

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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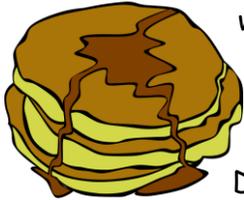


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President: John Doria, Vice President/Treasurer: Richard Wetherby, Secretary: Jean Doyle,  
Directors: Arthur Armstrong, Bob Fritz, David Huber, Jim Quinn  
Newsletter Editor: Jean Doyle (with a little help from Ed)

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.

**"BREAKFAST IS SERVED".....** That's the words we will be hearing when we head off to Goodrich's Restaurant in Oak Hill for our October Dining on the Run. Situated right on the Intracoastal Waterway, this little "out-of-the-way" eatery gets high praise on Trip Advisor for their inexpensive, tasty breakfast. Let's give it a try! Since we will again be headed south, we will meet at the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 4.



**"CORVETTES AT THE BEACH":** Pack your coolers and your lawn chairs and let's head up I-95 to the Flagler County Corvette Club car show on Sunday, October 11. Hope everyone who is planning to attend has pre-registered, but if you haven't, you can register on site. So that we can all park together in a designated area, we will LEAVE from Beall's in Ormond at 8:30 a.m. for the caravan up to Flagler Beach. Remember that judging includes the inside as well as the outside, under the hood, in the trunk, and *the tires and wheels*. We have had a winner of some sort for the past several years, so have those 'Vettes ready and let's continue the streak!!!

**BOARD MEETING:** The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of John and Sally Doria. Any member is invited to attend as long as you inform the host. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. If you have any agenda items you wish the board to discuss, please let John know ahead. The board welcomes input from all members.

**TIME TO PAY UP:** October is the month to pay our annual membership dues. Remember that if you do not pay by the deadline date of October 31, you will no longer be considered a member and your spot will be filled by those on the waiting list. No reminder phone calls will be made, so pick up



your checkbook, and write out a check to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona for \$60.00. Mail it to Richard Wetherby, 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32114. Dues pay for such things as our domain name, the webmaster, the newsletter, insurance, mailings, and corporation fees,

**HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHT:** Ever wish you could be a hippie (maybe you were), or a caveman? How about a ninja, a pirate, a biker, or a gangster? Did you ever dream of being a rock star, a cowboy/cowgirl, or a zombie? Perhaps you wanted to trade places with Paris Hilton, Elvis, Al Capone, or even Miss Piggy, if only for one night? WELL, ON OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 P.M., YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CHANCE to be anyone or anything you want to be (other than yourself, of course)!! Gather up your courage, and come to the Halloween Party at the home of Bob and Mickey Fritz in Palm Coast. The witching hour begins at 6:30 p.m. Food and fun are the order of the night, but one rule applies: **You must come in costume.**



Bring drinks for yourself  
And a snack to share.  
No matter what you might be  
We want to see you there!!



Directions to Bob and Mickey's house at 3 Sedgwick Trail, Palm Coast: Head north on I-95. Take Exit 273 onto U.S. 1 North. After 7.5 miles, turn right onto Seminole Woods Blvd. and continue for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Citation Pkwy for 4/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile. Turn right onto Sesame Blvd. After about a half a mile, turn right onto Sedgwick Trail. The Fritz's home is on the right.

\* All the characters mentioned above have been the alter-egos of some of our members at past Halloween parties.

**ELECTION UPDATE:** At the October meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Directors. If you wish to run, this would be the time to let it be known. If you know of anyone who would be good in a particular position, please talk to them and get their approval before nominating them. If there is more than one candidate for any position, then a ballot will be provided to each member for his/her vote prior to the Nov. meeting.

**SHIPPING OFF TO SHILOH'S:** The Dining on the Run for September began at 10:30 with a drizzling rain that wasn't supposed to arrive until we left Daytona. HA! All the way to Titusville, the rain came with us, hard at times, but the rain didn't dampen our spirits. Led by Dave and Maya, and followed by Richard and Pat, Bill G., Art and Leslie, Bill S., Ed and Jean, John R., and Vin and Tracy, we traveled US 1 to Shiloh's Restaurant, and remarkably, encountered no red traffic lights the entire way. Seafood and steak seemed to be the order of the day at this huge restaurant directly across the Indian River from the launching pad at Kennedy Space Center. Everybody seemed quite pleased with the dining experience, including the large portions, as judged by the happy faces and the many leftover boxes going out the door. No one could complain too much about the rain, as this was actually our first chance to

use the umbrellas from last year's Christmas party. (Photos by Bill S. and Richard)

\*\* The little girl seen in several of the photos is Lilly, granddaughter of Mickey Fritz.

**CRUISERS GO CRUISIN':** Reservations for the St. John's River Sunday Dinner Cruise aboard the Paddlewheeler "Barbara Lee" will be made the first week in October for those who paid the deposit by the end of September. However, the deadline for this Newsletter was prior to knowing exactly how many have reserved a spot and what the price will be. Therefore, I will be sending out an email with the specific information to those who have paid the deposit and plan to join the adventure on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**STILL LOOKING:** Okay, people, where are your biographical sketches?



This project won't be complete until you get yours included on this password-protected site.

PLEASE send them to Jean ASAP. Only one more has been added since last month.

