

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.

Coming Up

WAKE-UP all you 'Vette heads...on Sunday, October 7th we plan to have breakfast at the Wake-Up Café in New Smyrna Beach for our October Dining on the Run. Let's leave from Kohl's Parking lot in Port Orange. The Wake-Up Café is a quaint little restaurant located in the Publix Plaza off the South Causeway. Our club last dined there in July of 2014 and it got good reviews for breakfast. (See the photo in the Archives Section.)

BOARD MEETING: The Board of Directors will meet for lunch at the Tomoka Brewing Company on Wednesday, October 17th at 11:30 a.m. to formulate and discuss plans for the next six months. Every member is welcome at any Board meeting; however, you must let John know you are coming for the sake of reservations. The Tomoka Brewing Company is located at 4647 S. Clyde Morris Blvd in Port Orange. If you have

anything you wish to place on the agenda or have some ideas for DOTR's, please contact any board member. Your suggestions are valuable.

CAR SHOWS ARE EVERYWHERE:

- ① A new car show is on the horizon. The East Coast Cruisers, who put on the Canal Street car show, are teaming up with the Speedway Corporation to host a show at the new One Daytona Plaza (across from the Speedway near Bass Pro Shop) on Saturday, October 6th from 4-7 p.m. Hopefully, this will become a monthly event on the first Saturday of each month. Check it out.
- ② The Flagler Car Show "Vettes at the Beach" will be held on Sunday, October 7th from 10-3. Unfortunately, this conflicts with our October DOTR, but anyone interested can find the information at www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com. Cost is \$35.00.

③ The Daytona State College puts on a car show in conjunction with their Homecoming festivities. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 8-noon. The cost is \$10.00 per car. Register online at www.daytonastate.edu/Homecoming2018. For those wishing to attend, we will leave from the Burlington parking lot next to Steak n Shake on ISB at 8:00 a.m. to park together. Wear any “Corvette” shirt and bring your chairs.

④ Also, don’t forget about the shows held monthly: Cars & Coffee (2nd Saturday), Lost Lagoon Car Show Brunch (last Sunday of month), and the East Coast Cruisers on Canal Street (3rd Saturday).

Reviews

DINNER NIGHT OUT: An ominous sky hovered as the Corvette Cruisers made their way to Sanford for a German meal at The Willow Tree. John and Sally led the way, with Bill and Bonita, Bob and Linda, Ed and Jean, Richard, Bill and Evelyn close behind. Vin and Tracy met us at the restaurant, as did Ken and Jamie. The storms were all around us but luckily, other than a slight drizzle when we exited our cars, never found us. A very nice German lass named Stephanie (haha) greeted us, seated us, and took our drink orders immediately. Keeping with the atmosphere, German beers were the order of the day, along with some appetizers of Riesenbreze (a gigantic Bavarian pretzel),

potato pancakes, and a breadbasket of assorted breads to accompany the beer. A very lengthy and unique menu chocked full of German delights made it difficult to decide what to order, even for the Germans among us. But when the orders came out, out came a variety of German dishes including schnitzels, Eisenbein (pork shank), brats, wursts, sauerkraut, red cabbage, potato pancakes; all the fixin’s for an authentic German meal. Although there were a few items on the menu that were not German, if you generally don’t like German cuisine, this is NOT the place for you. Everyone rated their meals with a thumbs up, including the fly that decided he liked Jean’s beer better than anyone else’s. Some decadent desserts were available and a few of our members ordered them, although most were complaining about being too full. By the time we were ready to leave, the restaurant had filled to capacity, the music began, and someone in the crowd had ordered “Das Boot,” a 3-liter beer of their choice, which is always accompanied by a certain ritual while drinking it. It looked as though the fun had just begun, but as we left the restaurant, the skies had cleared and the ride home was rain free. (Photos by John and Jean)

** Noteworthy Item: The Willow Tree also operates a market selling fresh meats and cheeses and other German delicacies. A few of our members came prepared: Linda brought a cooler along for her purchases, and Tracy arranged for the bartender to refrigerate her items while she dined.

