

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 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

DINING ON THE RUN FOR APRIL... will be a repeat trip to the Daytona Golf Club for their Sunday morning breakfast buffet. For those of you who don't know, or don't remember, the Corvette Cruisers had their monthly meeting here for many years until we outgrew it. But it is always fun to visit with Glen and the gang for a trip down memory lane and a good old fashioned breakfast. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 8:00 a.m. for the short drive to the Clubhouse Restaurant in Daytona Beach.

course. The rules and the schedule can be found on a link from the Home Page. AND, the best part of the evening just might be the trip to the ice cream parlor after the game. Even if you feel you can't commit to all six rounds (only four are needed to compete), play what you can, even if it's just a game or two. We play for fun....the competition is an added bonus. Round 2 will take place on Friday, April 26, at Pirates Cove on A1A in Ormond Beach. Round 3 will be played on Tuesday, April 30, at Hawaiian Falls in Daytona Beach Shores. Some courses give us group rates, but watch local publications for coupons. Wear your club shirts.

READY, SET, PLAY.... April means it's time for our annual miniature golf tournament. Come on out, enjoy the ocean breezes, and have some fun. Round 1 begins on Tuesday, April 23rd at Congo River, 2100 S. Atlantic (A1A) in Daytona Beach Shores. Meet us at the course at 7:00 p.m. Remember, you do not have to be a good golfer (few of us are) to compete in a friendly little rivalry on the mini golf



BAR-B-Q TIME: MMMMM, I can smell it already. Dustin's Bar-B-Q will again be catering our annual club picnic, which will be held on Saturday, April 20th from noon to 3:00. All year long you give to the club by your participation in meetings and various events. Now, the club gives back to you. Come to Reed Canal Park (enter the



park off of Nova Road in South Daytona) to enjoy this FREE dinner. Club shirts are NOT required.

OMG, IT WAS COLD: On the coldest day of the year, seven Corvettes and sixteen brave (or crazy) members made their way to St. Augustine for lunch at Caps on the Water for the February DOTR. The ocean to our right was a majestic emerald green, reminiscent of the beautiful blue-green shades of the Caribbean. Arriving at the restaurant in our tangerine shirts, totally concealed by multiple layers of clothing, we were ushered into an area surrounded by plastic sheeting (with a few gaping holes and a couple of patio heaters). No doubt, Caps is a beautiful place to dine when the weather is warm and sunny. Unfortunately, the weather was neither warm nor sunny on March 3rd. Ed and Amy, John D. and Sally, Dave and Maya, Jim and Ginny, Steve and Anita, Skip and Joan, Ed and Jean, and John L. and Alice shivered their way through lunch. Overall, the food received pretty good reviews, especially the fish tacos, which were described as excellent, and the She-Crab (hot) soup was definitely a hit. **Lesson Learned for the Future: never venture to an outdoor eating place when the thermometer reads 44 degrees!!!** (Photos by Jean and John D.)

WINERY REVIEW: The trip to the Winery started off a little iffy with plenty of clouds overhead and a few raindrops on the windshields. Storms were predicted all around us, but we all know about weather reports in Florida. Skip and Joan led a caravan of 8 Corvettes (Herb and Shirley, Richard and Marsha, John D. and Sally, John R. and Delanie, Ed and Jean, Art and Leslie, and Jim and Ginny) through the

rolling hills and winding roads in the center of our state, without a single wrong turn. But this time, Mother Nature was good to us. The sun popped out just as we arrived at the Winery. After a quick pit stop in the gift shop, where Shirley learned not to always follow the tangerine shirts which might lead to the Men's Restroom, the tour of the winery began, followed by the wine tasting. Eight wine samples ranging from very dry to very sweet were provided. Some comments overheard from our group were, "Yuk," "I already feel a buzz," "Reminds me of Alka Seltzer," "Yum," "Tastes like cherries," "Wow, dry is right, cough, cough!" "I could drink this all day," "Where's the dessert to go with this wine," and "I have to drive, you know." Following the tasting, we staked our claim on the grounds and began checking out the food booths. Everything from seafood, including lobster, to Bar-B-Q, to Po' Boys to Greek salads, Gyros and much more were offered for a price. Local bands played a little background music to keep the crowds (and I DO mean crowds) entertained, and a variety of craft booths featuring local crafters were scattered throughout the grounds. With all the twists and turns getting to the winery, we can only hope that everyone found their way back. Many thanks to the Crowders for making the trip to the Lakeridge Winery a fun and memorable experience. (Photos by John D.)

