

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 T.G.I. FRIDAYS, located on the corner of Granada Avenue and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

DOTR (DINING ON THE RUN)...How about a ride north to Palm Coast on Sunday, November 4th for breakfast at the Halifax Plantation? We have heard only good things about their Sunday morning breakfast, so let's give it a try. We will meet at Beall's in Ormond at 8:30 a.m.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th IS ELECTION DAY. If you are happy with the current administration, **VOTE**. If you are unhappy with the current administration, **VOTE**. This is an important election and your vote counts. Not only is it a right and a duty, it's a privilege! Exercise your right. Only then can you gripe and complain!!

LET'S ROLL: Shine up your Vette, fill up the cooler (and the gas tank), throw in some

lawn chairs and let's head west to Silver Springs for the Marion County Club's annual Corvette Show on Saturday, November 10th. We will meet at Bealls in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. (Set your alarm clock!!) If you haven't pre-registered and still wish to go, you can register on site for an extra \$5. Remember, last year we won the best participation award, so we are counting on you to help us do it again.

HEY CRUISERS, let's show our support for the Corvette racing team that has just opened its new garage on Ballough Road in Daytona Beach. An **OPEN HOUSE** is planned for Sunday, November 11 to showcase the new home for the "SPIRIT OF DAYTONA", and we would like to have a good club representation to welcome them. Meet at the Volusia Co. Tag and Title Office at 250 N. Beach St at 9:45 a.m. so we can drive over together as a club. You will be free to leave at your own pace after we arrive together. Please call Art Armstrong at 386-871-0453 or email him at

art67@bellsouth.net to say you will be there.
Let's have a good turnout!!

RESULTS OF THE INTEREST SURVEY:

Thanks to those members responding to the survey indicating interest in future social events. The top vote-getters were the tour of the Stetson Mansion in December, and the Wine and Seafood Festival at the Lakeridge Winery in Clermont in March. Getting the most votes overall was the Sunrise/Sunset overnight trip that will take place later in 2013. Stay tuned.....

MANSION TOUR: Sunday, December 2nd is the date to tour the "House that Hats Built," the beautiful Stetson Mansion in Deland, which will be decorated in its holiday finery. Apparently, this 9600 sq. ft. mansion is something to see with its handcrafted woodwork, parquet pattern floors, and breathtakingly beautiful stained glass windows. The heirloom décor and designer holiday decorations will surely put you in the holiday mood. Lunch will follow at one of the many restaurants in Deland. We will meet at Bealls in Ormond at 8:45 p.m. Contact Joan Crowder at 386-672-1867 if you want to go, but hadn't signed up yet.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING: The October club meeting was a special one celebrating our 20th year as the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. Twenty-seven members and three guests were treated to a delicious Corvette inspired cake commemorating the event. Jim Quinn, one of the founders, prepared a display of memorabilia collected down through the years. There were old

photos and magazine articles on members, the original charter and some suggested names for the club, such as the Vette Vagabonds or the Confederate Cruisers. I think the founders made the right choice in a name, don't you? It was lots of fun to reminisce. Thanks to Jim for the great display, Art for bringing the cake, and to all the members who attended. (See photos by Lars in the Photo Gallery.)

CRUISE NEWS: And speaking of our anniversary, the breakfast cruise on the Sundancer Yacht was fantastic. The day was beautiful, the yacht was luxurious, the dolphins were playful, the food was incredible, and the mimosas and bloody marys never ended. What more can be said? Those enjoying the day were Art and Leslie Armstrong, Lars and Carole Connelly, with their friend, Joyce, Skip and Joan Crowder, Ed and Jean Doyle, Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, along with their guest Karen, Chuck Konopsky, Mike Mills, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Bill Simmons, Steve and Anita Slaton, and Richard Wetherby and his friend Marsha. Seeing the homes along the Intracoastal from the water gives a whole new perspective. Thanks to Joan Crowder, our social director, for planning this wonderful outing. (Photos by Lars)

