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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.

VACATION ISSUE #2

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, ALFIE? (Who remembers that song?): Well, it's about breakfast, that's what! This month we won't be travelling very far as we gather for breakfast in Ormond Beach at Alfies. This restaurant has been serving the locals for 25 years and claims to have the "best breakfast on the beach." We shall see!! Let's meet at Bealls on Sunday, August 2nd at 8:30 a.m. for the short hop to A1A. The breakfast menu is extensive and sure to please everyone's taste.

SUMMERTIME SWING....of a golf club that is: The first attempt to get a group together for a leisurely game of miniature golf did not go so well. Only two showed up to play, and one wasn't really feeling well, so both ended up going home. However, the consensus at the meeting was to try it again. So, on Tuesday, August 4th, those wishing to

play just for the heck of it will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Pirates Cove Golf Course in Ormond Beach. Let's just do it this time!!

ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT OUT (a.k.a.



the Progressive Dinner):

Circle the date of Saturday, August 22nd for a Corvette Cruisers Progressive Dinner (Italian Style). For those of you who are not familiar with a Progressive Dinner, it is a dinner party with successive courses prepared and eaten at the residences of different hosts. For the first course, Sangria and appetizers will be served at the home of Ed and Jean Doyle beginning at 5:00 p.m. We will then walk up the street at around 6:00 p.m. to the home of John and Sally Doria for the main course, consisting of Lasagna with salad and bread. At around

7:30, we'll hop in our cars and head out Airport Rd to Taylor Rd to the home of Bill and Evelyn Neway for the final course of dessert and coffee. Sally has a sign-up sheet of items you might wish to bring, i.e. an appetizer, bread, salad, dessert, or contribute \$\$ to defray the cost of the ingredients for the Lasagna and any other incidentals. Please contact Sally at 740-815-6897 by August 15th and let her know that you will be coming and what you care to bring. She can provide suggestions as well. Drive your Corvette, park it on the street, and let's give the neighbors at Arash Circle and Cody Court a reason to stare.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP:

The nominating committee, made up of Jim Quinn, Art Armstrong, Bob Fritz and Bill Geize, is looking for a few good men (and/or women). If you have a desire to take a more active role in the club by serving as an officer or a director, please let someone on the committee know. All offices are up for grabs: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three director positions. Officers serve a two-year term, and contrary to popular belief, the Secretary's position does NOT include the Newsletter. Throw your hat into the ring. New blood brings new ideas, so tell one of the nominating committee members that you would like to run for an office.



WE WANT YOU!


DOTR REVIEW: Breakfast? Lunch? Lunch? Breakfast? No one was quite sure. When ten Corvettes and one Lincoln pulled into The Redfrog and McToad's parking lot at 11:15

a.m, we were expecting to eat lunch. But once inside and seated, the server informed us that lunch is not served on Sunday until noon. Dilemma.....should we sit around and drink our way to noon or order a late breakfast? Since everyone brought their appetite with them to St. Augustine, the consensus seemed to be not to wait, but to "Bring on the Breakfast." Dave, Maya, Dan, Karen, Jim, Ginny, Will and his guest Rich, Bill G., Art, Leslie, Bob F., Mickey, Richard, friends of the club Skip and Joan, Herb, Shirley, Ed and Jean enjoyed a variety of items from a pretty extensive breakfast menu. The food was very good, as was the service, and quite reasonably priced.



Following breakfast, half of the group drove a little further into town to tour the San Sebastian Winery and have a little taste of the nectar from the grape. Beginning with a dry white, progressing through seven different wines, and ending with a sweet sherry, we discovered that our taste in cars may be the same, but our preference in wines is very, very different. The gift shop provided a nice ending to a nice day, with some leaving with their favorite wines, and others with their favorite decorative bottles. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

WHERE ARE YOUR BIOS??

 the biographical sketches can be found in the Members' Only section of our website beginning this month. Check them out to see what interesting members we have! But where is yours? This project won't be complete until you get yours included in this password-protected site. Don't make me come after you.

THIS & THAT

If you hear that a member is ill, had an operation, lost a loved one, etc., please let Leslie Armstrong or Jean Doyle know, so immediate wishes may be extended from the club. We want each one to know they are being remembered, but we can't do this if we don't know about it.

A speedy recovery to Sandy Gatz who tripped on an outdoor step and broke her foot.

Sad news for two of our members: Gary Swanson's Mom passed away on July 4th, and Joanna Oswald's Mom passed away on July 10th. Our deepest condolences to you both.

