Entry fee will be collected at time

of arrival (cash only). It would be nice if all members would register and display their Vettes to show support for this wonderful organization.

#2 -- FOLDS OF HONOR GOLF

TOURNAMENT & CAR SHOW: If you are planning to help out at the car show, you are asked to attend a meeting at the home of Art and Leslie Armstrong, (see address in "Members Only" section), on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. Specifics on what part we will play at the show will be discussed at this important meeting. Regardless of whether or not you wish to work at the show, plan to be there on May 28.

SAD NEWS: Our hearts are heavy with the news that our dear friend and member Carole Connelly passed away on Easter Sunday. Carole fought a long, hard battle with a rare, debilitating disease, but she will always be remembered for her Southern charm, her graceful presence and her radiant smile. Please keep Lars in your thoughts during this difficult time of adjustment.



CORVETTES AT CARLISLE: A trip to Carlisle, PA is being planned for August 25-28 by some of our members. If you are interested in making the excursion to see one of the world's premier Corvette Car

Shows, contact John Doria for more information. He has worked out an itinerary, including overnight stops and relative costs, and would be happy to send it to you. So far, there has been interest from about 10 members, but the more going, the more fun it will be. PLEASE SEE THE ARTICLE ABOUT CORVETTES AT CARLISLE UNDER "CORVETTE CHATTER" IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

CAR SHOW CAPERS: Well once again Mother Nature showed her grumpy side with rain on Friday, rain on Saturday and rain predicted on Sunday for the Spring Turkey Run at the Speedway. Thank heavens John and Sally, Pat and Sandy, Will, Bill G., Art, Bob F. with Skip Crowder, Rick and Sheila, Bill and Bonita, JR., Ed and Jean, and 2nd event participant Arne Ellgard had the foresight to not let the rain keep us away. Weaving our way through the crowds, which were considerably lower this year, each of us entered our lot from a different direction, thanks always to the unclear instructions given at the track. Drizzling rain made our umbrellas a necessity when we first arrived, but it soon tapered off enough to put them away once and for all. What a nice surprise to be greeted by the Easter Bunny (or was that a Playboy Bunny?) who invited us to her catered birthday party. Huh? Free food? Nobody had to ask us twice!! It was first class all the way with tablecloths, silver tea service, bacon, eggs, grits, pancakes, fresh fruit, cupcakes, tea,

coffee, and MIMOSAS. It wasn't long before the sun came out and we were complaining that it had become too hot. The car corral had its usual number of "dream" cars and the show cars are always interesting to see. We were pleasantly surprised by a visit from past members Warren Brasch and Jackie Karagosian, who both seemed to be doing well. The drawings for the door prizes didn't begin until 2:00, but none of our group stuck around long enough to claim any prizes. The rain clouds started moving back in, signaling a good time to leave the track. (Photos by Bill S. and John D.)

AWWWW, ST. AUGUSTINE. The April



Dining on the Run (DOTR) took the club to Columbia's in St. Augustine for lunch with a Cuban flair.

The trip getting there is always interesting, especially driving the breath-taking coastal highway through Flagler Beach. Managing to keep together sixteen Corvettes was a feat in itself, but fighting the crowds of tourists in St. Augustine is always a little taxing. Coming to a dead stop about a mile or so before the Lion Bridge (either for the drawbridge or just normal traffic) gave us a hint of what was to come. Originally, we learned that Columbia's has a free parking lot for patrons, but getting to it by snaking our way through the narrow streets and many tourists with sixteen cars seemed like an unholy alliance. Our fearless leader

decided that the best way to handle parking was the parking structure. Even getting into it was slow and tedious as a Ribs/Music festival was taking place right next door. We had to climb up, up and away to the third floor of a four-floor garage to park. Eventually making our way to the restaurant, bringing along hearty appetites, and filling up the reserved tables were John Reis, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill S. and Bonita Richardson, Ed and Jean Doyle, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Rick and Sheila Minor, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Guy and Charlene (visiting friends of the Fritzes), Mike Mills, Bill Geize, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Arne and Sherry Ellgard (attending their third event), John and Sally Doria, Bob and Linda Wolff, Richard Wetherby, Rick Demichina, and Jim and Ginny Quinn. Everybody seemed pleased with their choices, especially the delicious hot Cuban bread served to all before the meal. Comments were particularly good about the hot Cuban sandwich and Columbia's signature "1905" salad for which they are famous. The only complaint was the \$12 for parking, a little steep for sure, but if you took advantage of it to walk around the town and see some of the sights in historic St. Augustine, it may not have been such a bad deal after all. (Photos by Richard and John D.)