FIVE HITS AND A MISS: After a morning downpour that scared all the hardcore Corvette owners attending a car show, the skies cleared and the sun was shining as seven ‘Vettes pulled into the Bealls

parking lot. With Rick Demichina and his friend Kim leading the way, Richard, Ken and Jamie. Bill and Evelyn, John and Sally, Vin and Tracy, and Ed and Jean formed a convoy to a lovely little park off of Riverside Drive in Holly Hill for the Splash-In on the Halifax. HIT#1 – It was a perfect spot for a car show. We were able to park together on a hard-packed grassy area very close to the water's edge. Although the temperature was a hot 91 degrees, the wonderful breeze from the water actually made it quite pleasant. HIT#2 – Two wooden picnic tables under a canopy were available for us to use. With the breeze AND the shade AND the table, we were ready to rock. HIT #3 – There was plenty of food available. As many hot dogs as one could eat, hamburgers, a variety of chips, pretzels, popcorn, water and drinks contained in a large cooler, and a table to eat it on – what more could one ask? And all for free, but for an optional donation box for Camp Boggy Creek. HIT #4 – A concert band from one of the local schools was brought in to perform the National Anthem – a very nice touch! HIT #5 – A DJ played all the oldies but goodies with several participants dancing to such fun as the Macarena, the Cuban Shuffle, the Electric Slide, the Stroll and others. The only MISS came when we were told upon arrival that the seaplanes scheduled to land and take off (the main reason for the car show) had to be canceled. Even though all the necessary permits were obtained and all the hoops were jumped through, the one sticking point was that because of all the activity on the Halifax River, a coast guard rescue boat had to be stationed there. Unfortunately, this was unable to be accomplished. (Someone reminded me, however, that a seaplane drone flew overhead.) But, did we miss it? NO. It was a fun, dry, breezy day nonetheless and

those attending had a great time. (Photos by John and Jean)

SPEEDWAY TOUR AND DOTR: The day began in the parking lot of the Daytona International Speedway, with fifteen members and three guests geared up and ready to see what the Speedway tour was all about. Among those attending were Ken and brother-in-law Roger, Liz, Edie, Bill and Evelyn, Bill Geise, Ed and Jean, John, Art and Leslie, Rick D. and his guest Kim, Bill and Bonita, with their grandson Riley, a student at ERAU, and Jamie, who had to leave early for a conflicting engagement. Ed, our tram driver and guide, (not to be confused with Ed Doyle), was well-versed in track knowledge. He escorted us through the garage area, the driver motor home parking area, pointing out the playground and fitness center, the Fan Zone, around Lake Lloyd, and in Victory Lane where we posed for a group photo. We saw the Care Center and the 20 ambulances that are fully equipped and stay ready while the race is in progress. We journeyed up in the stands to get a bird's eye view of the entire track. All the while Ed was throwing tidbits of information our way. We heard a recording from Jeff Gordon and one from Austin Dillon, sat in the very important scoring room, and ended up at the gift shop and the museum of which is only available to those who take the tour. A few raindrops didn't deter the group, especially since only those in the front seat got a little damp.

Following the Speedway tour, we hopped in our cars and made a mad dash up to Ormond-by-the-Sea to Alfies for lunch. Corvette Cruisers had been a full 2½ hours without food, so a mad dash it was. There we

met up with Vin and Tracy, Bob and Linda, and Jamie. Sadly, Bill and Bonita had to forego lunch as Bonita was off to Colorado from OIA on a 4:00 p.m. flight. Alfie's food got mixed reviews – some good, some not-so-good, but a little excitement occurred when two in our group ordered Naked (hamburgers, that is!!). Many thanks to Jamie for planning the Speedway tour; and thanks to her ingenuity, she was able to get the price knocked down to \$18 per person. (Photos by John, Evelyn and Jean)

P. S. A big shock was in store for us when we arrived at the track. See details under “This & That.”

From the Archives



Our tangerine shirts certainly brought a Wake-Up call to the Wake-Up Café as we dined for breakfast in July of 2014. Along with the usual suspects, you'll find some faces from the past: Ken Crick and Trish, Skip and Joan Crowder, Bob and Mickey Fritz, and John Reis and friend Darlene.

