

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.

DOTR FOR APRIL: Are you ready for some "Southern Seafood with an Attitude?" That's how JB's Fish Camp advertises its restaurant. On the edge of the Cape Canaveral Seashore between the Mosquito Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean, JB's offers the freshest seafood around in a casual atmosphere that'll take you back to REAL Florida. Let's meet at the Target parking lot on Dunlawton Ave. in Port Orange (next to Lowe's, just east of I-95) on Sunday, April 6th at 10:45 a.m. for a scenic cruise to the restaurant.

ERAU CAR SHOW: The Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona have been invited to attend the Embry Riddle Muscle Car Show on Sunday, April 13. The show runs from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the ICI parking lot on the campus at 600 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. A \$10 entry fee will be charged to all participants with a

portion of the proceeds going to a local charity. Registration forms may be obtained from John Doria or on site the day of the show. Since this is a Daytona Beach event and we are a Daytona Beach club, it would be nice to have a good showing.

MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT: Will the Tiger Woods and the Phil Mickelsons of the world please stay home!! The rest of us are set to play the annual "Survivor" tournament on the links at such exotic places as Pirates Cove, Pirates Island, Congo River, and Hawaiian Falls. Who will Outputt, Outplay, and Outlast to become the Mini-golf Survivor for 2014? Come join the fun and see how good (or bad) you can play. Remember, you do not have to be a good golfer to participate --- few of us



are. Just be willing to let your hair down and have a little fun. If one person can win the award for "Most Holes-In-One" and also be only a few strokes away from the highest overall score, anything can happen. The first round begins on Tuesday, April 22nd at Congo River Golf, 2100 Atlantic Ave (A1A) in Daytona Beach Shores. Round 2 is on Tuesday, April 29th at Pirates Cove on A1A in Ormond Beach. The entire schedule can be seen on the Home Page in the top right under UPCOMING EVENTS. Meet at the course. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. The more the merrier, and I'm just sayin', there may be ice cream.



BAR-B-Q TIME: MMMMM, I can smell that Bar-B-Q already. Can you? Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., catered by Dustin's Bar-B-Q. All year long you give to the club by your participation in meetings and various events. Now, the club gives back to you. Come on out to Reed Canal Park in South Daytona to enjoy this FREE dinner. (Enter the parking lot off of NOVA ROAD beside 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.) Pavilion #1 will be at the end of the parking lot.

Club shirts are not required for the picnic. Just bring your appetite!

REGISTRATION FOR VETTES AT THE LIGHT: Even though the Ponce Inlet Corvette Show is not until May 18th, registration must be done now as there is a 125 car limit (due to space). Registration forms are on-line at www.picorvetteclub.com or can be obtained from John Doria or Jean Doyle. Registration is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, discount for lighthouse tour and door prizes. Proceeds from the registration go to "Speediatrics" (the children's center at Halifax Health), the Halifax Humane Society and 2nd Harvest Food Bank. This is the first time in a long time that this show is a club event, so let's show Ponce Inlet that, indeed, there is a Corvette Club in Daytona. And by the way, there IS a club participation award.

REVIEW -- DAYTONA 500 PARTY:



The race fans began to arrive around noon bringing with them a selection of goodies to share. Jim had already begun cooking up his Sloppy Joe, keeping it hot and ready to eat. The crowd waited for some late arrivals while partaking of the food before the "race pool" began. With all the drivers selected, the crowd eagerly awaited the green flag to drop. Not too far into the

race Martin Truex Jr. blew an engine and was the first one out of the race. Bonita, having chosen the #78 Chevy, collected her consolation prize. Attending were Skip & Joan, Steve & Anita, Bill & Bonita, Harry & Carolyn, John & Sally, Ken & Trish, Dave & Maya, Richard & Pat, John Reis, and of course the hosts, Jim & Ginny. Not too far into the race Mother Nature decided to rain on the parade, or rather, the "race". Severe weather warnings blared from both the TV and the Weather Alert Radio. For the most part, the strong rains and winds stayed to the north in Holly Hill and the Ormond area, causing some concern to those who lived in those areas. But most decided to stay put and wait out the storm. Since it would take hours to get the track dry, the party-goers began to head home. As we all know, the rain did stop, the track did dry, and the race did restart. Junior managed to finish first, winning his second Daytona 500 and making Steve Slaton a big winner too. Jim & Ginny would like to thank all those that attended the party and brought the food to share. They are looking forward to doing it again next year. (Information gathered from Jim Quinn with photos by Rich and John D.)

REVIEW - TOM GIBBS DISPLAY:

A chill in the air and a few black clouds on the horizon didn't deter Ed and Amy Anderson, Art Armstrong, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, Skip and Joan Crowder,

John Doria and Sally Clutter, Ed and Jean Doyle, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Jack Kimber and Yvonne Mandley, Chuck Konopsky, Joanna Oswald, Jim and Ginny Quinn, John Reis, Steve and Anita Slaton, and Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier from showing up in 16 shined-up, show-worthy Corvettes for the Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR Display on March 1st. Lucky for us, the sun came out and it turned out to be a pretty nice day -- actually the first rain-free day the Corvette Cruisers have had in the last three events. (Okay, Ken and Trish, your rain curse has been lifted.) It's amazing that hot dogs, chips, and cupcakes could taste so good!! Door prize winners included Ed Anderson, who won a pair of driving gloves, and Jim Quinn who won a car wash mitt (or was that a puppet?). Art Armstrong proved to be the lucky one of the day, having snagged the 50/50 of \$183. (Hopefully, this doesn't let the cat out of the bag since Leslie wasn't there.) But we ALL ended up winners as the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona won the Best Participation Award, which surprised the heck out of everybody since there were hundreds of SSR's there - at least it seemed like it. Thanks to all who made this award possible. (Photos by Richard)