PORT CANAVERAL ADVENTURE: Last



year we were sweating bullets, this year not so much. Last year we dashed to get relief from the sun by

seeking out the deck with a roof. This year we sought out the same deck, but we set up our chairs on the sunny side as the wind was quite brisk early on. But the blue sky above and all the beautiful Corvettes, plus a background of three cruise ships made the day a pleasant one for Bill Geize, Ken and Jamie Hawes, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Rick Demichina, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Wayne and Tina Cantrell, Richard Wetherby, and Ed and Jean Doyle. We were joined by newest members Arne and Sherry Ellgard, who had spent the previous night in the Cape Canaveral area. The Cape Kennedy Corvette Club uniquely directs the Corvettes to park according to their generations. Since our club had one C-4, three C-5's, three C-6's and two C-7's, our cars were scattered throughout the parking lot. This made it easy to compare cars and choose favorites in each class. Unfortunately, none of our Corvette Cruisers walked away with any trophies. Since only "People's Choice" awards were presented, the Vettes with the most bling (and usually the most \$\$\$\$ spent) take home the trophies. However, Jamie Hawes and Bill Neway both won door prizes. The winner of the 50/50 took home a whopping \$1,300, but alas, it wasn't one of us. CKCC had over 70 of their own Corvettes on display out of about 160 from their club. Also on display was a little bit of history with the original 1967 Stingray owned by Neil Armstrong. (Check out the video and the tons of photos on the Cape Kennedy website at www.ckcc.club. Some of our cars and license plates are pictured.) We

ended up eating lunch at the Atlantic Seafood Restaurant, a little further down the pier than last year. The consensus around our table was that they served up some excellent crab cakes and other fish dishes. The drive to the Cape is always an easy one (isn't that right, Jim?) as well as a pleasant one with all the surrounding water, especially on a pretty day. So all in all, it was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!! (Photos by Richard W. and Jean)

BBQ/PICNIC: WOW!! What a great day! The weather was perfect, the company was perfect, and the food was perfect. What more could one ask? The picnic always affords us a chance to get to know each other on a little more personal basis than our meetings do. It was especially nice to have Lars Connelly joining us after a long absence. Enjoying the good Bar-B-Que spread from Dustin's and the cookies from Publix with Lars were Art and Leslie, John and Sally, Vin and Tracy, Frank and Leanne, Joanna Oswald and Steve Terrell, Jim and Ginny, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Bill and Evelyn, Bill Geize, Rick and Sheila, Rick Demichina and Gloria Renneker, Arne and Sherry, Bob and Linda, Herb and Shirley, Gary and Cindy, Bob and Mickey, Liz Byrne, Edie Byrne, Ken Hawes, and Ed and Jean. Many thanks to John and Sally who arranged the entire event, from ordering the food



and drinks to packing up any leftovers to cleaning up afterwards. We certainly missed those who couldn't be there, and to those who couldn't make it, you missed a really great time. Thirty-nine out of fifty-five attended, which is a pretty good average. Let's do it again next year. Whaddaya say? (Photos by Richard W. and John D.)

A WORD OF CAUTION: Due to the proximity of our meeting location to the beach, we may, on occasion, encounter a panhandler/transient asking for money when we leave TGI Friday's following a meeting. Should you be approached and/or bothered by someone who is aggressive and will not take "no" for an answer, call 911 to report it. Always be aware of your surroundings. It may be a good idea, that when you leave the building, do so in a group, or let someone know you are leaving.



THIS AND THAT



Those born under the sign of Taurus in May are romantic. Their love for style and beauty is apparent in their way of living. They are warm at heart and prefer being secure in life. As friends, they are trustworthy and helpful. The Taurus is

strong with great stamina for physical and mental tasks, but can be stubborn and unwilling to give ground. They tend to keep their feelings buried deep. Our May Taurus birthdays are Ginny Quinn on the 3rd, Bonita Richardson on the 5th, Lars Connelly on the 7th, Dave Huber on the 8th, and Will Masotta on the 10th.



Those born in May under the sign of Gemini are versatile, adaptable, and easily bored. They are quite intelligent and quick-witted. They love to chat and share their knowledge. The May Gemini is sociable and enjoys variety as well as change. Do these characteristics fit Donna Bly (Masotta), who celebrates on the 22nd, and Bob Wolff, who celebrates on the 29th? [Happy Birthday to all our May babies.](#)

Happy BELATED Anniversary to Ken and Jamie Hawes, who celebrated in April but whose names were inadvertently left out of the April Newsletter. Happy Anniversary in May to Ed and Jean Doyle who celebrate 49 years together. (And they said it wouldn't last!!) Congratulations and many more years of wedded bliss to all.

WoooHooo - another Corvette has joined the fold. Richard Wetherby said "goodbye" to his 1992 Quasar Blue coupe and "hello" to a beautiful 2001 Navy Blue Metallic convertible. Congratulations, Rich! We celebrate your enthusiasm.

