

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter



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President: John Doria, Vice President/Treasurer: Richard Wetherby, Secretary: Jean Doyle,
Directors: Arthur Armstrong, Bob Fritz, David Huber, Jim Quinn
Newsletter Editor: Jean Doyle (with a little help from Ed)

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hey Cruisers:

I just want to welcome all our snowbirds back to a warm and sunny Florida. As we drive around town enjoying our Vettes, our northern friends have already tucked theirs away until next year. I look forward to seeing you at our functions and activities. In case you forgot what shirt to wear when and where, I thought a friendly reminder to all would be helpful. The official tangerine club shirt should be worn to all DOTR's and club-sponsored activities (car shows, etc.) unless otherwise stipulated. We do have activities, where we dress according to the event, such as the Christmas party, Halloween, Dinner-Night-Out, etc.

Also, ownership of a Corvette is a wonderful experience, as we all know. The beauty of our cars often attracts admiration from others. When we drive to and from a club-sponsored activity, please be careful not to draw unwanted attention to you and our club by driving too fast, accelerating too quickly, or anything else out of the norm. We have a great club with wonderful people and we want to

maintain the positive image (in the community) that makes us stand out.

In closing, Sally and I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

John

DOTR for November: There is not a DOTR scheduled for November unless you made your reservation with Jean for the cruise on the *Barbara Lee*, an authentic paddle wheeler docked in Sanford. Since the dinner (lunch) cruise is scheduled for the 1st, the review will be in the December Newsletter. Nineteen have registered to go, and since everyone who has taken this dinner cruise has had nothing but praises, we are expecting nothing less. Stay tuned.....

TURKEY RUN: Thoughts of that turkey on the Thanksgiving table always give way to thoughts of the Turkey Run at the Daytona International Speedway. Although the club has



reestablished the spring show as a club event, this will be the first time the club has participated in the fall show. This year, we will try it as an experiment to see if we have much participation. The club has purchased three parking pads, each able to hold four cars, located near Lake Lloyd. Cost of the show is \$45.00 per car for the 4 days of the event, November 26th through November 29th. So if you get bored after the big meal and need to walk off a few calories, or you don't want to be a part of the Black Friday craziness, go to the Speedway, enter at Gate 70 (across from the airport entrance), find our parking pads near Lake Lloyd and take a look at some magnificent cars from all over the country. If you plan to go, log in to www.turkeyrun.com and click on registration. Please let John Doria know once you have registered so he can give you a parking decal. ♦If you thought the spring show was big, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

ELECTIONS: The first time in a long time we are in for a good old-fashioned election in the Corvette Cruisers. At the October meeting, the Board of Directors presented a slate of officers for the 2016-2017. They were John Doria for President; Art Armstrong for Vice President; Richard Wetherby for Treasurer; and, Jean Doyle for Secretary. When nominations were accepted from the floor, Ginny Quinn nominated Mickey Fritz for Secretary, after which Jean Doyle asked that her name be removed from consideration for the office of Secretary. With no other nominations from the floor, the slate of officers with Mickey as the Secretary was accepted by acclamation and will serve for a two-year term.

A ballot will be sent to all who are deemed members as of November 1st to select three directors out of a possible four candidates. Ballots will be opened and counted at the November meeting and the new directors will be announced. **Return your ballot(s) as soon as you receive it, but no later than November 17th, either by mail or by hand delivery.**

HO—HO—HOLIDAY PARTY: Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Tuesday, December 8th, at the Halifax Plantation in Ormond Beach. Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30p.m. Expect a scrumptious dinner from one of the club's favorite restaurants, and enjoy the delightful decorations surely to put you in the holiday spirit. The cost is \$39.00 per person (\$78.00 per couple) Make your check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD, for short), and give it to Richard Wetherby or mail it to him at 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, 32114. Please have your money and your selection turned in by November 17th. Price includes your choice of entrée from the list below, a salad with choice of two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, appropriate starch (potato or rice), warm baked rolls with butter, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. A cocktail waitress will be available in the dining room for our convenience, compliments of the club. Entertainment by our president will be free of charge, and, who knows, even Santa Claus may make an appearance.