GREAT NEWS: Our monthly meeting attendance has averaged 25 members since October. This is great news and may be attributed to any number of things; the good food at Friday's, the improved service, or just the chance to meet and greet each other. Let's make a good thing better and increase that average even more!

MEMBER NOTES:

Birthdays for April include....Carole Connelly on the 5th, Bill Simmons on the 21st, and Alice Luther and Jack Keimber share the 25th. Happy Birthday to all.

Get Well Wishes to Steve Slaton, who has been battling back/leg problems for the past few weeks.

Racking up the Air Miles are Dave Huber and Maya Branden, who have recently returned from an extended trip to Hong Kong and Bangkok. They were visiting Maya's son who resides in Bangkok. Both Dave and Maya were awestruck by the beauty of the land and can sum up their trip in one word....INCREDIBLE!

Good News: John Luther has fully recovered from a bout with pneumonia and some time spent in the ICU.

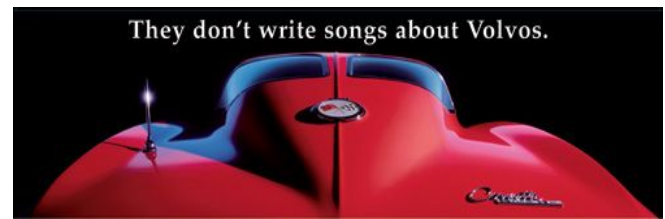
A Richer Member: Leslie Armstrong picked up a cool 27 bucks in the 50/50 drawing at the monthly meeting....a pretty nice birthday present, huh Leslie?

What's going on with our members? If you know some newsy tidbits, please pass them on to Jean. After all, a Newsletter is supposed to bring you the news, right?

CORVETTES DOWN UNDER: A Corvette Club from Australia is hosting their 25th National Convention of Corvettes in Toowoomba Queensland, March 29-April 1. You might be wondering what this has to do with us. Well, as part of their celebration, they have been attempting to obtain a decal from every Corvette Club in existence to use in some sort of display for the convention.

Jim has sent them a few of our new decals to be included. Access their website photo gallery at www.corvettesdownunder.com.au to view an extensive collection of photos. Perhaps we will soon see a picture of our decal.

A SENSE OF HUMOUR: The clever ads seen below are two of several billboards that appeared in the Detroit area.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On June 22, the Corvette Cruisers will help the Daytona Playhouse "Raise the Roof" in their annual fundraiser to pay for a new roof for their theatre. Our part will be to display our cars from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. as a preliminary to their Doo Wop concert. For those of you too "young" to know what Doo-Wop is, it is a form of R&B based harmony using nonsense syllables (like a repeated Doo Wop) for rhythm and intricate arrangements. If you remember "In the Still of the Night," "Come Go with Me" or Little Darlin,'" you KNOW Doo Wop. Anyone wishing to attend the concert may do so at a cost of \$16 per person. Hopefully, we will have a good

turnout to help this valuable asset remain a part of the Daytona Beach arts community.

CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED: The 2014 Corvette Stingray Convertible was introduced at the Geneva Switzerland Auto Show in March. Something especially unique with this model is that the top can be operated at speeds up to 30 mph, and not only that, but the key fob can be used to raise or lower the top remotely. Both the coupe and the new convertible will be displayed at the National Corvette Museum Bash in Bowling Green April 25-27 for enthusiasts to drool over.

Another news item of interest: Callaway Cars, Inc., known for their modifications and super-tuning of high-performance GM products, has released a few renderings of a design study for a shooting brake version of the C7. The company says it wants to create a long-roof version to offer buyers more interior room and a vehicle with "unique style." Callaway says it will use structural carbon fiber for the new body bits, which suggests the conversion shouldn't add too much more weight to the Corvette. Along with a few mechanical tweaks, the

Callaway Corvette Stingray Aero Wagon could breeze past the 200 mph barrier. Provided they get enough interest, they estimate they will be able to effect the changes for around \$15,000, and says the conversion work should be available through its network of dealers. This model could be the answer for making week-long trips instead of week-end trips thanks to the extra storage.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Seven cars were invited to participate in a news media blitz to promote the annual Spring Turkey Run Car show at the Speedway. Among those invited was our own Arthur Armstrong in his 1967 Stingray 427 Roadster pictured here in Victory Lane. Art had the only Corvette featured among the seven.