Get Well Soon: John Reis had an unexpected slip and fall in the shower and banged himself up pretty bad, injuring his back and head. We all hope you are on the mend, JR. Take heed, Cruisers....shower shoes or safety bars are a must for anyone past 50.

Please let Steve and Anita Slaton know you are thinking about them. Cards, phone calls, texts, and/or prayers would all be appreciated. Following more than 50 days in the hospital and 3 major surgeries, Steve is home trying to adjust to a totally new lifestyle with Anita's love and support. We miss them and hope to see them both soon.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ -- The winner of the 50/50 for April was Sheila Minor. The nice, tidy sum of \$36.50 might just about pay your dinner bill at Friday's. Congratulations!!

John and Sally are vacationing across the pond visiting England and Scotland. They will be out of area for any phone calls or texts during this time but will return on May 5th. Who knows? Maybe John will return wearing a kilt?

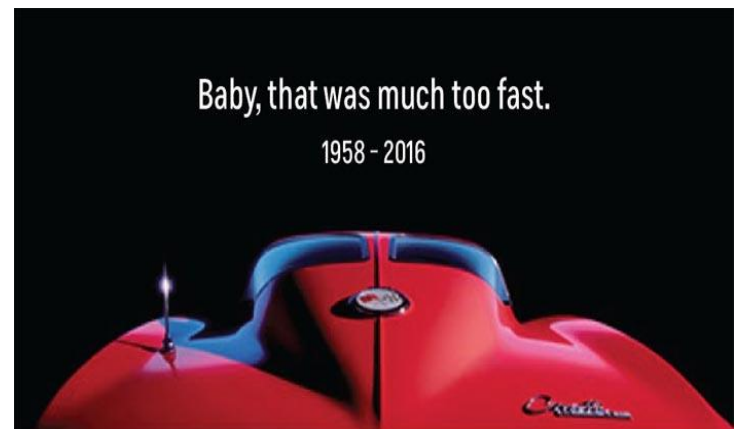


Happy Mother's Day to all our members who are Mothers and/or Grandmothers. This is YOUR day. Why not celebrate it with a nice ride through the country or down the coast in a pretty Corvette? Hopefully Mother Nature will remember that she, too, is a mother and order up a beautiful day.

Just a note about our Newsletter - while other clubs may have a slick version, complete with graphics and photos and fonts that look like the pages of a magazine, ours is homey and newsy by design. Our Newsletter reflects the fact that we are a small club and can keep the news relevant to our members. We will leave the slick designs to the larger clubs, who can well afford to hire a professional. Remember, your Newsletter editor works cheap.

Chevrolet Pays Tribute to Prince

With the passing of Prince on April 21st in Minnesota at the age of 57, we are reminded that one of his biggest hits over his career was "Little Red Corvette." Those who listened closely to the words, knew it wasn't about a car. But for Corvette lovers, we were always okay with that, and the song became an anthem of any red Corvette owner for sure. Chevrolet recognized his death by placing the following full page advertisement in nationwide newspapers including *USA Today* and the *New York Times* with a tribute to Prince's song.



CORVETTE CHATTER

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE is THE premier all-Corvette themed weekend in the world and judging by the license plates on the cars and accents of customers, the world most certainly does come to Carlisle each August. For 2016, the show's popularity is such that it was actually expanded for the first-time ever by adding a fourth day. This August, America's Sports Car is showcased in America's Automotive Hometown August 25-28 and will once again highlight all things Corvette. Not only is there an extra day, but another new feature is coming to Carlisle; the ability to WIN a 2016 Stingray Coupe. Yes, Corvettes at Carlisle has offered a Corvette as a giveaway prize before, but never like this. This Corvette WILL be given away to someone at the show and the chances to win are just one in one thousand. Not only are chances to win limited, but a ticket for entry into the raffle is affordably priced at just \$100. Best of all, proceeds benefit the Chip Miller Amyloidosis Foundation. (Chip Miller's father is the founder of Corvettes at Carlisle, and ironically, this is the same disease that took the life of our own Carole Connelly.)

C7 TIPS AND TRICKS: Okay folks, we previously printed Tips and Tricks for the C5 and the C6 models. And now with all the

C7's in our club, it's time to take a look at the latest Tips and Tricks of the C7. If you owned a previous model, some tips may be repetitious, but there are many new features with the C7. Good luck!!