FLAGLER COUNTY "CORVETTES AT THE BEACH" SHOW.....started out with a heavy fog which burned off quickly as Art and Leslie Armstrong, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Ed and Jean Doyle, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, Jim and Ginny Quinn, and Bill Simmons made their way up I-95. John Luther joined the caravan at Woody's in Palm Coast, and Skip and Joan Crowder

joined the group later in the afternoon. Congratulations go to John Doria, who brought home a trophy for his 1971 Sunflower Yellow Coupe. Aside from an hour and a half lunch wait at Finn's, the day turned out to be one full of fun and surprises...gift baskets, door prizes, a bag full of goodies, the Spirit of Daytona racing team, and a whole bunch of beautiful Corvettes....one might even say, a real Pandora's Box. (Photos by John D. and Dave.)

THE SOUTH DAYTONA OPEN HOUSE/ TREASURE SALE/BAR-B-Q BLUES:



Although not as well attended by our members as the previous treasure sale, the loyal "Blues Brothers (and Sisters)" of Skip and Joan Crowder, Richard Wetherby, and Jim and Ginny Quinn managed to earn close

to \$175 for their efforts on a hot Saturday afternoon. The money will be set aside to be used toward a charitable donation yet to be determined. (Photo by Richard)

CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED: Corvette's Chief Engineer recently announced that the C7 will be revealed on Sunday evening, January 13, 2013, the night before the opening of the Detroit Auto Show.

There are only two carryover parts from the C6 that will be used in the C7 – the cabin air filter and the rear latch for the removable roof panel. The C7 will truly be an all new car. A special web page has been generated by Chevrolet to progressively reveal the new car. Go to www.chevrolet.com/one13thirteen.html for a fun way to unlock the secrets as they become available.

BREAKING NEWS (10/25/12): Chevrolet just revealed information on the much talked about engine that will be introduced in the new C-7. The new engine's displacement is 6.2 liters with 450 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque. It will be named the LT1-V8. This will be the third time LT1 has been used by Corvette; the first from 1970-72, the second from 1992-96. This will be the most powerful baseline small block engine ever used in a Corvette and is rated for 27 mpg, one mpg greater than the current 430 horsepower engine. More information and pictures are available on the Corvette Museum website at: <http://tinyurl.com/vette-engine> One rumor that has been looming on the internet for quite some time is that the new engine would be reduced to 5.5 liters with horsepower around the 440 mark. Scratch that rumor!! Now we just have to wait for the next tidbit to be released.

SOMETHING TO DO: After you filled up on turkey and all the trimmings, and you feel like you need to walk it off, why not take a trip to the Daytona International Speedway for the annual Turkey Run. Thousands of cars, all makes and models, will be on display from Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

Birthday wishes: To Jean Doyle on the 12th, Frank Fedele on the 13th, and John Luther on the 26th. Happy birthday to all.

Get Well Wishes: To Leanne Fedele, who is recovering from surgery. Our thoughts are with you.

Thank You: To all our vets (**with Vettes and without**) as we remember them on Veteran's Day and thank them for their service.

SNOWBIRDS RETURN: The Connellys, the Slatons, and Bill Simmons have migrated to the sunny warmth of Florida and we welcome them back. Yet to return are the Fritzes, who plan to come back after the holidays, and Bonita Richardson, who remained in Colorado for a while longer awaiting the birth of a grandchild.

WHAT A HAUL....and a great welcome home present. Bill Simmons won the 50/50 of \$34 bucks at our October meeting, perhaps the largest award ever. Don't worry Bill, we won't tell Bonita. Since she is still in Colorado, your secret is safe with us.

WELCOME...to our visitors, Harry and Carolyn Horchler, who attended the October meeting. Presently members of the Flagler County Corvette Club, Harry and Carolyn reside in Ormond Beach and drive a sharp 2008 Jetstream Blue coupe. Hope to see you both again soon.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the home page): This is the photo of the new Corvette cross flags. Chevrolet considered over 100 different variations before selecting the final design. How do YOU like it?

And remember, if you have a picture you would like to see as the Photo of the Month, please send it to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com .

