

# 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 (Dutch treat) at 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

**LET'S DO LUNCH:** How about a Dining On the Run on a Saturday for a change? This will give a break to those who have a conflict with Sundays. We will take a little drive on the backroads to Altamonte Springs FL and



have lunch at Bahama Breeze. True, there is a Bahama Breeze in Daytona Beach now, but the major part of our

DOTR's is the drive. The club has been to the Altamonte Springs restaurant a few times and it has always been well critiqued, so let's give it another try. What cha say, Mon? We will leave from Kohl's in Port Orange at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday**, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Who knows, we may even see some fall-colored foliage --- yeah, right!!

**ECKLER'S REUNION:** Hopefully you preregistered for the Eckler's Reunion on October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are going, let's leave that morning from the Save-A-Lot parking lot on the SW corner of US 1 and Dunlawton

at 7:45 a.m. for the drive to Titusville. Corvettes will be there from all over Florida and beyond, so have yours looking spiffy, and don't forget the wheels. Tangerine club shirts are required. NOTE, the new meeting place.

## FLAGLER COUNTY CORVETTE SHOW:

Though not a club event this year, some members may choose to attend the Flagler County "Corvettes at the Beach" show on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. You must be on-site and registered before 10:00 a.m. if you go.

**LET'S GO BOWLING:** When was the last time you heard THAT phrase? Well, it's time to get out of that Corvette, get the old muscles in gear, and get in the game. If you haven't been in a while (a loooong while, perhaps) you are in



for a treat. Bowling is not what it used to be. Sure, there are still the shoes and picking out the right ball, but the graphics, the electronics and the general modernization of the alleys have made bowling a whole new experience. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, for a fun (and different) excursion to Ormond Lanes. Plan to grab a bite to eat there as all indications are that the food is really good (especially the pizza). VIP parking will be available - just for us and our Corvettes!! Collared tangerine club shirts are required.

#### **MARION COUNTY CORVETTE SHOW:**

New Venue, new price. Register today or at least by the early bird deadline of Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at [www.ccmcf.com](http://www.ccmcf.com). A little background is in order for all you newer members. The club participated in this show when it was held for many years at Silver Springs Park in Ocala. Along with the car show, we rode the glass-bottom boats where "Sea Hunt" was filmed, took a jeep ride through the jungle where Tarzan swung in the trees, visited bears, giraffes and monkeys, and be entertained by performers like Earth, Wind and Fire, and Bobby Vinton. However, Silver Springs Park, which previously was privately owned, became a state park and the Marion County Corvette Club had to find another location for their show. They moved it to the Don Garlits Racing Museum, but the show didn't get the rave reviews as in the past. One complaint was that cars had to be

parked on grass, and that there were no restaurants within walking distance. (Plus, it's awfully hard to compete with Tarzan, and monkeys and bears, oh my!) So this year they have moved it to a new location, and dropped the registration fee to \$20 for the early birds, \$25 after 10/24. Let's give them another chance and have a good turnout for this event. The show will take place November 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting time and place will be in the November issue of the Newsletter. Put it on your calendar and register now.

#### **AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If you are



planning to join the group for a Dining On the Run, Car Show, or any event the club sponsors and are not able to meet at the designated meeting place, please let someone know you will be meeting us at the location. A text or phone call to John D. or Jean would be sufficient. As with any group outing, someone always calls ahead to let the venue know how many will be coming, so if you aren't at the meeting spot and no one knows you're coming, there may not be room for you. This is especially true with restaurants when only a certain number of seats are allocated. We always love for you to join us, but we really need to count you in.

**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 29th 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 a disguise, and come to Bob and Linda Wolff's Halloween Bash at their home in Ormond Beach. Linda even donned a funny hat and nose at the meeting to invite us to their home for the party. The festivities begin at the witching hour of 6:30 p.m., so be thinking about who or what you will become. Lots of fun and lots of food are the order of the night. One rule applies however: You must come in costume.



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Bring drinks for yourself  
 And a snack to share,  
 No matter what your disguise  
 We want to see you there!



(Directions to the Wolff's Den in Breakaway Trails, 3 Fox Cliff Way, Ormond Beach)

- From I-95, take Exit 268. Go West on 40/Granada Blvd for 1.8 miles.
- At light turn right into Breakaway Trails
- Stop at guard shack and show ID.
- At first stop sign, turn left onto River Chase.

- Turn Left at next street (Coquina Ridge Way)
- Take first right onto Fox Cliff Way.  
 You have arrived at your destination!

PS: All the costumes mentioned above have actually been worn by our members at previous club Halloween parties.

