

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The “Talepipe” Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through June, 2021) at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club, 35 Fairgreen Ave., New Smyrna Beach. If this location changes, it will be noted in the body of the Newsletter. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Coming Up

LET’S EAT!! On **Saturday, May 1st**, we will



be heading north up the coast to St. Augustine to have lunch at The Conch House. Yes, you heard that right –**SATURDAY**. Many times, the Board gets requests to have the Dining

on the Run (DOTR) on a Saturday instead of always on a Sunday, and the Conch House is a great test to see how Saturday works. Lots of seafood on the menu, but a good variety of other things as well. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 9:45 a.m. Join in for a nice drive and a great lunch.

BOARD MEETING: There will be a Board Meeting at the home of Jamie Hawes, 177 Deer Lake Circle, Ormond Beach on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Board meetings are open to all members, but please let Jamie know if you plan to

attend. If you have an item you wish to add to the agenda, please let a board member know.

PONCE INLET CAR SHOW: Saturday, May 15th is the date for the Ponce Inlet Car Show. By now, if you are competing, your registration should have been sent in. If you are not in the competition, why not come out to One Daytona anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and enjoy this all-Corvette show, along with the nice shops and restaurants One Daytona has to offer. Those competing will leave from Penney’s parking lot in Volusia Mall at 8:00 a.m. in order to enter, park together, and put the final shine on the car.

Reviews

SPRING TURKEY RUN: The 2021 Turkey Run at the speedway is now in the history books. Friday was sunny and quite warm, but a little breeze made it tolerable to walk the grounds to see the many hot rods, “cool” cars, classics and

customs. Since last year's spring run was canceled, just being back at the speedway with the sights (oh brother), sounds (the hum and hiss of the gas-powered ice cream maker) and the smells (the greasy carnival foods permeating the air) gaveway to thoughts that the country is moving back to normal (at least in Florida). Bud Mullennix, Vinnie and Tracy Giglio, Bill Geize, Bill Simmons, Gary Swanson, John Doria, and Ed and Jean Doyle attended Friday's event. Several visitors stopped by our location to say hello: Bob Wolff, who had his '96 coupe in the car corral hoping to sell it, Lenny Valentine and Patsy Lutz, past snowbird members of the club from Crescent City who would soon be returning to Canada, and a brazen guy from Ponce Inlet who managed to bum a parking spot from us.

Saturday the weather turned HOT HOT HOT...no clouds, not much breeze, and brow-beating sun. Thanks to Tracy and Vin for providing their tent for some much needed relief. In addition to those attending Friday, Sally Doria, John Pona, Bonita Richardson, Bill Neway, Edie and Liz Byrne joined the ranks on Saturday. Lots of interest swirled around John's Rapid Blue C-8, as for many, it was the first time seeing the new mid-engine Corvette. Gary, Ed and Jean were the only brave ones who stayed for the door prize drawing, and as luck would have it, both Gary and the Doyles had winning numbers...Gary won some tie-down straps and Ed won a Craftsman 3-piece something-or-other. Staying until every last number was called (4 p.m.), Ed and Jean hoped the tickets they held for Tracy, Bill Simmons, and John Pona, would be called, but sadly, no other winners were drawn from our club. Good news is that Bob Wolff sold his car, and another fun and successful Spring Turkey Run has concluded.

DINING ON THE RUN: Finally, we made it to breakfast at Hi Tulip, although Mother Nature still seemed to work against us. After two previous cancellations (Hurricane and Covid-19),

the morning began with thunder and lightning and a downpour that continued from the previous night. Pat Wall (prospective member), John and Sally, Ed and Jean, Bill and Evelyn, and John and Rose came in cars other than Corvettes, while Bill and Bonita, Bud and Mary, and Bill G ventured out in their Vettes. While the original plan was to dine on the deck, the rain and lightning kept us comfortably inside. The menu at the Hi Tulip had some unusual items, such as Lox, a Shrimp and Lobster Omelet, Crab Oscar Benedict, multigrain pancakes, and fourteen flavors of loose tea, along with the usual breakfast fare. Nestled at the end of a shopping plaza in Flagler Beach, the Hi Tulip was a cozy place to spend a rainy morning.