This & That

Shock Alert: Bill Geize was the first one at the track for our tour in his brand new 2019 Torch Red Coupe with red interior. Yep he did it again! Since joining the club, Bill has had a 2014 Black, a 2015 Laguna Blue, a 2016 Arctic White, a 2001 Light Pewter, and now a 2019. Maybe this news is not so shocking after all. Are you trying to keep up with the twins, Bill?? 😊

Facebook Findings: A get well wish is extended to Donna Bly Masotta, who is pictured with both arms in casts. Not sure how this happened, but hope she mends soon.

Birthdays: Those celebrating birthdays in the month of October are Art Armstrong on the 3rd, Tracy Giglio on the 10th, Rick Demichina on the 22nd, and Bill Neway on the 28th.

Remember: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Join us in.....:



Big Money: Jamie was the big winner of \$31.00 at the September 50/50 drawing.

Travel Alert: Bob and Linda Wolff will soon be touring the likes of Spain and Italy. This Mediterranean Cruise was gifted to Linda by her children to celebrate a milestone birthday she had in September. Bob gets to tag along.

Health News: Reports are that the doctors have made some adjustments in Herb's medication and he is doing much better. Also, Mike Mills, who has had a lot of family visiting from here and abroad, has been suffering with some hip problems. He hopes to be back in the swing of things next month.

BOO HOO: There will be no masquerade Halloween Party this year. Watch your email for any further updates on getting together (minus the costume).



WANTED: Newsletter Editor: Someone with minimal skills in WORD, the gift of gab, and a nosiness for news. Hours vary...can work at your own pace. Wages: An occasional pat on the back and a lot of self-satisfaction. Please apply to Jean asap.

Fun Corner

If my body were a Corvette, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...

But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it.



Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, Either My Radiator Leaks or My Exhaust Backfires!

Thanks to Liz and Edie

Corvette Chatter

All the chatter that is spinning around Corvette circles is of that C8 mystery. What's it going to look like, when will it be unveiled, how much will it cost...etc. etc. etc. Well, climb aboard for another mid-engine Corvette rumor. The latest comes from a fairly

credible source, however. Auto Forecast Solutions claims the next-generation C8 Corvette will enter production in September 2019.

The rumor does line up with basic information known so far about the revolutionary Corvette. Previous reports have pegged a 2019 production date to roll the C8 Corvette out as a 2020 model. Specifically, we've heard whispers of a 2019 Detroit Auto Show debut, or some sort of debut next spring.

The forecasting firm also said C7 Corvette production will end in August 2019, giving way to the mid-engine Corvette, though it's still unclear how Chevrolet and General Motors plan to handle both cars. It appears likely that GM will sell both the C7 and C8 Corvettes alongside one another for some time, but the automaker hasn't confirmed such a strategy.

It's worth noting that the Bowling Green, Kentucky, plant where GM builds the Corvette, is now capable of producing different vehicles on one line after a major investment and retooling. The added capability has fueled rumors that the C7 and C8 will live on alongside one another.

AND speaking of Bowling Green.....

Registration for the 25th Anniversary Celebration opened on September 12th. The anticipation continues to grow as Corvette Enthusiasts from across the country make plans to participate in the 6th National Corvette Caravan, which culminates at the National Corvette Museum for the 25th Anniversary celebration. A few from our club plan to attend.

Registration is \$30 for Lifetime Members; \$40 for Members; \$65 for Non-Members. Those who pre-register will receive a commemorative event program, lapel pin, dash plaque, lanyard and personalized hard car event credential.

There is loads of information on the caravan website, which you can access from our Home Page at the bottom of the left side index. Remember that the Florida contingency begins right here in our own backyard at the Daytona International Speedway.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

One Corvette owner decided to get in the Halloween spirit and decorate his/her Atomic Orange C6 as a Jack-O-Lantern. Creativity reaps rewards. Look what a little tape will do.

