

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 Boulevard and A1A in Ormond Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m., and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Corona Virus Conundrum

For those of you who recall my Newsletters from the past, I usually used the April Newsletter to hide some sort of April Fool's Joke. Unfortunately, we are living in a period of time that is certainly no joke, so you won't find one this year. In its place you will find a Newsletter full of uncertainty. I will report events as they have been planned unless I hear otherwise, but circumstances may require later cancellations or postponements. Emails will be sent out from John (or Sally) prior to any events as to whether it is a go or not. In the meantime, please continue to take the necessary steps to stay healthy.

Jean



Please join me in welcoming Ms. Brenda Johnson, the newest member of the Corvette Cruisers. Brenda hails from Illinois and makes her home in Daytona Beach Shores. She drives a beautiful 2018 Arctic White Coupe. If you haven't met Brenda, make it a point to do so and welcome her to our club.



DOTR: Our monthly Dining On The Run will be on the first **Saturday** in April, not our usual Sunday. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at _____ on **Saturday**, April 4th, for breakfast at "Hi Tulip" in Flagler Beach. Described as a small restaurant that's big on food, so let's give it a try.



READY, SET, PLAY.....April means it's time for our annual miniature golf tournament. Come on out, enjoy the ocean breezes, and have a little fun. Round 1 begins on Tuesday, April 7th at Pirate's Cove on A1A in Ormond Beach. Remember, you do not have to be a good golfer (few of us are) to compete in a friendly little rivalry on the golf course. And the best part of the evening just might be a trip to the ice cream parlor after the game. Even if you feel you can't commit to all 6 rounds (only 4 are needed to compete), play what you can, even if it's just a game or two. We play for fun.....the competition is just an added bonus. All courses are on A1A from Ormond Beach to Port Orange. Meet at the course at 7:00 p.m. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Rd 2 – 4/14 – Aloha Falls (DBS)
- Rd 3 – 4/17 – Congo River (DB)
- Rd 4 – 4/24 – Pirates Island (PO)
- Rd 5 – 4/28 – Pirates Cove (OB)
- Rd 6 – 5/01 – Aloha Falls (DBS)
- Rain Date – 05/05

Most courses offer group rates, but watch local publications for coupons. You may wear your club shirt if desired, but any Corvette shirt can be worn.

TOM GIBBS DISPLAY: The Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR display is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Tom Gibbs Chevrolet Dealership in

Flagler County (on Rt. 100). This is a FREE event (no registration fee), so make plans to go as we try to bring home the club participation award AGAIN. Let's meet at 7:45 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond Beach (corner of Williamson and Granada) for the trek up I-95. Door prizes, 50's and 60's music, and food and drinks (served by a local high school club for a donation) will be available. Shine up the Vette, throw in some lawn chairs, a cooler if you wish, and get ready for a good time. Collared club shirts are required. The show lasts until 1:30 p.m.

MEETING: As of this writing, the regular monthly meeting for April 21st is still on. John will notify you if this changes. These are unsettling times.

PICNIC TIME: Come one, come all to the annual Bar-B-Que picnic on Saturday, April 25th at Reed Canal Park in South Daytona. The picnic will again be catered by Dustin's, who



won the hearts and stomachs of the Corvette Cruisers in the past. The picnic will run from 11:00 to 2:00, so throw some chairs in the car and come on out and enjoy this FREE dinner on the club. How often do you hear the words "free" and "dinner" in the same sentence? (Directions: If you are coming from the south, enter the parking lot off of Nova Road on the right just PAST the lake. If you are coming from the north, drive PAST Reed Canal Road and make a U-turn on Nova, since Nova is a divided road at this point. (DO NOT turn onto Reed Canal Rd.) Enter the parking

lot on the right PAST the lake. Pavilion #1 is at the end of the parking lot on the left. Club shirts are NOT required. Dress comfortably. Alcohol of any kind is not permitted in the park. Sweetened and unsweetened tea will be available. John will be taking a count of those planning to attend. Again, John will notify if this event is cancelled.



DINNER NIGHT OUT: The Snowbirds are here in force and I think all of them were at the Garlic when our club dined there for our semi-annual Dinner Night Out. CROWDED was the word of the night, as the news about early dining, which includes reduced prices, and a free wine, beer or a mixed drink, got out. Even valet parking was backed up. Our table was inside where bottles of wine, braids of garlic and ceramic chickens peeked out of every nook and cranny. (Bill Geize was a little creeped out with the chickens staring at him.) The fresh bread, the roasted garlic, the excellent service in spite of the crowd, and the delicious dinners were enjoyed by Bill, Bud and Mary Mullinnex, Del and Patty Fot, (our newest members), Bob and Linda Wolff, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Brenda Johnson (who became a member at this event), Anita Slaton, John Doria, Gary and Cindy Swanson, along with their friends Randy and Peggy from New York, and Ed and Jean Doyle.

****Note for future – return to Garlic only in May, June, July or August!!**

DOTR TO THE PORT: A perfect day for a drive: bright blue skies, glorious sun, mild temperature. The only thing missing was YOU!! We had only four Corvettes (eight members) to make the March DOTR to Port Canaveral for a nice lunch at Gators Dockside Restaurant. Following lunch, six of us took a walk along the water to see the Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas, one of the largest cruise ships in the fleet, preparing to set sail. (The Corona Virus was not here yet.) The entire area was bustling with people patronizing the many restaurants and shops along the Port. Upon our return to our cars, the band at Dockside played “My Little Red Corvette” perhaps in our honor. Enjoying the day (and sad that so many didn’t take part) were Bob and Linda Wolff, John and Rose Pona, John Doria, Bill Geize, and Ed and Jean Doyle.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...to our April babies; Bill Geize on the 3rd, Sheila Minor on the 4th, Gary Swanson on the 7th, Mary Mullinnex on the 19th, and Bill Simmons on the 21st.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES go to
Bud and Mary Mullinnex
Ken and Jamie Hawes

BIG MONEY WINNER? There wasn't one!! No meeting, no 50/50. We will have to make up for the lost revenue (for charity) the next time we are together.



GET WELL WISHES are in order for Edie Byrne following surgery. We look forward to your full and speedy recovery. It's times like this, we all wish we had a twin sister.

REMEMBER: Please keep everyone in your thoughts who may be suffering with this horrible virus that has gripped the entire world.

BYE-BYE SNOWBIRDS: Bud and Mary will be headed north to Michigan sometime in April, escaping the summer heat of Florida. Safe travels and we will see you in the Fall.

Corvette Chatter

By Jean

Another set-back for the C8, as a result of the Corona Virus. All the major UAW union auto manufacturers have agreed to suspend production until the end of the month as a means to curb the spread of the pandemic. Maybe when all is said and done and, hopefully, the nation gets back to normal, we may be looking at another delay for the convertible from its anticipated production date of April 6th. New C8 coupes have been turning up at several local Chevy showrooms in the area.

A C6 WITH A C1 COVE?? Hmmm...



AREA CAR SHOWS: I did not include any area car shows this month due to the cancellations of many area events. Check on-line IF you GO to make sure where you GO is a GO before you GO.

