

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

### ***B.O.T.R. to Mimi's February 7th***



A sunny but cool day greeted Jim & Ginny, Art & Leslie, Dave & Maya, and Ed & Jean as they met for the first leg of the trip to Mimi's. The 4 Corvettes traveled to the rest stop at the 95 mile marker on I4 where Bob Fritz (Mickey was under the weather) and Bob & Sadie met up with the group. Once everyone was rested, the second leg of the trip was under way. The trip successfully ended at Mimi's almost filled parking lot. There was about a 5 minute wait for the table but we were all seated together. The restaurant was very crowded but we were served in a timely manner considering the crowd. The food was very good and everyone seemed to enjoy what they had ordered.

### ***Where Are They Now?***

It's like a VH1 documentary: The music TV channel gave away 36 Corvettes (one from every model year from 1953-'89) in a contest back in 1989. What happened to them all? The winner of the contest sold the lot of vehicles to psychedelic-art legend Peter Max, who stored them in a dusty basement in Brooklyn without benefit of so much as car covers.

All these years later, the cars have made the news again.

The New York Times reported that the pop artist bought the lot for \$250,000 in cash, \$250,000 in artwork and a percentage of proceeds from any future sale of the cars with the cap set at \$1 million. Max was quoted in the story as saying he was originally interested in painting the cars in his trademark wildly colored style and taking them out on tour. He just never got around to it

The next bit of news from the Times was that the Vettes had been moved from their longtime storage site, an apartment building that previously had been a printing plant for the New York Daily News. And just where did the collection go?

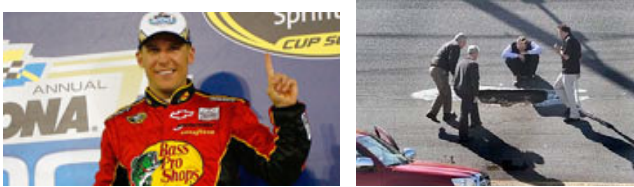
The answer was not long in coming, thanks to an alert Corvette Blogger correspondent, who happened to be in the right place at the right time and spotted the collection in full. They're now stored in a garage in upper Manhattan while the artist decides how to decorate them or otherwise do something with the riches he has ignored for so long.

The 36 Vettes appear a bit the worse for wear, but a few have endured significantly more damage than just a thick coat of dust and flat tires. Both the 1974 and '75 Corvettes have some rear panel damage that appears to be from the movers pushing on the brittle fiberglass panels just a little too hard.

Max told the Times that he intends to "paint them so it's respectful" and even add another 14 vehicles to

the group to bring it up to date through 2003. Also stay tuned for a possible documentary about the cars. Inside Line says: Let's hope Max comes through and saves these poor Corvettes from another 20 years of neglect. — Mike Lysaght, Correspondent Insideline.com 2.19.10

### Daytona 500 Party February 14<sup>th</sup>



The party was really for the Daytona 520 as 208 laps were run instead of the scheduled 200. The Quinn's entertained 9 other Corvette folks plus some friends and neighbors; George & Pat, Chuck & Shirley, George & Carol, Dave & Maya, and Jerry attended. Sonna brought some food over but had to get back to Joe who was under the weather. Maya won the race winner part of the pool (\$38) while Jerry took home the last place finisher part of the pool (\$5). Jim and Ginny graciously extended their hosting to match the 2.5 hour race delay due to a pot hole in the track. Jamie McMurray, in a Bass Pro Shop Chevrolet, was the race winner.

### Club Meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>



News not reported elsewhere. Lars joined the By-Laws revision committee. John Luther attended the NCRS meeting in Kissimmee. He arrived there with a few more scratches on his '57 'Vette as he found a slick spot on the pavement on 407. The car spun off the road and but did not wind up in the nearby retention pond. He was able to drive the car back to the road and continue on his way. He indicated the show was pretty good. Member BIO's should be completed and sent to Jim. See his email 'Club news' 1/21/10. The Key West trip has 11 folks sighed up to go. Happy Birthday wishes go out to George Ruland, Leslie Armstrong, and Jim Quinn.

We can also applaud the Konopsky's for their 42nd wedding anniversary. Warren is healing in Texas after heart surgery. We wish him a quick recovery. Bob took home the 50/50 winnings.

### Tom Gibbs Chevrolet 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Corvette Display - March 13<sup>th</sup>



10:00 AM to 3:00 PM rain or shine; free food & refreshments. See the flyer at <http://www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com/>. Register at the event. We are meeting at Bealls in Ormond Beach and **leaving** at 9:30 AM. Be there before 9:30.

### B.O.T.R. Dixie Crossroads March 7<sup>th</sup>



Come join us for a trip south to Dixie Crossroads, which is located in Titusville. We will be **leaving** at 10:30 AM, from the South Daytona Sunshine Park Mall, 2400 Ridgewood Avenue (route 1), South Daytona, Meet in the Region's bank parking lot before 10:30 AM. The trip down will be via route 1 but the trip back takes us through part of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Preserve where you might see wild pigs, herons, egrets, eagles, scrub jays, and possibly a double-breasted kingfisher. A Dixie menu can be found at <http://dixiecrossroads.com/> then click on the menu tab.

### Daytona Beach Car & Swap Meet – DIS – 3/26, 27, 28



CCGD will be given its own turf at the speedway. We have previously been assigned parking space near the exit of turn 4. Jim will get out an email in March providing details. A Registration form can be found at <http://www.daytonacarshow.com/> then click on the registration tab.