## THIS & THAT

If you plan to come to our monthly meeting at T.G.I. Friday's, make sure you dress for the occasion, and by that I mean, wear long pants, bring a sweater (or a coat), leave your sandals at home, wear socks and maybe mittens. The room was extremely cold at the September meeting. Upon inquiring, we were told that it cannot be adjusted because the thermostat is

connected to the kitchen, which is extremely hot. You have been warned - dress warmly.

Please keep Anita Slaton in your thoughts as she undergoes a second surgical procedure on her kidneys.

Also keep Carole Connelly in your thoughts as she tackles some serious health issues.

Snowbird Bill Simmons has returned to the Sunshine State after a short stint in Colorado this year. However, Bonita is staying with her parents in Illinois, while her father gets back to health. Welcome back, Bill, and hurry back, Bonita.

Bill Geize won the 50/50 jackpot at the September meeting. Bill walked away with \$23.00; perhaps a payment on that new Corvette (hahahaha).

The OTHER election: The "silly season" has arrived, unfortunately, a lot earlier than most of us had hoped. But while we ponder, study, listen to, declare, and choose our favorite candidates to lead our country, please be careful not to send political essays, jokes, cartoons, etc., to anyone UNLESS YOU KNOW they are of the same opinion as you. Some folks can be offended by this material.

Those born in October under the sign of LIBRA are well-balanced with nature and keep their calm in all situations, are sometimes indecisive, but are very loyal to those near and dear. Our October Libras are Art Armstrong on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tracy Giglio on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Warren Brasch on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Those born in October under the sign of SCORPIO are passionate with magnetic personalities. They are forceful about going by their opinions. They are clever and courageous, but can be a bit possessive. Our October Scorpions include Mickey Fritz on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Bill Neway on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gary and Cindy Swanson are back in the Sunshine State after their summer in NY. Hopefully, they brought some sunshine with them since it's been a little scarce around here. Welcome back!

**The Three (Hawaiian?) Amigos**



## **CORVETTE CHATTER**

### **Can the C7 Be Improved?**

The C7 Chevrolet Corvette has proven to be incredibly popular, posting strong sales numbers month after month after more than a full year of being on sale, but with the constant push to stay ahead of the competition, how will GM improve the Corvette? Some have voiced concerns over the fact that "nothing changed for 2016." But with sales numbers steadily strong month after month and with no solid competition for

the Corvette in Stingray or Z06 form, is there really a need for GM to make changes right now? The new Camaro SS is coming out with similar drivetrain components to the Stingray, so many think that to simply stay ahead of the in-house competition, Chevrolet may need to bring something new to the Corvette lineup. Sure, there were a few additional color packages and some cosmetic choices, but no real in-your-face changes. We are currently in the third model year of the LT1, but the engine has proven to be more of a beast than any "base" Corvette engine in the past, so expect to see GM use this engine in the Stingray for at least 5-6 model years. So with the success of the Stingray and the Z06, and the continued strong sales, it should be at least a couple more model years before we see any real changes to the Chevrolet Corvette. Fortunately, both the Stingray and the Z06 are so awesome that "being stuck with them" for another year is a good problem for sports car buyers to have.

### **Latest Inductee**

NASCAR team owner and Hendrick Automotive Group founder Rick Hendrick was recently bestowed one of the highest honors a Chevrolet enthusiast could ask for- being inducted into the National Corvette Museum's 2015 Corvette Hall of Fame. Earlier this month, the two-time Winston Cup Series driver was formally inducted into the museum's 'Enthusiast' category as one of the "most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette" for his contributions as a Corvette collector, dealer, and promoter. Over the years he's also used the car to help raise millions of dollars for charity. Hendrick has been involved with the Chevrolet and the Corvette for decades and from his

acceptance speech it's clear he is deeply passionate about the brand and the car. He also owns a large collection of Corvettes including many first and last model year vehicles, like the VIN 1 Z06 Corvette Stingray.

### "Mr. Corvette" Passes Away

The Corvette world has lost an influential figure within the community with the news that Dick Guldstrand, nicknamed "Mr. Corvette", passed away at the age of 88 years old. Guldstrand became a prominent figure in Corvette culture, spending much of his life piloting Corvette racers throughout the 1960s. He also worked as an advisor to a number of Hollywood motorsports films, including 1967's *Grand Prix*. After his motorsports career, Guldstrand spent quite a bit of time with the C4 generation Corvette, engineering race-winning builds, exemplified by his 1986 Guldstrand Corvette, which went on to win every single SCCA National Solo Championship event that year. Another notable achievement includes being one of the first National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame inductees in 1999, where he will remain enshrined forever, and remembered by Corvette enthusiasts of all ages.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** Since our club is considering a trip to Carlisle, PA for *Corvettes at Carlisle* in 2016, this photo may be of particular interest. The giant hill that usually is home to Corvette parking for this year's event was instead awash in a sea of Red, White and Blue Corvettes as *Corvettes at Carlisle* replicated one of their most well-known displays - the Corvette American Flag.

A total of 156 Corvettes were used to make this American Flag. Seven rows of red Corvettes alternated with six rows of white Corvettes while 35 Corvettes made up the blue sea with white balloons simulating the stars. A pole of silver Corvettes anchors the flag while two gold Corvettes do service as the Eagles on top of the pole. Quite impressive!!

