

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through November, 2021) at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Coming Up

### READY TO RIDE?

After last month's short excursion of only 5.2 miles, we will make up for it this month with a 39 mile drive to Crescent City. There we will dine at 3 Bananas Restaurant on the banks of Crescent Lake for our October DOTR. Popular with



motorcyclists and car clubs alike, this unique spot offers a scenic drive, good food and a great lake view. It has become one of the club's favorites with its unusual (?) décor and a chance to walk on their pier to the water's edge. Note that this is a **SATURDAY** event. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 2. (Prime Rib is on special all day every Saturday!!) Wear your club shirt, have gas in your tank, and be ready to *rumble*.

### DAYTONA STATE CAR SHOW:

Shine up the 'Vette and throw a chair or two in the trunk for a short car show celebrating the Daytona State Homecoming. The date is Friday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person which includes a BBQ dinner. All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships. We will leave from the Steak and Shake parking lot on corner of ISB and Nova Rd at 3:30 p.m. Wear a Corvette shirt of your choice. It does not have to be the official club shirt.

### FUN RUN

Get ready for a fun time at our latest Fun Run scheduled for Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. (If you haven't been on one before, it is similar to a motorcycle Poker Run.) Meet at the Bank of America across the parking lot from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 9:00 a.m. to register. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Be prepared to follow directions, show your luck or skill at each stop and end up at the final destination of Sonny's Bar-B-Que for lunch. Prizes and surprises are in store, so be sure to wear your club shirt. Jamie and Ken work really hard on planning and setting this up, so let's have a good turnout for a fun morning.

## LET'S HAVE A BEER...

...And solve the problems of the world.

Another Beer get-together is scheduled for noon Thursday, October 14 at the Ormond Garage at 48 W. Granada in Ormond Beach. This is a casual meeting for lunch, open to whoever wishes to come, ladies or gentlemen.

## FERNANDINA BEACH PAYMENT:

Those going on the Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach trip will need to send their check for the Walking Tour (\$15) and the Boat Tour (\$32.10), in the amount of \$47.10 PER PERSON to Bill Simmons, 2305 Yule Tree Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141. Make the check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD). **Payment must be made by October 19<sup>th</sup>.**



## DINNER NIGHT OUT

Our dinner night out to Halifax Plantation began as an interesting adventure. First of all, pulling up in the Beall's parking lot and seeing double, was a bit of a shock. There was the familiar Rapid Blue C8 belonging to John and Sally, but lo and behold, parked right beside it was another Rapid Blue C8. After a bit of confusion, we met prospective members Keith and Cindy Hardin, who had moved to Latitudes Margaritaville from Colorado Springs in May and joined us in their blue C8. The drive north was a vision in primary colors as we motored up I-95 led by John and Sally's blue, Bill and Bonita's yellow, Ed and Jean's Red, and Keith and Cindy's blue. Bob and Linda brought their "other" car, and we picked up Pat and Aliah in their Long Beach red somewhere

along the way to the restaurant. Meeting us at the restaurant were Edie and Liz and John and Rose for a nice group of sixteen as we enjoyed burger night, which included free beer or wine with the burger. The food had mixed reviews with some burgers being a little overcooked (mine), while other items from the menu drew praise. The free beer was icy cold and quite refreshing. The rain held off long enough for us to get to our cars, but unfortunately not before most of us got home.

## DINING ON THE RUN

At our September 12<sup>th</sup> Dining on the Run to Mike's Galley in Daytona Beach Shores, reds or blacks were the order of the day for our Corvettes: The Swansons and the Ponas in their blacks, and the Byrnes, the Wolffs, Patrick Wall, and the Doyles in their reds. Our one dissenter happened to be the Ford truck of Bill Geize who followed the group ensuring we didn't get side-tracked or lost on our way to our destination, all 5.2 miles of it. Not much of a cruise for sure, but we were all ready for a good breakfast, and Mike's Galley did not disappoint. Portions were large and tasty,



and the menu had everything one could possibly want. In fact, the menu was a bit entertaining, stating there would be "no omelets served here." They preferred to call them an "egg mix", which is usually what happens when some of us try to flip an omelet anyway. The menu also stated

under Breakfast Specials: “NO SUBSTITUTIONS THIS SECTION. IT IS WHAT IT IS! THAT’S WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL!” Although that may sound a little harsh, there was every kind of a combination you could imagine and could certainly get whatever your heart (and stomach) desired. The biscuits were enormous as were the sweet rolls and bakery items tempting us on your way out. The atmosphere was friendly with good service and a lot to look at with a beach theme adorning all the walls of Mike’s.