Please choose your entrée from one of the following:

- (1) Jumbo Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing
- (2) Herb Roasted Pork Loin
- (3) Roast Prime Rib of Beef

RSVP your meal selection to Leslie at bostonbama4@gmail.com or phone or text her at 386-871-0452. Since Halifax Plantation is similar to a country club, a coat and tie is suggested for men, and dress or dressy pants outfit is suggested for the ladies.

◆ Remember also, as we do every year, to share the benefits you have enjoyed over the year with someone a little less fortunate. Please bring with you a non-perishable food item (or two, or three) that will be donated to the Family Renew Center in Ormond Beach. Let's make this a perfect reflection of a wonderful year!



CHARITY PICKING: Watch your email for a chance to help select the charity recipient of the year from our monthly 50/50 drawings. There are three wonderful organizations from which to choose. The ballot will be sent out in early November with the three choices along with a brief description of each. You will be instructed to respond with your selection. Each member has a vote. The votes will be tallied and the charity recipient will be announced at the Christmas Party. Isn't it nice to know that when you buy a ticket(s) for the 50/50, half of it will go to a worthy cause to make your heart a little

richer, and the other half just might make your bank account a little richer.

VETERANS DAY, a holiday that honors



the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces, is celebrated on November 11th.

This date signifies the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month when major hostilities ended in World War I. To the veterans in the Corvette Cruisers, our very own "Vets with Vettes," we salute you and thank you for your service to our country.

BOARD MEETING RESULTS: The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 6th at the home of John and Sally Doria. A budget for the 2016 year was presented and approved. The plans for the Christmas Party were finalized. Future plans for Corvettes at Carlisle 2016 were discussed. Usually at the October Board Meeting, the Board plans the next 6 months of Dining On The Run (DOTR) locations. However, since this is an election year, the Board decided only the January location, and to let the new board make the remaining decisions on dining. (If YOU have suggestions on a dining location, let a board member know. Your input is always welcome.) A great way to start off 2016 will be with the January DOTR, brunch at the Grille at Riverview in New Smyrna Beach. More on this in next month's Newsletter.

"CORVETTES AT THE BEACH": Another



year has come and gone with a trip to Flagler Beach for the annual Flagler County Corvette Club's

"Vettes at the Beach" Corvette Show. Eight Corvettes with John and Sally, Bill and Evelyn, Ed and Jean, John Reis, Bill Geize, Bill Simmons, Richard Wetherby, and Will Masotta met at Bealls to take the trek up I-95 on a picture-perfect day. Along the way, we picked up two more Corvettes with Vin and Tracy and Bob and Mickey joining the convoy to make a total of ten Corvettes, much improved over last year's six. We had good parking places at the main intersection, although we were split up with 2 in one section, 4 in another section and 4 in yet another section. Next year we have vowed to get an earlier start. We did manage, however, to find a shady spot to camp out, check out our goody bag, and decide where to eat lunch. Competition was keen as always, almost to the point of being a bit over-board.....just ask Bill Neway. The judges looked UNDER his '03 Anniversary Convertible, had him start the engine, open the trunk, and retract the convertible top. After the initial judging, they returned and asked Bill to open the headlight doors, checked the area around the gas cap, and measured the gap between the doors and the body panels. Whew --- can you say "intense"? When all was said and done, the only member to come away with a trophy (3rd place) was Will Masotta for his '63 Riverside Red split window coupe. Congratulations to Will! We did manage to have some lucky door prize winners: Bill Geize won a Corvette t-shirt and a \$25 gift certificate to Finn's Restaurant; John Reis won a Summit Banner and a \$20 gift certificate to Corvette Central; Tracy Giglio won a comfy neck pillow; and Sally Doria won a \$50 gift certificate from West Coast Corvettes - a pretty good ending to a pretty good day. (Photos by Richard, Bill S., and Mickey)