REVIEW --- DOTR TO MAIN STREET GRILL IN DELAND: A statement was made in last month's Newsletter that perhaps having 2 events back-to-back may

make us tired of each other. Well it seems like that statement was taken literally as the Dining on the Run for March had only seven participants - the smallest number for a DOTR in at least 8 years. However, the weather was beautiful, the food was good, and the company was outstanding. Ed Anderson came solo (Amy was a little under the weather), Richard and Pat, John and Sally, and Ed and Jean arrived at 10:00, the opening time of the Main Street Grill in DeLand. Being the first customers of the day no doubt slowed down the service, so we felt lucky that we didn't have a large crowd. A bright spot of the morning was Katerina, our waitress from Russia, who told us she missed ice skating the most living in Florida. Interestingly enough, her trainer at an early age was the same trainer that coached the Russian Gold Medalist in this year's Olympics. She gave us extra cinnamon buns because she thought we were "so nice." You know, sometimes it pays to have a smaller group. It turned out to be a very enjoyable morning as we seven got to know each other a whole lot better.

REVIEW -- RAVINE GARDENS STATE PARK ADVENTURE:



Well, perhaps seven has become a lucky number for the Corvette Cruisers. It was seven again who made the trip to

Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka for a drive through the park, a walk through nature on the trails including two suspension bridges, followed by a picnic in the gazebo. Although the azaleas were about a week past their peak, this park is absolutely gorgeous with its picturesque English gardens, a waterfall, and lush trails surrounded by these beautiful flowering shrubs. It certainly didn't hurt that the temperature was a balmy 82° and the sun was shining brightly. Mike Mills, Bill and Bonita, Ed and Jean, and Dave and Maya with Dachshund puppy Tessa, (who climbed the steps and took to the trails better than the rest of us) enjoyed the day so much that each vowed to return with family or friends another time, particularly when the azaleas are in full bloom next year. Sorry that more couldn't enjoy this wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. You missed a great time. (Photos by Bill, Dave and Jean)

MEMBER NEWS:

Recovery News: Good to see Maya Branden doing well following her recent shoulder surgery, and Linda Wolff doing well after her knee surgery.

Alice Luther is recovering from recent surgery to replace her knee.

Harry Horchler came through hip replacement surgery like a pro.

Wonder if we have any members who still have all their original "parts?" Hmmmm, something to ponder.



Please let Jean know if you hear any news about our members. We want to make sure everybody knows when someone does something exciting....or has something exciting done to them. We want to make sure not to leave anyone out.

Thank you to the member (while preferring to remain anonymous) who donated the beautiful American flag that will be displayed proudly in our meeting room at TGI Fridays. Thanks to your generosity, the club will start a new tradition of beginning each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Condolences: Our deepest sympathies go to Arthur and Leslie Armstrong on the recent death of Art's son Christopher (CJ). Our members are grieving with you.

Birthday wishes go to those born in April beginning with Carole Connelly on the 5th, Bill Simmons on the 21st, and Alice Luther and Jack Keimber, who share the 25th. Happy Birthday!!

The Latest 50/50 winner: Oops, no one. We didn't have a drawing in March. No can, no tickets, no winner.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): This 1967 Chevy Corvette has just 2,996 miles on the odometer and one of the most interesting tales to tell as it goes on sale at Mecum Auctions in Houston this month (April).

The 427/390 hp V8-powered coupe was purchased in 1966 by 30-year-old Don McNamara, with \$5,000 he won on a trip to Las Vegas celebrating his retirement from the U. S. Marines.

For a few months afterward, the very private McNamara was occasionally seen tooling around his town of Colorado Springs in the distinctive white 2-door with its red "stinger" hood stripe. But soon it disappeared and was never spotted again --- until 2011, when McNamara died and left his estate to his neighbors, who discovered the car parked in his garage under a shipping blanket festooned with American and Marine Corps flags.

Though he would tell anyone who asked that he didn't own the car anymore, it turned out he had been secretly driving it at night, having decided not to pay the title and license renewal fees after the first year. The man who never had a credit card or checking account apparently saw this as his personal version of pure American freedom.

According to Mecum, McNamara finally parked it for good in the 1980's, having been the only person who ever drove it. Only two others ever sat behind the wheel, and the passenger seat had

never been used. It's never been in the rain; it's never been washed with water.

The couple who inherited it sold it in 2012 to a collector who is now sending it to the auction block in Houston. There's no telling what it is worth. Along with the extremely low mileage, it comes with the original window sticker and documentation, plus McNamara's driver's license and other artifacts related to his ownership of the car.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the whole kit and caboodle should be enough to write a novel.

And with a backstory like this, someone probably will. (Information obtained from a Fox News report.)



Remember when you would bite the ears off your chocolate bunny?

HAPPY EASTER

HAPPY SPRING

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARMSTRONGS

To All Our Friends:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Celebration of Life for Christopher, and for all the beautiful cards, endearing notes, and heartfelt phone calls we received. Your outpouring of love and support during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated.

Love

Art and Leslie