

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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting at 6:30.

Coming Up

DINING ON THE RUN (DOTR): Okay folks, get ready for an adventure, we hope will be a good one. On Sunday, September 11, we are having lunch at a restaurant no one else in the club has tried (to our knowledge) on the advice of Keith and Cindy Hardin, who incidentally are not here to join us. But according to the Hardins and the ads, Sparky's Place in Astor, Florida, is a great little spot. They offer American food for any occasion and boast the best salads in Astor. Don't know how good that recommendation is since there are not too many restaurants in Astor. It's a family restaurant with a homey atmosphere, serving a wide variety of food from Steak, Seafood, Pasta, and burgers. Yelp rates it at 5 stars out of 5 with 109 reviews, and that is a darn good recommendation. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach on Sunday, September 11 at 10:45 a.m. Let's give it a try and see if we agree with the 109 reviewers. Besides, it's a nice drive and our Corvettes need a little longer distance driving. Wear your orange collared club shirt.

CRUISING OF A DIFFERENT KIND:

If you own a Corvette and you hear the word “cruising.” you immediately think of cruising in your ‘Vette, but switch your brain gears a bit to think of OCEAN cruising. If you were at the last meeting, you heard a discussion of the club taking an ocean cruise. While still in the planning stages, we would like to know if there is substantial interest to pursue this venture. (There definitely seemed to be interest among the



members at the meeting.) A few things we DO know is that it would be a 5 day/4-night

weekday cruise in either January or February. Two cruise lines are being considered.....Royal Caribbean and MSC, both of which are docked at Port Canaveral. The estimated cost could be anywhere between \$1000.00 to \$1,200.00 (double occupancy) and includes taxes and port charges. More details will be forthcoming at the September meeting, so if you have an interest, be at the meeting to add your 2 cents, and hear what the committee has to say. We must plan ahead to make this happen.

CORVETTES AT PALM COAST:

The Flagler County Corvette Club is sponsoring their annual Corvette Show on Sunday, October 9, 2022. This show is set either for judged classes or display only. Here's your chance to show off your beautiful car and see how it compares to others in your class. Preregistration must be completed by **September 30th** if you want your car to be judged. Registration forms will be available at the September meeting, or you can find it at www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com.

The show this year will be at the Tom Gibbs Dealership in Palm Coast. Cost is \$30 and includes a dash plaque and a goodie bag (to first 100 cars registered). The Corvette Cruisers always take advantage of the free show at Tom Gibbs put on by the Flagler Club each year, so it's time to pay back and attend their main event. Our club has many beautiful cars that could easily compete for a trophy. Let's do it! Sign up now and start shining up the 'Vette!

We will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. This early time will ensure we park together and have time to put the final touches on the car. Orange shirts please.

Hey Cruisers



DRUM ROLL, PLEASE: The club is pleased to announce that Keith Hardin has stepped up to fill the position on the Board of Directors vacated by Liz Byrne. It's always nice to see new members take an active role in the club. Keith will bring a new dimension to the Board. Congratulations, Keith.

Reviews



EARLY DINNER NIGHT OUT:

A small group attended the midday dinner at Norwood's Tree House Eatery in New Smyrna Beach. Although we didn't eat in the tree house, we did have a cozy little corner in the restaurant where fourteen members dined on some delicious entrees. John and Sally, Emery and Fran, Bill and Bonita, Gary and Cindy, Don and Susan, Bob and Linda, and Ed and Jean enjoyed the early dine menu, which offered a variety of items. Everyone raved about their choices and vowed to return to Norwood's.

PEACH VALLEY DOTR:

Peaches and Orange shirts go well together as fourteen members got up early to enjoy breakfast at Peach Valley in Port Orange. John and Sally Doria, John and Rose Pona, Patrick and Aliah Wall, Alan and Loudette Segal, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Emery Simkulak and Fran Alderson, and Ed and Jean Doyle enjoyed a variety of breakfast choices for a hungry crowd, including their famous apple fritters, (which to this writer, should be PEACH fritters!) Everyone seemed content with their selections. Especially pleased was Bonita, who ordered a peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream, a rather unique breakfast choice. Only goes to prove that desserts are great anytime.



This & That

SHIRTS, SHIRTS AND MORE SHIRTS: New Smyrna Beach Chevy is giving away shirts to our club members. These are not your run-of-the-mill cotton T-shirts but come in a material similar to our club shirts. They are royal blue with no collar, and a V-neck in the women's sizes. Our club logo will be on the front pocket area, and the New Smyrna Chevy logo on the sleeve. John is in the process of gathering up sizes. Every member will get a shirt. Contact him with your size, or do so the next time you see him. **THANK YOU, NEW SMYRNA CHEVY AND OWNER, JEREMY KIEL.**

FREE FOOD: Everybody likes free food and you can earn some points toward a free dessert, a free shrimp cocktail or a selected appetizer by using your "My Red Lobster" app every time you pay your bill. Find it in the app store and download it to your smart phone. It's a very easy scanning process. Look, you are eating there every month anyway, so you might as well get this extra perk. Only takes 128 points (\$128 spent) to receive the freebie, and with the cost of food, you get there really quick.

SHOUT OUT TO RED LOBSTER: The restaurant has been doing a really good job for several months in a row after a very rocky start. Service has been excellent and friendly, and they are getting those meals out in a timely manner.

GOODBYE CORVETTE, HELLO MERCEDES: Liz and Edie Byrne have parted ways with their Corvette. We are hoping they are shopping for another model. The Mercedes is beautiful, but it's just the wrong brand!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to Emery Simkulak on the 5th, Randy Sweeney on the 10th, Linda Wolff on the 14th, a triple header of Ed Doyle, Shirley Gerstel and Bud Mullennix on the 23rd, and Cindy Hardin on the 25th.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY to two of our newest members, Don and Susan Veatch.

MONEY WINNER...and speaking of our new members, Susan Veatch was the winner of the 50/50 drawing at the August meeting. New members and Pre-members always seem to have the best chance. Susan took home \$36.00.

Fun Corner



*"I'd like my Corvette to sleep in my room.
Do you have any extra large pillows?"*

HAPPY SEPTEMBER....

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
PEAK DAY FOR HURRICANES
FIRST DAY OF FALL