A GOOD DAY AT GOODRICH: On Sunday October 4th, a slight chill in the air hinted autumn was just around the corner as our group of 26 proceeded south on US-1 to the historic waterfront of Goodrich's Seafood Restaurant & Oyster House. The sun warmed the air as the caravan of 11 Corvettes cruised south, joined by 3 Corvettes already in route. All enjoyed the morning drive as well as the wonderful food and camaraderie offered by the club event. Joining John and Sally Doria, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Bill Simmons, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, Dan and Karen Niswander, Harry Horchler, John Reis, Richard Wetherby and Mike Mills for breakfast were guests Pat Rosier and Mike Mills's daughter Tracy Woodman and husband Lee. Tracy rode with her dad while Lee rode his white Harley Davidson behind the caravan of colorful Corvettes. The Goodrich Seafood Restaurant & Oyster House has been nestled in this small fishing community along the river in Oak Hill, Florida for many years. The weekend breakfast crowd fills the restaurant, so we were fortunate to have reservations for our group. Delicious food, reasonable prices and a beautiful river view await all patrons of the restaurant. From the outdoor deck, dolphins were visible in the smooth morning water. One could only imagine how fantastic it would be to watch a Florida sunrise from this vantage point with a cup of morning coffee. Positive feedback, from those in attendance, indicates that a return visit may be in the future.



(Photos by Bill S., Richard, Mickey, and John D.)

---- Reported by Richard Wetherby

DID YOU KNOW???

Louis Chevrolet's successes as a race-car driver influenced his career. The daring and innovative Swiss-born driver's courage and determination at the wheel of early racing machines gained the attention of pioneering auto industry mover and shaker William Durant. The Flint, Michigan-based automaker signed Chevrolet up to drive for his Buick racing team in 1909. A short while later, Durant and Chevrolet formed a partnership to produce an automobile bearing the Chevrolet name. Durant was intrigued, not only by Chevrolet's performance as a race-car driver, but Louis' fine French-sounding family name sang of marketability to the entrepreneur. When the irrepressible Durant was ousted from GM in the midst of a 1910 financial crisis, he set out to re-enter the auto industry without missing a beat. Soon, he had an arrangement with Louis Chevrolet to build a car bearing the well-known racer's name. On November 3, 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Company was incorporated. Chevrolet proved to be a gifted automobile designer. One year after the Chevrolet Motor Car Company was established, the first car to bear his name—a thoroughly contemporary, powerful and luxurious car—rolled out of a pilot factory in Detroit. This \$2,100 Chevrolet was introduced as the Type C Six for 1913. When the two headstrong founders of the company, William Durant and Louis Chevrolet, met to discuss the positioning of their Chevrolet car lines for 1914, an argument developed. During a vacation taken by Chevrolet, Durant had restructured the company to focus on more affordable cars, which would compete with those manufactured by Ford. Chevrolet considered this an insult, as he himself had always been

interested in building high-powered speed cars and other exclusive models.

Submitted by David Huber

THIS & THAT

Hooray!! Anita has been cleared by her doctors and she and Steve are back in the Sunshine State. Welcome HOME!!

Our "summer snowbirds" from Connecticut, Pat and Sandy Cassella, have returned to spend the fall, winter and spring with us. Welcome back!!

And speaking of Connecticut, Ms. Jodi Rell, the former Governor of Connecticut, and a personal friend of Vin and Tracy Giglio, honored us with her presence at the October meeting. Governor Rell, a Corvette lover and past owner herself, who lives in New Smyrna Beach, will be the "keeper" of Vin's '74 'Vette. Since the latest Corvette has taken up residence in his garage, Vin has simply run out of room; thus, Governor Rell to the rescue. The Governor served Connecticut from 2003-2011.

Birthdays for November:

Those born in November under the sign of SCORPIO are



mysterious, passionate, and possessive.

Scorpions tend to be entrepreneurs with the ability to overcome obstacles. They always enjoy a heated debate, but they assess situations before jumping in. Our November Scorpions include Jean Doyle on the 12th, Frank Fedele on the 13th, Pat Cassella on the 19th and Evelyn Neway on the 21st.

Those born in November under the sign of SAGITTARIUS are intelligent, philosophical, fun-loving, and have a great sense of humor. Our only November Sagittarian is Harry Horchler who celebrates on the 27th. Happy birthday to all!!



The latest BIG winner of the 50/50 was Jean Doyle, who pocketed one of the largest 50/50 give-aways of all time, \$52.50. As Richard jokingly stated, it was her severance pay for giving up the Secretary position. (Hahaha.) Good one, Richard!!



Did you know that we are the only Corvette Club in the area that has a Newsletter? None can be found on the Ponce Inlet website, and a note is located on the Flagler County website that states "the Newsletter has been discontinued."