Harry Horchler is in the process of having some major dental surgery performed. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Two Corvette changes occurred within the past month for two of our members: Joanna Oswald traded her velocity yellow Grand Sport coupe in for a 2006 black on black convertible, and Bob Fritz sold his 1969 Bridgehampton Blue convertible, a car that's been a part of his family since 1977. Congrats to Joanna, and a group hug to Bob.

No more "Happy Hour" for Jean, at least not before she reads the minutes. Those at the last meeting can attest to this.

Birthdays will be celebrated this month by Richard Wetherby and inflate-gate star Tom Brady on the 3rd; Steve Terrell with legend Lucille Ball on the 6th, John Reis and Dustin Hoffman, renowned actor, on the 8th; Anita

Slaton and former president Bill Clinton on the 19th; and Sandra Gatz with Shania Twain, country music star, on the 28th. Happy Birthday to all. This is the last in the series of celebrity birthdays matches. Do you remember what celebrity celebrated with you on your special day? There will be a quiz!!

Happy Anniversary to Bill and Evelyn Neway, who celebrate this month on the 8th day of the 8th month in 2008. Pretty cool, huh? Bill should never forget.

Will Masotta was the lucky winner of \$22 in the 50/50 drawing at the July meeting.

CORVETTE CHATTER

This month, instead of the usual chatter found in this column, member Bill Geize recounts his experience at the Ron Fellows Driving School. The following is in Bill's own words:

Dale Junior has nothing to worry about. Or even Danica Patrick. After spending two days at the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School it is apparent that I won't be giving any of the NASCAR drivers a challenge.

After I purchased my new Stingray last year I learned of a program that Chevrolet had put together to give folks like me a chance to really experience what the car could do. They subsidize the cost lowering it to about 40% of retail.

The motor sports school is located in Pahrump, NV about 55 miles west of Las Vegas and is a complete facility with condos, clubhouse, pool, shooting ranges etc. One night in a condo is included in the price as is breakfast and lunch on school days.

They have over one hundred thirty 2015 Z51 and Z06 Corvettes, both auto and manuals (mostly). The cars are pure stock except they put the cooling rings on the front wheels and change some of the fluids to meet track requirements.

The instructor staff is EXCELLENT.

Most are younger fellows, at least young to me. They all have many years of driving experience from road racing to one gentleman that raced in 7 Indy 500's. All were patient, knowledgeable, precise and humorous when needed.

The curriculum is designed for C7 owners and included things like dynamic car control, proper cornering and using C7 systems like Rev-match, paddle shifting, performance data recorder, launch control and driving modes.

We spent 5 sessions on track in groups of a lead/follow instructor (in Z28 Camaros) and 3 students. All had a few laps each session directly behind the instructor to be evaluated and offered suggestions for improving. The track we were on had 10 turns, elevation changes and some technical challenges. It is about 2.2 miles in length.

We had some exercises that taught just how good the C7 is and believe me it is way above any of our expectations. Things like a dry skid pad where after a few laps we turned off the "nannies" and could see how the car helps control breaking loose under power. We did the same on a wet skid pad and I managed a 360 or maybe a 540.

Probably the most telling part was on day two right after lunch the instructors took us outside and said ok now we drive and you ride shotgun. Groups of three with 15 feet between cars out we went and their speeds were 70% above what any of us could do. The last item was a launch control demo on both the manual and auto C7.

After all is said and done the school while driving on a race track was not about becoming a racer. It was about learning the abilities of the C7, understanding how to use those abilities to be a better driver plus just having a whole lot of FUN. And FUN it was!

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): It has recently emerged that Chevrolet has trademarked both the 'Corvette Manta Ray' and 'Manta Ray' names in the United States.

The patent falls under use for "motor land vehicles, namely, automobiles, engines therefor and structural parts thereof". While that essentially reveals nothing, there's definitely a possibility that a new variation of the Corvette will be dubbed the Manta Ray in a similar vein to the Corvette concept car from 1969 also called Manta Ray (as shown).

So what does this mean for the C7 Corvette? Well, having the Manta Ray trademark would give the Corvette Team the option to offer a "Manta Ray" special edition or an appearance package which would play off the Stingray name. The team has already said that the Stingray and Z06 are all that's going to be for models in the C7 generation, so the special edition makes the most sense. Less likely is the idea that 'Manta Ray' would be the successor to the Stingray as a C8 model.

So keep your eyes and ears open for the Corvette Manta Ray. We are also still watching out for a couple other GM trademark registrations waiting to come true like the L88 and the ZORA.

