

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The "Tailpipe" 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

### LET'S EAT:

The Dining on the Run for May will take us to The Conch House, 57 Comares Ave, in St. Augustine. Be sure to mark your calendar for **SATURDAY**, May 7, since this is a change from our normal Sunday DOTR routine. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond at 9:30 a.m. Please put the address in your GPS in case we get separated by the traffic lights in Crescent Beach and the outer limits of St. Augustine. The club dined here exactly one year ago in 2021 and it begged for a repeat performance. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can eat on the patio.

### SHOW YOUR STUFF:

Get the 'Vette shined up, the wheels sparkling and the tailpipes polished for the Ponce Inlet Corvette Show at One Daytona on Saturday, May 14. Hopefully, you have already registered, but if not, you may register at the

show. Those participating will meet in the JC Penney parking lot behind Cheddars on ISB and leave from there at 7:45 a.m. John Doria won a trophy last year, but he will have a lot more competition this year with the many C-8's in the mix.

### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME:

Ever been to Jackie Robinson Ballpark? This historic ballpark opened on June 4, 1914 and is the 4th oldest ballpark still used in professional baseball. The ballpark was renamed after Jackie Robinson in 1989, with a statue being added outside the Orange Avenue Gate to celebrate Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier and playing his first professional game at the ballpark.



Now you have a chance to be part of the fun on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, when the Mighty Tortugas (Cincinnati Reds) take on the Palm Beach Cardinals (St. Louis). Come to the park at the corner of Orange Avenue and Beach Street in Daytona Beach and we will meet in

the reserved seat section. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. [John must have a count by Friday, May 13 to purchase the tickets. Send him a check made out to John Doria, 802 Wingate Trail, Port Orange, FL 32128.](#) The price is \$13.00 each for a reserved seat. You can pick the tickets up at the May meeting. See you at "The Jack."

## ONE MORE NIGHT...

...of miniature golf left. So the competition has been set, but it's not too late to come out and play a round just for the heck of it. May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the final round at Pirates Island on A1A in Port Orange (unless there is a rain make-up date). Play begins at 7 p.m. So far, twelve members have played, so there is plenty of room for more. Highlights thus far can be found in the REVIEW section of this Newsletter.

# Reviews

You can tell by the number of reviews that April was a very busy month.

**Spring Turkey Run:** It's kind of hard to review this event since members come and go at their discretion, but I will provide the information that I know. On Friday, Ed and I pulled in to see Gary Swanson's car, (note I said his car, we never did see Gary), followed by Bob Wolff. I heard that Bill Simmons was there as was Bud Mullennix with his Crown Vic. We never crossed paths, but that's how these Turkey runs are. Saturday, which is officially club day, attendees were Keith and Cindy Hardin, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill and

Bonita, Gary Swanson, John Doria, Bob Wolff and Ed and Jean Doyle. Bill Geize, past member, stopped by to say hello. We were hoping he was Corvette shopping, but no such luck. The weather was a bit chilly in the morning, but turned out to be a beautiful day. Lots of cars in the car corral, lots of show cars, and lots and lots of carnival-type food, along with a large parts area and an artisan row were available to keep us busy. John, Keith, Cindy, Ed and Jean held out to the very end hoping for a door prize. Jean held several tickets from those who left early, and about the third or fourth number called belonged to Bill Simmons, who won a digital tire pressure gage (by way of Jean). Ed also won a set of Craftsman screwdrivers. Sorry, Bob, Vin and Gary. I don't know if anyone went on Sunday to take the spin around the track, but many of us had done that before.

**Sunday Brunch at Victoria Hills:** The Bloody Marys outnumbered the Mimosas 8 to 7, at our April DOTR breakfast/brunch at Sparrows Grill. This delightful restaurant at Victoria Hills Country



Club in DeLand is always one of the favorites with our club. The reason just might be that free Bloody Mary or Mimosa that comes with each entrée. Everyone seemed happy with their food choices, even though the eggs in the Eggs Benedict were a little overcooked. A bright sunny day, a nice Corvette cruise, friendly staff, nice meal presentation, beautiful scenery overlooking the course, and a cheery, light-filled room made this a great experience for John Doria, Bob and Linda Wolff, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Liz and Edie Byrne, John and Rose Pona and Ed and Jean Doyle. I think there was even an

extra Bloody Mary and an extra Mimosa floating around the table. Victoria Hills remains on the list as one of our favorites.

**Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR and Chevy Powered Display** took place on Saturday, April 9. The attendance this year was much lighter than usual, which may have been the result of the postponement from the original date, the blustery weather the night before, or some conflicting events in the area. Whatever the reason, our club had fourteen Corvettes on display, including a beautiful silver C8 belonging to a prospective member.... a group just large enough to win the club participation award for the 13th year. Door prizes were won by John Pona, John Doria, Liz or Edie Byrne, Jean Doyle, and Kalid Akkari (the prospective member). However, the BIG winner of the day was Cindy Hardin, who walked away with a cool \$270 bucks from the 50/50 drawing. Corvette Cruisers are winners all around.