The Christmas Party will not be our last get-together of the year. To celebrate this festive time of the year, a trip is being planned to tour the beautiful Christmas tree display at the Casements in Ormond Beach followed by lunch. Circle December 17th on your calendar. More details will follow in the December Newsletter.

Tired of paying \$2.50 for a Coke or a glass of Ice Tea when you go out to eat? Ask Dave Huber for his special recipe for a cheap remedy to these high prices.

Dan and Karen Niswander spent several weeks of September in Ethiopia, Africa. If you read Dan and Karen's biographical sketch, you will note that both lived and worked there, so this

was a reunion of sorts. What an exciting trip this must have been!!!

Anybody care for a bike ride? Bob Wolff knows all about bike rides, and I'm talking about the pedaling kind. Bob just tackled a proposed 500-mile trek in the mountains and valleys of North Carolina, coming up just shy of the 500-mile finish due to inclement weather. Whew - Wears me out just writing about it!!

CORVETTE CHATTER

Corvette Museum Being Sued: The National Corvette Museum and neighbors living near the new motorsports park plan to settle their dispute in court. Thursday night another group decided to join the suit on the side of the neighbors. The city-county planning commission of Warren County voted unanimously to join the Residents Against Motorsports Park Noise in their lawsuit. The suit is seeking to shut down the track and also asks for compensation for the people in the group living near the park. The National Corvette Museum said it's doing everything it can to curb the noise levels that have caused the disagreement. "We've been working hard to come into compliance with that. That included building the berm that is now complete. That included building some trees, that's now complete. That included putting up some noise abatement near the edge of the property that is now complete," said National Corvette Museum Executive Director, Wendell Strode.

And speaking of lawsuits.... A group of Corvette owners has filed a class action lawsuit against General Motors, alleging that the company is not taking action to correct a problem with the 7.0-liter V8 engine used in the Corvette 427 and Z06 models from 2006 to 2013. The lawsuit claims that GM is aware that the Corvette engines have excessive valve guide wear leading to engine failure and repairs, despite the company advertising the high quality and durability of the engines. In the suit, the plaintiffs say GM has taken no steps to correct the problems with the engines, noting that "despite GM's repeated assurances that the subject engines were performing as designed, the engines fail at a high rate." The problem even affects cars with low mileage, the suit claims. Furthermore, when the company came up with a "wiggle test" to determine whether the valve guides were out of specification, too many engines failed the test and GM dropped the method, the suit says. "When GM determined that its adopted test would lead to more repair and investigations than it wished to perform, the test was summarily rejected," the lawsuit states. "In dealing with multiple complaints concerning the subject engine in the class vehicles, GM acted, at all times, to deflect criticisms, defer investigations and repairs, and minimized the extent of the problems." The suit says that owners have suffered significant costs for inspection and repairs, and that GM still has not come up with a solution to the problem, claiming only that "valve train noise" is an inherent engine feature and not a defect. Despite such claims by GM, the suit contends that drivers have incurred significant expenses for inspection and repairs of the cars. According to the complaint, there are over 70 claims including

violations of the RICO Act, unjust enrichment, negligence, and consumer fraud. Let's follow this one to see what happens.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Leave it to Callaway to take a badass Corvette and make it even more so. Case in point: the new Callaway Corvette C7 GT3-R you see on the Home Page. It made its big debut during the season finale for the ADAC GT Masters series at the legendary Hockenheimring - the on-again, off-again home of the German Grand Prix. Why in Germany, you ask? Because that's where Callaway Competition is based. The racing division got its start in Heilbronn as Woehler & Ciccone back in 1985. It joined with US-based Callaway Cars in 1988 to distribute its modified Corvettes in Europe, and branched out into constructing racing cars in 1994. And this is its latest project. Designed in partnership between Callaway Competition in Germany and Canadian designer Paul Deutschman, the new GT3-R replaces the previous C6-based Z06.R GT3. It packs a 6.2-liter V8 pumping 600 horsepower through an X-Trac six-speed sequential gearbox. And as you can see, it sure looks the part. Callaway will be offering the new GT3-R to privateer teams for entry in a variety of racing series around the world. But it'll also be fielding the example you see here, sponsored by Whelen Engineering that - like Callaway Cars - is based in Connecticut.



Happy Thanksgiving