

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 Houligans Speedway Grille, 1725 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

DINING ON THE RUN

Let's have a Margarita as we celebrate Cinco de Maya for our May Dining on the Run. The fact that it's not a long drive from our meeting place will give us more time to enjoy a fiesta at La Fiesta in Ormond Beach. We will meet at Bealls in Ormond (corner of Williamson Rd and Granada) and leave from there at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 5th.



Since every member now has a new royal blue collared shirt, (thanks to Jeremy at New Smyrna Chevy), let's all wear them on Sunday. Yum, can't you just taste that salty refreshment already.

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PONCE INLET CORVETTE SHOW

If you are not taking part in Ponce Inlet Corvette show, go out to One Daytona on Saturday, May 4th, as an observer. You will truly be in Corvette heaven. Not only will you see some of our own members entering their cars, but Corvettes from all over the state and country come to this show. It runs from 10 am. to 3 pm and is limited to 185 Vettes.

MONTHLY MEETING

Don't forget that our monthly meeting is now being held in the upstairs room at Houligan's Speedway Grill on ISB. (An elevator is available.) The Board has been making some adjustments to the table arrangement from our inaugural meeting. Check out how the new place fared in the Review section. The next meeting will be on May 21st.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday May 18th at the home of John Doria, 802 Wingate Drive in the Pinnacle Park Community. If you

have an agenda item you wish the board to discuss, please let a board member know. Board meetings are open to all members.

CAR SHOW AND BBQ AT NSBC

If you were at the ice cream social, you heard Jeremy talk about the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Car and BBQ Event at New Smyrna Beach Chevy. Below are the details. This is not a club event, but all Corvettes are welcome to enter.

NEW SMYRNA BEACH
Chevrolet

1st Annual Memorial Weekend
CAR AND BBQ EVENT

Come join the East Coast Cruisers & the Florida Barbecue Association

for some fun in the sun. Enjoy looking at the finest Classic and custom cars while enjoying delicious BBQ from 8 Local Competition BBQ Teams.

LIVE **BBQ**

Veterans
Remember & Honor

On this day we will be honoring the great people that serve our Country.
Sunday May 26th **BBQ Team set-up**
3:00 - 6:00 pm **5:00am turn in at**
 PRE REGISTER YOUR CLASSIC **2pm**
 CAR AND RECIEVE A FREE BBQ
 TICKET

FREE CAR SHOW TO THE PUBLIC
\$25.00 BBQ (INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS AND DESSERT)
(FREE FOR ALL VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS)
ALL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO LOCAL VETERAN PROGRAMS

ST. SIMONS GA – HERE WE COME

I know, I know, November sounds way far away, but if you plan to join the club members on their trip to St. Simons Island on the Georgia coast, you want to make your reservations NOW. Many of

the rooms have already been reserved. Call Jenny at 912-634-2122 to reserve your room at the Ocean Inn Suites for Nov 9-11. Tell her you are with the Corvette Cruisers. (For those who remember, Jenny used to have the number 867-5309).

MEMORIAL DAY



Most associate Memorial Day with the start of summer, but we here in Florida know that summer started waaaay earlier than that. On a serious note, we all need to remember that Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May. This year Memorial Day will be observed on May 27th. So, when you plan the picnics, the vacations, the cookouts on this day, remember to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Announcement

WE have some new members!! Mark Anthenien and his wife Susanna Lorant, who live in Palm Coast, have joined our club. Many of you have met Mark at the Tom Gibbs show, the March meeting, or the Bar-b-que picnic. Mark and Susanna drive a beautiful 2022 Elkhart Lake Blue Z51 convertible when they are not traveling, which they do extensively. Let's give a big welcome to Mark and Susanna!!

Reviews

A CRUISE IN AT THE FLY IN

A Saturday Dining on the Run was a hit as 28 members woke up early enough to have breakfast with the airplanes. Since I did not attend, I am relying on comments from those who did in this review. Crossing the runway is necessary to get to the restaurant, and an airplane just happened to be taxiing down just as the group arrived. After the plane passed, everyone continued to the restaurant and found a parking spot (not a lot available). Apparently, there was a little snafu with the reservations and our group had to sit on the outside patio. The downside to this was the temperature was in the low 60's (brrrr), but the upside was the patio provided an upfront view of the busy plane and helicopter activity. One thing that makes the Fly-In Café a unique dining experience, especially on weekends, is the up-close and personal interaction with the airplanes. In fact, a special performance by the "Fly-In Thunderbirds" put on a bit of an air show as the members were leaving. Be sure to check out the Photo Gallery to see what you may have missed. A quick survey also indicated that the food and service were very good as well. A return to the patio in warmer weather will be on the agenda for the future.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Who can pass up a free ice cream social?



