

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2023

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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

NOVEMBER DINING ON THE RUN

Our dining will be a little different this month. Since November usually provides such beautiful weather in Florida, the club has planned an early sunset dinner in place of the usual breakfast or lunch. JB's Fish Camp in New Smyrna Beach offers a great sunset view and some spectacular seafood. We will return to Eastern Standard Time on this date, so remember to keep that in mind, as sunset is 5:35 p.m. We will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th.

Gary and Cindy Swanson, who live only a couple of blocks from JB's, graciously invited all to their home for "cookies and conversation" following our meal. Bob Wolfe and Gary will have returned from their trip to the SEMA show in Las Vegas and will surely have a lot to say about it.

SUNRISE/SUNSET:



Reminder for those going on the Sunrise/Sunset tour across the state, meet at the east end of Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach at around 6:40 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15th. Sunrise is at 6:47 a.m. that morning, so plan accordingly. We will then have breakfast at Beacon's Restaurant on the north side of Flagler Avenue. The restaurant does have a small parking lot, but you may wish to look for a spot on the street. Wear your orange or blue club shirt. We will have plenty of time to change into whatever you wish for sunset, dinner and the next day.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET:



It's already that time of year when we begin to think about Christmas. Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 7th at The Roost at Crane Lakes in Port Orange. But, before we celebrate, we must place our menu order and prepay.

The cost is \$40.00 per person, which includes tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax and gratuity. Please select your choice from the following:

- (1) Prime Rib (medium cooked) served with mashed potatoes and a vegetable.
- (2) Lemon-butter baked Grouper, served with rice and a vegetable.
- (3) Chicken Cavatappi, a creamy, cheesy pasta dish with grilled chicken

All entrees will include a house salad with ranch or bleu cheese dressing. Warm rolls with butter will be available and dessert will be provided by the Corvette Club.

Please mail your check for \$40 PER PERSON indicating your entrée selection to:

**William Simmons
2305 Yule Tree Drive
Edgewater, FL 32141**

The deadline is NOVEMBER 21st to have your order and money turned in. Our Christmas Dinner is the culmination of the preceding year, so it is for full-fledged members only. No blue or orange shirts, please.

*Footnote: If you wish to pay your dues for the 2024 year, you may include a separate check for \$50 PER COUPLE, but please note it as dues. Dues are not due until December 31st.

TURKEY RUN:

The Annual Daytona Turkey Run at the Speedway will be November 23-26. Cost for the 4-day event is \$80 and is open to all Corvette years. There is no pre-registration. The cost must be paid in cash at the entry gate. If you wish to park in the infield in club-reserved parking, purchase a parking pass from John Doria for \$8.00. Contact John directly to receive the pass. More information on the Turkey Run can be found at www.turkeyrun.com.

VETERANS, WE SALUTE YOU:

November 11th is Veterans Day. On this day and every day, we thank the men and women who have helped preserve the safety and integrity of our great nation.

ARMY

Julius Frittelli
Bob Wolff
Bob Dutcher
Bill Rowe



ARMY RESERVES



John Pona

AIR FORCE

Bud Mullennix
Gary Swanson
John Bayliss



NAVY



Ken Hawes
Jim Bauer

We all thank you for your service.



A PEEK AHEAD:

Circle your calendar for Tuesday, December 5th. To put us all in a bit of the Christmas spirit, the club has made reservations to tour the Casements in Ormond Beach. The Casements is the 9,000 square foot winter home of John D. Rockefeller and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 10:00 a.m. on December 5th. Following the tour, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Another notice will be in the December News.

Reviews

DELAYED DINING:

The club's Board of Directors made a very wise decision when they postponed the October Dining of the Run. You may recall, constant rain and area flooding made it a horrible day to take the Corvettes to Titusville. One week made a world of difference, and the weather couldn't have been nicer the following week. Temperatures had dropped to the low 70's, and the air was clear and dry. A dozen Corvettes formed a beautiful procession as we headed south, picking up another Vette along the way. The Orleans Bistro and Bar were ready for us when we drove up, and I sincerely believe we were their first customers of the day as we had prime parking. Matt, our waiter, working alone, took our drink orders and seemed to have it all together (a big crowd for one guy). The food was good and tasty for the most part, with a few complaints here and there. When the checks came, however, it was a bit of a different story. About 90% of the checks were wrong and had to be redone, which, of course,

took quite a bit of time. We tried to put Matt at ease, but by now, he was very stressed. He reminded us that he had other customers as well....a good indication the Orleans was needing to hire more help. However, I heard no complaints about the wait that ensued, as we just got to visit a little longer than expected. A new couple, Dean and Rachel Mason, joined us in their 2020 Torch Red Coupe. (Dean and Rachel just happen to be #1 on our wait list.) Others enjoying a spicy Cajun lunch were Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill and Joan Rowe, Fran Alderson and Emery Simkulak, Wayne and Diane MacCleod (snowbirds back from Massachusetts), John and Rose Pona, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Keith Hardin, Julius Frittelli, Anita Slaton (a longtime member we hadn't seen in a while), Jean Doyle, Bob and Linda Cornyn, and Bob and Linda Wolff.

ROCKIN' MEETING:

Just a quick mention that there were 37 people at our last meeting. There is still room for more. Come join us and get to know the other members who love Corvettes as much as you do. (And as a bonus, you get to enjoy some Cheddar Bay biscuits at the same time.)

ELECTION:

We have our slate of officers for the upcoming two-year term.....**WELL, ALMOST**. We are still looking for someone to fill the Secretary's position. Won't you please volunteer?

Those serving on the Board for 2024-2025 are:

John Doria – President

Gary Swanson -- Vice President

AJ Marquardt – Treasurer

YOUR NAME HERE -- Secretary

Keith Hardin – Director

John Pona – Director

Bill Simmons – Director

This & That

OUCH:

Last month I reported that Bud and Mary have a beautiful new 'Vette they brought back from Michigan. This month, unfortunately, it is at the repair shop with a heap of damage. While cruising around Cedar Key, Bud happened to cross over a raised lane divider he didn't see and tore the whole bottom out. A 3-hour ride in a tow truck is not that much fun, according to Mary. Definitely not the definition of "floorboarding" we are used to hearing.

BIG PAYOUT:

A big crowd at our meeting means a big payout for the lucky ticket holder. And the lucky ticket holder for the second time in a row was Arnie Ligi who took home \$62.50, our largest give-a-way to date, and to think he expanded his win with \$51 the previous month. I'm sitting next to Arnie next month in the hope that some of that luck rubs off.

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

To Andrea (AJ) Marquardt who recently underwent shoulder surgery. Get well fast!

NEW EMAIL:

Due to a hacking of prior emails, the address for John Doria is now c8doria@gmail.com

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Linda Cornyn

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jean Doyle on the 12th
Diane MacLeod on the 22nd, and
Patrick Wall on the 30th

MUSEUM MOMENT:

If you happen to go to the Corvette Museum, check out this brick as you walk in the side entrance. Thanks to some very dear friends, Ed Doyle will have a lasting remembrance at his very favorite place. For those who didn't know, "Cruzun" was Ed's license plate.



BYE, BYE CORVETTE:

Edie Byrne has jumped the ship that she had been on for a long, long time. Edie sold her Corvette and is now the proud owner of a black Mercedes SL450. Her 2017 Grand Sport was just not practical as a daily driver, and we can all agree she looks quite spiffy in that new ride. She will always, however, retain her love for the Corvette.