- 1) Press the remote horn to initiate vehicle locator. Press for 3 sec to sound the panic alarm.
- 2) Manual Paddle Shift System can be used in D (Drive). Press the "+" paddle shifter to return to D (Drive).
- 3) You can temporary disable passive locking by holding the interior switch for 4 sec (3 chimes)
- 4) The car will remind you to shut off your turn signal if left on for more than 3/4 mile.
- 5) Headlamps automatically turn on if using wipers.
- 6) You can just bump the turn signal (up or down) for it to signal for 3 ticks.
- 7) There's also a keyhole above the rear license plate to open the hatch should your battery be dead.
- 8) Remote start only lasts 10 min. but if you repeat the process during the first 10 min., you can extend the time to 20 min.
- 9) If UNLOCK is pressed on the transmitter and the horn chirps 3 times, a previous alarm occurred.
- 10) Memory package has a reverse tilt mirror.
- 11) The window has an express up and down feature.
- 12) The auto fan max speed is adjustable.

- 13) Remote Start can turn on heated or ventilated seats.
- 14) The illumination control can turn on the interior lights with a full clockwise turn.
- 15) The rear window defogger turns off after 10 min. If turned on again, it turns off after 5 mins.
- 16) The Eco Index and Instantaneous Fuel Economy also displays the number of cylinders the vehicle is running on.
- 17) The C7 uses a capless refueling system.
- 18) The battery is in the rear of the car, passenger side.
- 19) There is a storage area behind the NAV screen.
- 20) The chime volume is adjustable.
- 21) The radio max volume at startup is adjustable.
- 22) Storage container in rear driver's side
- 23) When in reverse and the backup camera activates, the radio cannot be controlled.
- 24) Takes an effort to close the rear hatch without cracking a door a little open
- 25) INFOTAINMENT icons can be rearranged. (Press & hold)
- 26) Media supports two connected devices with 100,000 songs.
- 27) The cup holder divider is removable by a pinch and pull method.
- 28) Tire temperatures can be displayed.
- 29) You can make changes to the NAV while moving only if you have a passenger.
- 30) Using paddle shifters in an automatic, negates cylinder deactivation.
- 31) The radio can record 25 minutes of live radio for playback. (Timeshifting)
- 32) The sun visor can be extended along the rod.
- 33) Screen up/down button does not work when the shifter is in reverse.
- 34) When in reverse, the speedometer will read your reverse speed.
- 35) Hold the radio OFF/ON button in for 2 seconds or more and an analog clock with date will appear on the NAV screen.
- 36) The Corvette has a transport mode. To remove, turn on the 4-way flasher and place the driver's foot on the brake AND on the clutch if it is a manual transmission. Press and hold the Start button for approximately 15 seconds. At this point the engine will START, but CONTINUE to hold the start button for approximately 15 seconds. Information will display on the center of the cluster that will indicate when transport mode has been turned OFF. Transport mode can be entered using the same procedure. Also reduces the load on the battery when not in use.
- 37) Instrument Cluster - DIC cluster application selection represented by a white marker to the left and right of the item displayed. As you scroll through the various application pages, you'll see the white markers move up and down, representing the app location within the list.

- 38) "Favorites" can be used to save more than radio presets, i.e., you can save NAV Destinations...home, contacts, tone settings, artists, songs, etc.
- 39) Black 'dots' on rear window are actually C7 emblems.
- 40) The Emergency Parking Brake (EPB) will automatically release if the vehicle is running, placed into gear, and an attempt is made to drive away.
- 41) If the INFOTAINMENT system has been turned on after the ignition is turned off, the system will turn off automatically after 10 minutes.
- 42) If the Auto Memory Recall is set to "At Ignition" and the Easy Exit Option is "On", when you start the engine and do NOT press the brake pedal, the seat, steering wheel, and mirrors will adjust to setting 1 or 2 then you can press the brake pedal to start the engine. This is a great feature for shorter folks.
- 43) Pressing the Intrusion & Inclination Sensors Disable switch, to the right of the Hatch Release button, will allow a passenger left in the car to not set off the alarm and deal with locked doors. Same goes for a pet.
- 44) Pressing the Call Hang-up button on the steering wheel will mute/unmute the radio.
- 45) Pressing the "Power" + "Home" + "Menu" buttons (HMI) will display the software versions page.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): When Callaway first announced the AeroWagon conversion for the Chevrolet C7 Corvette, we were all smiles. In fact, we reported it right here in the April, 2013 edition of the Newsletter that it was a far-out concept. However, according to the GM Authority website, when they surveyed their readers to show how they felt about this idea, 63 percent of those who participated were in favor of its creation. Well, anyone hoping to buy the Corvette AeroWagon conversion is in luck, as Callaway has announced that it will be available for purchase during the fourth quarter of 2016. To bring you back up to speed, the Callaway AeroWagon flaunts a shooting brake design comprised of carbon fiber structure elements which offer both high-strength durability and weight-savings. Let's also not forget that Callaway claims the AeroWagon will be able to reach over 200 MPH, though the specific details have not been revealed for this feat. With an expected price of less than \$15,000 for the conversion, Callaway probably won't have any difficulty reaching its sales quota, but only time will tell.