**BREAKFAST ANYONE?** That's just what The Cracked Egg was asking as thirteen Corvettes took over the parking lot of this little beachside eatery for the September DOTR. The manager/owner greeted us as we entered and the servers welcomed us with free samples of their delicious hot apple fritters, a specialty of the house. As if Bob Wolff wasn't sweet enough, he enjoyed his sugary treat with a little extra sugar on the side. Along with Bob, was Linda, Herb and Shirley, Art and Leslie, Bill Geize, Liz and Edie, Rick and Sheila, Richard, Anita, Joanna and her daughter Connie, Ed and Jean, Bill and Evelyn, Rick and Gloria, Dave and Maya and Dan Niswander casting a nice orange glow on the place. It was so nice to have Anita join us once again, and we are very much looking forward to Steve joining us soon. Everybody left the restaurant with a smiling face and a full stomach - always a good sign. One or two even had leftover boxes. (The corn beef hash was homemade, although some - and I won't mention any names --- prefer the canned. Huh?) The crowd waiting to get in was true evidence that this little spot, hidden in a

strip mall on A1A, is a pretty good place to eat breakfast. (Photos by Richard)

**CANCER AWARENESS:** We hear a lot about breast cancer during the month of October, but did you know that each month is devoted to one or more different forms of cancer, and each form is represented by a different color ribbon? Several of our members have been afflicted by one form or another, so wear your ribbon proudly and let's get a handle on this dreadful disease that's affecting all of us, by whichever form it might be.



**GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS:** The good news is that we have wonderful members and a whole big group of prospective members waiting to join our club. More good news is that we have great things planned for the upcoming year and beyond. The bad news comes with the fact that doing more costs a little more. Prices go up as we all know. In order to keep the level of involvement that we have become accustomed to, (the picnic, the turkey runs, the newsletter, the website, the insurance, etc. etc., etc.), the Board of Directors feels it is necessary to raise dues \$10.00 per year. That's just \$.83 more a month, folks!



Surely that won't be a burden on anyone. Remember, with changing the fiscal year to the calendar year, you are getting two "free" months anyway this year, so look at it that way. The Board is also going to look at some additional ways to raise money in the future, so that someday we may be able to subsidize our dues.

**CORVETTE TRIVIA:** Talking about the C-7's recently, one of our members asked the question about how long the previous Corvette Generations had lasted. Since no two are the same number of years, here is your answer:

- C1 - 1953-'62 (10 yrs.)
- C2 - 1963-'67 (5 yrs.)
- C3 - 1968-'82 (15 yrs.)
- C4 - 1984-'96 (13 yrs.)
- C5 - 1997-'04 (8 yrs.)
- C6 - 2005-'13 (9 yrs.)
- C7 - 2014 to who knows

Truly, a wide range to keep us on our toes and keep us guessing.

**CORVETTES AT CARLISLE:** The following report was provided by John Doria:

(Ooops, looks like somebody missed the deadline, or perhaps whatever happened in Carlisle, stays in Carlisle, eh John?)

Not having attended myself, the only thing I was able to find out is that Richard described it as "awesome," but Arne, who

had attended many times, said it was not as good as it had been in the past. Attending besides John, Richard and Arne were, Gary, Cindy, Jim, Ginny, Bill and Evelyn. I also found out that Cindy and Ginny went antique shopping instead of car-looking. (Photos by John D. and Richard)



### HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

Can you identify to whom these license plates belong? (Some are obvious, some not so much.) How many can you guess? Answers will be in next month's Newsletter.

**FROM THE WORLD OF ART:** Chris Cruz is known throughout the area and beyond for his beautiful painted designs and pin striping on car panels and motorcycles -- some elaborate, some quite delicate. A visit to his shop in DeLand on a Saturday morning interested seventeen Corvette Cruisers. Meeting up at his shop with several members of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club, we munched on pastries and fresh fruit as we viewed samples of Chris's work, including an in-progress truck painted a bright pink (to match a bottle of nail polish) softly fading to white. The Quinns brought with them a hood insert Chris painted for them back in 1991 when they owned a 1976 Corvette. Chris demonstrated his talent for the on-lookers by completing a hand-painted panel of a hot rod Corvette by adding the year, some lettering, and pin striping to the oohs and aahs from the crowd. Following the demo, Chris's wife drew names for door prizes. The first name drawn was a member of the Ponce Inlet club. She won a tee shirt and some koozies. The second name drawn, also a member of Ponce Inlet, won a 10% gift certificate of up to \$500 for any order from Chris Cruz Artistry. (Okay, it was now our club's turn to win something, and indeed we did.) The third name drawn was Bob Wolff, who took the grand prize of the panel Chris had just completed painting in



his demo. (Must have been the matching green shirts.)