MINI-GOLF UPDATE

Round 1 saw a record number of participants eager to show their putting skills at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach. Even though the eagerness dissipated after the first hole, Bill, Bonita, Gary, Cindy, Julius, Bill G., Liz, John D, Sally, John P., Bill N., Evelyn, Bob, Linda, Ed and Jean continued on. Edie came to cheer us on but decided not to play. There were not too many thoughts of ice cream afterward as the chill in the beach night air had everyone shivering by game's end. John D. and Bill Geize both shot 2 under par for the first night and Bonita Richardson had 3 holes-in-one (one of which was thanks to Ed Doyle who knocked her ball in the hole). But things can change quickly.



Round 2 at Congo River saw a drop off in attendance, but 12 determined golfers hit the course with renewed enthusiasm. At this round we welcomed Pat and Aliah Wall, prospective members from Ormond Beach, who helped get us up to speed. Low score for the night went to

Gary Swanson and John Doria, who both shot a 42 and Pat Wall had the most holes-in-one with 2. Those headed south after the game stopped at Culver's for a nightcap (in ice cream that is) to discuss the results of Round 2 and solve the problems of the world. (AND NO, THE #1 HOLE AT PRIATES COVE IS NOT A PRACTICE GREEN!!!)



Round 3 at Pirates Island in Port Orange brought out 17 players to test our skills, now that we have worn off some of the rust from two years ago. So far, the weather has been very cooperative and quite pleasant. Low score for the night belonged to Julius Frittelli with a 40, who also claimed the most holes-in-one with 3. A trip to Culver's was in store for the majority of the group to round off the night on a sweet note.



Lots of nice cars and lots of good restaurants – right up the alley for the Corvette Cruisers.

Put it on your calendar to attend next month.

Round 4 back at Pirates Cove did not materialize due to rain, although the game was not officially cancelled. So those who were optimistic about the rain showers came prepared to play. This included Bill and Bonita, Julius, Ed and Jean, and Gary and Cindy, but, unfortunately, no one knew the other was there as we weren't in our usual rides...kind of a comedy of errors. The game has been rescheduled for May 4th, so the remaining reviews of Round 4,5, and 6 and the winner will be announced in the June Newsletter. Suspense mounts!!

CANAL STREET CRUISE-IN: Although it isn't a club event, the monthly Cruise-In in New Smyrna Beach on the 2nd Saturday of each month is routinely attended by several members. Mary Mullennix sent some photos from last month's show, that was attended by John, Sally, Vin, Tracy, Gary, Bud, Mary (with her pink Thurdenbird), and Bill and Evelyn (with their Jeep). This is always a fun event to attend, especially in nice weather.

CLUB PICNIC: Twenty-three members got together to share some Bar-B-Que and some chit-chat at the Reed Canal Park on Saturday, April 24. Thanks to Dustin's, who catered the meal of pulled pork, sliced pork, baked beans, slaw, a soft roll and tea, everyone seemed pleased with their meal. Topping it off, were some bakery fresh chocolate chip cookies, thanks to Winn-Dixie and some mini-muffins thanks to Jamie. Following the meal, everyone played a game of "Know Your Neighbor" orchestrated by our social director Jamie Hawes, where we found out all kinds of good stuff about each other. The weather cooperated, although the wind started whipping up about the time we were headed home. Thanks to John and Sally for coordinating the picnic. Enjoying the day were Bill and Evelyn Neway, Del and Patty Fot, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Leslie Armstrong, Liz and Edie Byrne, John and Sally Doria, Ed and Jean Doyle, Shirley Gerstel, (who drew her own name from the 50/50 drawing and went home with \$23.50), Ken and Jamie Hawes, Bill Geize, John and Rose Pona, Bill Simmons, Steve and Anita Slaton, and Pat Wall.