### WAWA CARS AND COFFEE

A gloomy, foggy morning was in store for the monthly car show at the Wawa in New Smyrna Beach. Bill and Bonita with both of their yellow ‘Vettes, John Doria with a new red C-8, Ed and Jean Doyle with their red Grand Sport, John Pona in his black C6, Gary Swanson in his black beauty, Vin and Tracy with both their red ’74 and white ‘16, and prospective members Alan Segal and Johanna Sager with their Lemans blue C-6 all showed up for a little early morning show and tell.



The crowd was quite a bit smaller than usual, but no doubt Mother Nature had something to do with that! Although the rain never materialized, the clouds were low enough that the temperature was actually bearable, unlike the many hot, hot, hot days Florida had been experiencing.

# This & That



**October means Biketoberfest:** Be careful and watch for bikers in the area during Biketoberfest, which kicks off October 14-17. There will, no doubt, be many motorcycles in our area, so please be on the lookout and drive carefully. Corvettes and Bikes don’t always mix.

**Corvettes at Central Park:** The Flagler County Corvette Show will be held at a new location on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35 for judged classes or display. Though not a club event, some members are attending. You can register at [www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com](http://www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com)

**Cancer Sucks!** October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, but cancer in any form is a terrible diagnosis. It touches every family, so pray that a cure can be discovered soon. Covid-19 is not the only issue of the day.



**Reunions Galore:** Bob and Linda Wolff had quite an adventure for three weeks in August. They celebrated Bob’s high school reunion, his Viet Nam unit reunion, a family reunion, and a reunion with friends in NC and Ohio. Whew .. that should be enough reunions to last a lifetime.

**Money Winner:** The big money winner from the September 50/50 was Rose Pona, who took home a cool 30 bucks. Hooray for you!

**Reminder:** When you are washing your Corvette, don’t forget to polish up those Exhaust tips. Your car wash is not complete without those tips shining bright. Dirty tips equate to dressing for the ball and wearing your old dirty sneakers.

**Birthday Wishes** go to Art Armstrong on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tracy Giglio on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Rose Pona on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Bill Neway on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Anniversary Wishes** go to all of us. Did you know the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona was established in October of 1992? That makes this October our 29<sup>th</sup> year. Congratulations to us!!

**Meeting Notes:** 1) A great crowd of twenty-six members and one guest attended the September meeting. 2) It was great to welcome Bud and Mary Mullennix back from Michigan. 3) Alan Segal attended his second event on his way to becoming a member. 4) A funny occurrence was discovered after learning that random seating at the table resulted in three members celebrating their birthday on the same day were seated right beside each other. 5) A little snafu in the bill paying department resulted in a lot of commotion regarding our checks. Perhaps the waitress was new, but it seems that a lot of bills were incorrectly tabulated, causing a delay, and making bedtime a little later for most of us. 😊

**Vettes Etc.**



**2021 C-8 Stats:** By now, everyone knows your editor loves statistics, so now that the 2022 model years are being produced, the stats are in for the 2021 run.

A total of 26,216 Corvettes were built for the 2021 model year with Coupes making up 58% (15,112) versus the Convertibles 42% (11,104). This was the highest convertible rate since 1969!

A majority of 2021 buyers selected the 2LT as their Equipment Package with 44.1% (11,565) with the 3LT a close second at 40.9% (10,720) while the base 1LT accounted for just 14.9% (3,931).

The Z51 Performance Package was very popular with 69.5% (18,223) of all Corvettes in 2021 having the option. The only other optional item that we saw higher than the Z51 was the NPP Performance Exhaust with a take rate of 87%

The most popular exterior color was Torch Red at 19.7% (5,171) followed by Arctic White at 14.3% (3,769) and Red Mist at 13.3% (3,476). On the back end, Zeus Bronze is the rarest at 1.9% (509) (who could have guessed??), followed by Accelerate Yellow at 3.2% (890) and Shadow Gray at 4.2% (1,111).

Inside the 2021 Corvette, the GT2 seats were the most popular of the three offered with 60.1% (15,766) while the standard GT seats were included in 33.1% (8,680), and the Competition Seats were added to just 6.8% (1,770). The standard Black seatbelts were outfitted in 66% (17,326) of cars. Suede was a fairly low option with only 17.4% (4,573) of buyers opting for it, and nearly one out of five Corvettes 19.8% (5,178) have the interior Carbon Fiber trim. Finally, 23,573 (89.9%) of all 2021 Corvettes were built for the customers in the United States, while 1,887 (7.2%) went to Canada, 361 (1.4%) were exported to Japan, 246 (0.9%) went to the Middle East, and 149 (0.6%) were sent to Mexico.

**Happy Halloween**