After leaving the shop, Edie, Liz, John R, Bill G., Gary, Cindy, Wayne, Tina, Art, Leslie, Bob W., Linda, Jim, Ginny, John D., Sally, Jean and Ed, and the Ponce Inlet members made their way to Pit Masters Bar-B-Q for a pleasant all-you-can-eat lunch on their open air porch. (Photos by Art, John D. Jean and from Facebook)

## THIS AND THAT

The Corvette Cruisers wish the following members a very, happy birthday as they celebrate in October:

Art Armstrong - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tracy Giglio - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tina Cantrell - 14<sup>th</sup>  
Rick Demichina - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mickey Fritz - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Neway - 28<sup>th</sup>

Like fine wine, these members just improve with age. Happy Birthday!!

October was not a popular wedding month for our members. No anniversaries are celebrated in October. But did you know the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona celebrates an anniversary in October? Established in October, 1992, the club is celebrating its 24<sup>th</sup> year. Next year, we will celebrate BIG on our silver anniversary. We should give away a silver Corvette. 🤝

**It really IS a small world.** Now picture this: Gary and Cindy Swanson are on their way home from spending 6 weeks in NY. John and Sally Doria are on their way home from spending a week in NH. With all the Cracker Barrels that line I-95, who would ever guess that both couples would stop at the same one at the same time somewhere in North Carolina. Destiny! Amazing!!

**Not one, not two, but THREE new Corvettes** have been welcomed into our Corvette family, two of which made their debut at the DOTR in September, and the third one at the DeLand event.

At the DOTR, Edie and Liz Byrne drove up in a gorgeous 2016 Blade Silver Z51 Coupe. The black accents with the stripe on the hood really make this beauty pop.

Shortly thereafter Bill and Evelyn Neway drove up in a beautiful 2013 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 427 Convertible. If you recall, the Neways had the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary model prior to this one, so we can bank on what their next model will be. The Arctic White body with the pale blue stripe that continues over the dark blue convertible top is a unique feature for sure.

Another surprise awaited us when we met for the trip to DeLand. A brand new 2016 Arctic White, Z51, 8-speed convertible with a very rare black suede interior, belonging to Bill Geize, sat in the middle of the parking lot. *OMG -- Be still my heart!* The interior/exterior combo was produced in only 19 out of 40,000 built, and the

special spoiler makes it even rarer. Surely, Bill, this is a keeper.

Congratulations to all the owners on their new additions to our Corvette Club family.

**BIG MONEY:** The 50/50 drawing at the October meeting was won by Jamie Hawes for the tidy sum of \$42.00. Jamie graciously donated \$20 of it back to the club. Thank you, Jamie.

**COMING UP:** Circle November 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the first Corvette Cruiser "Dice Ride." More on this next month.

## CORVETTE CHATTER

All you die-hard manual transmission fans out there, listen up!

It seems this long-awaited mid-engine Corvette really will be designed to run with high-end European exotics. And that means you'll more than likely be shifting the gears with paddles, not three pedals and a stick. [Car and Driver](#), thus far the leader in rumors and reports about this car (which is *really happening for sure we promise*), says the upcoming car will use a Tremec seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox. It can handle a ton of torque and promises lightning-fast gear changes, presumably much quicker than the ones offered even by General Motors' eight-speed automatic.

*Tremec engineering documents show a 9000-rpm maximum input speed and a 664-lb-ft torque capacity, both of which should cover C8 Corvette needs quite nicely. The TR-9007's die-cast aluminum housing contains seven forward gears, three of which are overdrive ratios, and a 5.6:1 ratio spread. Tremec describes the twin engagement devices as "virtually dry wet clutches."*

But! They predict, probably correctly, that this supercar is being developed with no room for a traditional stick shift.

*Our suspicion is that General Motors will not follow our suggestion to Save the Manuals due to the cost and complexity of offering two transmissions. In other words, Tremec's TR-9007 seven-speed DCT will be the one and only transmission available when the 2019 Corvette arrives in less than two years.*

A huge blow to manual enthusiasts everywhere? Not really. It's not like any of this car's intended mid-engine competitors use stick shifts anymore, and in this day and age when customer dollars, technology and lap times rule everything, the manual is hard to justify.

From one manual enthusiast (and speaking for the drivers of 15 others out of the 35 'Vettes in our club) — I say BOO-HOO!!



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

(as seen on the Home Page):

Our recent trip to DeLand to visit the home of Chris Cruz Artistry inspired the Photo of

the Month for October. Whether it be a delicate pin striping effect, a metamorphosis of a Corvette feature, or an elaborate design anywhere on your car, check out some of Chris's work at [www.chrisacruzartistry.com](http://www.chrisacruzartistry.com) and look under "Our Work" to find Corvettes. Maybe you will be inspired as well.

## CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

My neighbor was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore."

"You don't need a driver's license anymore?!?" the neighbor asked excitedly.

"That's right! The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't be needing this anymore'.

So I thanked him and left!"