Announcements

WE'VE BEEN LOOKIN'....for a new place to hold our monthly meetings. Hidden Lakes had come to our rescue when TGI Friday's closed for the pandemic, and even upon reopening, Friday's just did not fit the needs for distance requirements. Since we are a "Greater Daytona" club and serve members from near Palm Coast to Edgewater, we need something a little more centrally located. Thanks to Liz and Edie for all the legwork they put in going from place to place to find the "perfect place" for our meeting. The following locations have been looked at and eliminated for one reason or another:

The Moose Lodge in Ormond

Gina's in Holly Hill

Houligans in Daytona

Stonewood in Daytona Beach

So Napa in Ormond

Malcolm's in LPGA in Daytona

We do have a couple of others that are still being checked. If you know of a restaurant around the ISB or LPGA area that has a separate meeting room, please share your information with a Board member.



A Big Corvette Cruiser welcome to our newest members Patrick and Aliah Wall. The Walls reside in Breakaway Trails in Ormond Beach and drive a sweet 2018 Long Beach red coupe. Pat and Aliah are new to Corvette ownership, so we promise to break them in gently. Welcome, Pat and Aliah!!

This & That

Another trip around the sun for Bonita Richardson on the 5th and Bob Wolff on the 29th. Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary to Ed and Jean Doyle who have been married a really loooong time.

The Big Money Winners for the April 50/50 drawing were John or Rose Pona. They weren't sure whose ticket was drawn, so they agreed to split the \$32.50. Remember, that each time you buy a ticket, half of it will go to a charity the membership chooses in December, and half of it (hopefully) will go to you, so keep buying those tickets.

Bonita Richardson was unable to attend the picnic as her mom was admitted to the hospital in critical condition. Our thoughts are with Bonita.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS:

→ Kai Spande, Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager, joined the 2021 Michelin BASH at the Corvette Museum to share Corvette Assembly Plant updates. Although tours have not started back up yet, the plant has been preparing for their return and has gone through renovations during the downtime. Spande also announced that GM is on a journey to sourcing 100% renewable energy by 2030 to achieve a "greener tomorrow". This project is made possible through GM's

partnership with TVA and their Green Invest Program. Spande says this is “a great thing to do from a company standpoint and a green standpoint” and that “a lot of jobs will come about from this.”

Another exciting announcement was of the new colors for 2022. These new colors include Hypersonic Gray Metallic, Amplify Orange Tint-coat, and Caffeine Metallic. They are replacing Shadow Gray Metallic, Sebring Orange Tint-coat, and Zeus Bronze Metallic, respectively. The new Hypersonic Gray Metallic is described as a medium tone gray with a strong metallic content. This color will have travel, meaning that as light goes across the body of the car and the angles change, the shade of the color will also change. This helps show off the body of the car by helping to “magnify the sculpted lines.” The new Amplify Orange Tint-coat is lighter in color than the current Sebring Orange Tint-coat and is a straight shade, which means there is no metallic. This color is said to be the “Rapid Blue of orange” and is going to be a premium color option. The new Caffeine Metallic color “comes to life in the light” and has more metallic in it than any previous Corvette paint. There are many different hues that can be seen while this color is in the light including burgundy/red, silver, and gold metallic. These exciting new paint additions offer unique color options for Corvette buyers and look amazing.

➔ The Corvette Museum must be doing quite well as the following announcement was made at the BASH:

“As the National Corvette Museum continues to make necessary improvements to maintain the quality guests have come to expect from our world

class establishment, we are enthusiastically progressing toward a 2 story-30,000 square foot addition to the Museum!”

➔ Corvette Convertibles now account for 41 percent of C8 production. Convertible sales have not been this strong since the 1969 model year.



To all the Mothers and Grandmothers...

