

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The “Talepipe” Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month possibly at a different location each month as we fight our way through the Covid-19 crisis. The location will be in the body of this Newsletter. 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.

Coming Up

DOTR: I think we have found out that Corvette Cruisers LOVE Ice Cream! In these days of uncertainty on where to go and what to do, we have found that a nice little drive to a nice little ice cream parlor just hits the spot. This time we will leave from the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening, August 3, and head up the road to enjoy some sweet treats at Culver’s in Port Orange. I think it’s guaranteed that all the ice cream (custard) consumed from Culver’s has absolutely no calories!! Be on the lookout for “Buy one, Get one” coupons. Plus we can eat our treats outside, AND they give a nice discount to military folks.



MEETING: Our regular monthly meeting will be held at Hidden Lakes Golf Course in New Smyrna Beach on Tuesday, August 18th (5:30 to eat, 7:00 to meet). This venue turned out to be a wonderful place to hold our meetings until either Fridays can handle us again, or Covid-19 quietly fades into the sunset. (Please read the review of our July meeting held at Hidden Lakes). Again, the address is 35 Fairgreen Avenue, in NSB. Specific directions can be found in the July Newsletter. Several of our Board members will be away on this date, so please try to come. We want to have a good showing. The members from the southern part of the county have been traveling to Ormond since May of 2011 for the monthly meetings, so this time the northern Volusia residents can head south. It’s good to mix it up

LOOKING AHEAD...WAY AHEAD:
*In October, here again, we will be waiting to see what the experts say about getting out and about. But for right now, the plans are for a trip to St. Augustine to tour the Classic Car

Museum, followed by lunch at one of the great restaurants in the St. A. area.

*In November, our annual picnic that had to be rescheduled from May, will be held on Saturday, November 7th. Much more about these events closer to the time.

Reviews

ICE CREAM 2 POINT 0.

Trying to get back into a little routine of safe events, the Corvette Cruisers decided on another ice cream run, this time up the coast to Flagler Beach. Usually, the club meets for a “Dinner On The Run” (DOTR) on Sunday, but since the weather has been extremely hot and the location of the ice cream parlor is right across from the beach, the Board decided that Monday might be a little less crowded. Also, restaurants are not quite ready to accommodate a large group, so it was actually a TOTR (treat) rather than a DOTR. So 12 Corvettes and 1 Caddy with 23 members met at Bealls in Ormond Beach to renew acquaintances, check out each other’s masks, and begin the trek to Sally’s Ice Cream Shop. Those deciding to cruise were Bob and Linda Wolff, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, John and Rose Pona. Rick and Sheila Minor, Ken and Jamie Hawes, Bill Geize, Del and Patty Fot, Ed and Jean Doyle, John and Sally Doria, Edie and Liz Byrne, and Art and Leslie Armstrong. Well, forget the idea that Monday would be less crowded, as Sally’s was hopping...lots of people, long lines, and

few spots to sit down. Ken and Jamie disappeared along the way, and once the Wolffs and Swansons saw the crowd, with many patrons unmasked and not distancing, they decided to return without stopping. (Just think of all the calories they saved.) Interestingly enough, almost everyone ordered a different concoction, from a salted caramel cone, to blueberry cheeseake in a cup, and everything in between.

*It was nice to have Del and Patty join us as they became members right before the lockdown hit, so many of us had not yet had the chance to meet them.

MONTHLY MEETING: It’s a bit unusual to review a meeting in the Newsletter, but since this meeting was a bit unusual, I thought I would take a stab. What a beautiful place Hidden Lakes turned out to be!! The room was large, bright and cheery with a beautiful view of the golf course. There was plenty of space to social distance as nineteen members attended. We were well-spaced out with plenty of room to spare. Those checking it out were Steve and Anita Slaton, Brenda Johnson, John and Sally Doria, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Edie and Liz Byrne, John and Rose Pona, Del and Patty Fot, Ken and Jamie Hawes, Bill Geize, Bill Simmons, and Ed and Jean Doyle.



All the servers wore masks. Service was good and the special of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and garlic toast seemed like a popular item to the members as all but a few ordered

it. The meal also came with a delicious chocolate chip cookie, all for just eleven bucks. Because of the spaciousness offered and the availability to meet our needs, the August meeting will be held at the same location.

Announcement

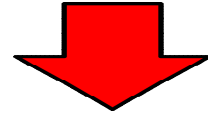
REST IN PEACE: The club has lost a special man with the passing of Herb Gerstel. Herb joined the Corvette Cruisers back in 2012 and was one of the first to purchase a C7. He was an active member until some health problems got the better of him. We will always remember Herb, our “Gentle Giant,” as our thoughts are with Shirley, at this sad time. Services for Herb will be held at a later date.



This & That

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY: That’s what Anita picked up in the amount of \$25 in our monthly 50/50 drawing...enough to pay for hers AND Steve’s meal. Anita is very often lucky when she has a ticket in her hand.

CORRECTION: The color of Bonita’s 2019 Z06 was incorrectly identified in last month’s Newsletter as Velocity Yellow. It should have been RacingYellow, a color that took over the Corvette yellows in 2015. Sorry about that – but the yellows are very close. Judge for yourself.



FREE TO GOOD HOME: For those of you who have a C6, the following items are free just for the asking: fender cover; which can be used for any Corvette, a car cover with a few tears; bra, hatch vent master stick; center brake light; and floor mats. Call Jim Quinn at 386-547-1681.

FLORIDA CAR SHOWS: Each month I get a nifty little Newsletter from an organization called FLACarShows.com. There is always something in it to share with you, but the problem is, it gets emailed to me two or three days after I turn in the materials for OUR newsletter. So I have added a link to the left side index on our Home Page. Check it out to see some of the car shows in our area.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST:

Birthday Wishes to several of our members:



Brenda Johnson (our newest member) celebrates on August 1st, Richard Wetherby (whom we haven't seen in a while) on the 3rd, a twofer on the 6th with Edie and Liz (it's a twin thing), Rick Minor on the 14th, Anita Slaton on the 19th, and Diane McCoy on the 20th.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES FOR AUGUST go to Bill and Evelyn Neway. Happy Anniversary and Congratulations.



DID YOU KNOW: The National Corvette Museum just received word that it ranked first in the 2020 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for **Best Attraction for Car Lovers**.



The Museum was among 20 automotive attractions nominated for the honor by a panel of relevant experts, including editors from

USA TODAY, editors from 10Best.com, relevant expert contributors, and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties.

After four weeks of voting by the public, the NCM tallied the most votes to earn the prestigious honor as Best Attraction for Car Lovers.

Memories



FENDER SKIRTS

Did you have them on a car you owned?



How about “Curb Feelers?” Were these before your time?



Then there were the Continental Kits, the rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.



Remember when the dimmer switch was on the floor? The starter might have been down there too.

And the emergency brake is now properly referred to as the “parking brake.” But don’t you miss the hint of drama that went with “emergency brake?”

Bet ya’ remember the “steering knob”, also known as the ” suicide knob”.

A little bit of nostalgia is good for the soul.

Step UP the fight on Covid -19
Wash UP Back UP Mask UP