Twenty-five members couldn't as we accepted the invitation from Jeremy at New Smyrna Chevrolet to indulge in a real treat...four flavors of ice cream with toppings that ranged from healthy bananas to decadent chocolate crumbles and everything one can think of to top it off and ending with whipped

cream and cherries. Yum!! Jeremy, always the great host, gave away door prizes which made the evening even sweeter. Bill S., Bonita, Barbara, Mike, Bob C, Linda C., Brenda, and Gary were prize recipients. Thanks to you, Jeremy, and your friendly staff, this evening was a lot of fun. (We will blame the extra pounds on you.)

HOULIGANS AT HOULIGANS

Our first meeting at the new location proved to be a hit. Thirty-eight people checked out the new digs and judging from the laughter and noise that emanated from the group, all found it a good fit. The wait staff were extremely efficient, got the orders out in no time, AND there was no mix-up on the checks. (Anybody remember our first meeting at Red Lobster, when we were there close to 10:00 pm straightening out the checks?) The food was delicious and gave us a needed break from seafood. Now, if we DO visit a seafood restaurant on one of our excursions, it will be a little more special. Included in the thirty-eight were Jim and Diane Stroyka, perspective members who were checking us out and a college roommate friend of Barbara Augun who was visiting from New Jersey. A little tweaking of table arrangements might be done before the next meeting. If you were one of the eleven members that didn't make it to the meeting, please come check us out at Houligans in Daytona Beach on May 21st.

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, I can't announce the winner of the tournament due to website deadlines and the fact that our tournament continues through the end of April. The winner will be announced at the May meeting. However, there were fifteen members vying for the Golden Putter and bragging rights. Six games are played, but only the four best are considered to determine the winner, so right now,

it's anybody's game....well, not anybody, as there are a few players who, at this point, may not be able to catch up. But nothing could damper our spirits as we shouted when we got a hole-in-one, moaned when we missed on the 4th try, groaned when the ball went in the water, and laughed at everything. The fun and laughter continued as we stopped at our favorite bar to unwind after a hard day on the links (ICE CREAM bar, that is). Thank you, Cherry Hill, for being there when we needed you. Participating in the competition were Randy and Peggy Sweeney, Bob and Linda Wolff, Jean Doyle, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, John and Sally Doria, Bill and Joan Rowe, and Keith and Cindy Hardin. Gary and Cindy Swanson joined us for a game before they left for New York. We have had perfect weather for golf, so far, and I think the players might be a little sad to see the tournament come to an end.

BAR-B-QUE ON THE RIVER

Another first was the location of our annual picnic. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day and unfortunately, it was a beautiful day. Since this location also doubles as a boat ramp, the boat traffic was extremely busy, so getting around the boats and trailers was a bit tricky, but John found parking spots for us all, which included one visitor, driving a Corvette, who thought we were having a car show. Bob, the Grillin' Villain was there with plenty of food and all the fixin's. No running short on sausages this year – no way. One sad thing is that we were all so busy eating no one took any pictures. The memory of this event will forever be only in our minds. It was especially great to see Edie Byrne (a former member), who joined us to say hello. Thirty-two members enjoyed the food, the comradery, the scenery, and the perfect Florida weather.

This & That

HAVE I GOT “NEWS” FOR YOU!!

April was certainly a month for “news” in our club. Not only did we receive our **NEW** “official” club shirts (thank you, New Smyrna Chevy), but we also had a **NEW** place to hold our monthly meetings, tried out a **NEW** location for our annual Bar B Que picnic, included a **NEW** golf course to our tournament (Mulligan Lagoon), and we welcomed two **NEW** members. Now I would call that **NEWS** to be excited about.

THEY TOOK THE WARNING

Bill and Joan Rowe took the April Fool's Joke to heart when they got rid of their Crystal Red 2013 Coupe for a beautiful 2019 Arctic White Z51 Stingray Coupe. Congratulations on the addition to your family. One less red for the club – LOL.

CLUB SHIRTS

The royal blue **collared** shirt is now the official shirt of the Corvette Cruisers. Please wear it to all DOTRs (Dining On The Run) throughout the year. Other events may arise that might require wearing the club shirt, but let the Newsletter be your guide.

BIG MONEY

Wow .. two months in a row, we've had some big winners in our 50/50 drawing. In April, Tina Ericsson took home \$57.50...not bad for a \$5 investment. Remember that the other half of the 50/50 goes to a charity selected by the members in October. So when you take the chance and buy a ticket, you are helping a charity, and maybe even helping yourself (if you're lucky like Tina).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5th Bonita Richardson
6th Samantha Griffin
19th Peggy Sweeney
29th Bob Wolff
30th Susan Veatch
30th Joan Rowe

CORVETTE DEAL

FOR SALE: 2008 Pace Car coupe, one of only 500 produced. One-owner, garage-kept and always cared for. Manual transmission with 42,000 miles. Asking \$43,000, but open to reasonable offers. Contact Gary Swanson at 716-450-3311

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Jamie Hawes, who most everyone remembers as our vivacious secretary, fell at her home and broke her shoulder. She is scheduled for surgery as I write this note. If you would like to send her some get-well wishes, her address is 177 Deer Lake Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Mend quickly, Jamie.

Fun Spot