**Golf Roundup:** Twelve members are competing for the coveted "Club Club" in the Miniature Golf tournament for 2022. Here are a few highlights from the first three



rounds. In Round 1, Bill Simmons had 4 holes-in-one...FOUR! Unbelievable!! In Round 2, an unusual feat occurred. One hole in particular on the Congo River Course is a very tall mountain with many steps to reach its peak, only to just drop the ball down the steep cliff. The foursome convinced George Weissgerber to let Bill tee his ball, so George wouldn't have to climb the many steps. When George agreed, Bill teed off George's ball only to make a hole-in-one. Bill didn't get a hole-in-

one with his own ball. Round 3—Randy Sweeney's ball ended up in the parking lot. From the highest hole on the course, it slipped through a tiny dip in the fence and boom---it was gone. Thankfully, no Corvettes were parked in the area below, and Randy still managed to par the course. Another tidbit on this same round is that Liz Byrne had a hole-in-one thanks to Mother Nature. After landing close to the hole, it remained while the others teed off. Then, out of nowhere, a sudden gust of wind blew her ball right in the cup. Lucky Liz!

The remaining games will be reviewed in the June Newsletter. After three rounds, Keith Hardin leads with the low score of 132 with Bill Simmons coming in next with a 134. The most holes-in-one were Keith with 5 and Bill with 4. At the other end of the spectrum is Liz with the most putts at 157, and Cindy Hardin with 152. The end result may change drastically when everyone gets to throw out any games beyond the four best. Many thanks to the accounting firm of Byrne & Byrne for our accurate reporting.

**Shoutout to Red Lobster:** The restaurant put on another stellar performance for our April Meeting. Service was pleasant, on time and accurate. That makes two in a row and we are delighted. Thank you, Red Lobster. (Don't forget to be collecting your points for free desserts, appetizers or drinks.)



**Bar-B-Que Picnic:** Thirty-eight members attended the annual picnic at Reed Canal Park on one of the most perfect weather days in a long time. Most everybody remembers the ones that were hot, hot, hot, or where we nearly froze to death, but we've had some

nice ones along the way. This one was a keeper. This year was also a little different than past years as far as the food was concerned. Instead of Dustin's, that had been our picnic caterer since at least 2006, (and maybe longer), we had Bob and his food wagon "Villin Grillin BBQ" prepare the fixin's. Thumbs up for his pulled pork, Italian sausage with peppers and onions (although he ran short on this popular item), mac and cheese, baked beans, slaw, and all kinds of sauces and add-ons. The club supplied cookies and the iced tea. Everyone seemed to be pleased with Bob and his BBQ. (More sausages next year, please.)

\*They say there is no such thing as a free lunch, and this proved particularly true when tee-shirt sales and hat sales were hopping. Soon we will be donning all colors of the rainbow and then some.

## This & That

**\$50/\$50:** That's two in a row for the Sweeneys. Randy won in March and Peggy pocketed \$41.00 in April. You guys can't AFFORD to give up your streak to go back to NY.

**IMAGINE** our shock when we walked into the lobby of Red Lobster and saw Julius wearing a neck brace. It seems he incurred a serious injury to his neck while working on his 'Vette that landed him in the hospital. Glad to see you are on the mend. Those Corvettes may be dangerous to your health.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Checking off another year this month will be Bonita Richardson on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Sweeney on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Bob Wolff on the 29<sup>th</sup>. And a shoutout belated birthday wish to Debbie Dutcher who celebrated on March 7<sup>th</sup> but was left off our list. Hope you had a good one.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ed and Jean Doyle are the only ones celebrating an anniversary in May. Many more to us!

**SO NICE TO SEE** Penny Weissgerber at the meeting and at the picnic after her difficult medical dilemmas. Penny has a way to go yet, but seems to be progressing nicely. We are all in your corner for a complete and quick total recovery.

**MORE SNOWBIRDS:** Tom and Sandie Bonnet have left for parts unknown. They normally spend the warmer weather in a variety of places. Have a safe summer.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** If you are traveling over the holiay, please do so safely, and take a few minutes out of your weekend to remember those who died in the service to our country.



## 'Vettes Etc.

The Corvette plant in Bowling Green has announced another shut-down for a week, making the second week of no activity in the last 45 days. GM is still saying it's a supply chain issue, but whatever the reason, it means more delay in getting those cars out to the masses still waiting for them. The 2023

production was slated to begin on May 9<sup>th</sup>, but this date has now been moved to the 16<sup>th</sup> and most surely will be postponed again due to this latest shut-down. If "Patience is a virtue," Corvette buyers must be very virtuous.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

