

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 the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) around 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting at 6:30.



DOTR FOR AUGUST:

During these hot, steamy days of August in Florida, let's take a leisurely drive down the coast to Port Canaveral. There we will cool off with a nice lunch on the patio of Gator's Dockside and watch the cruise ships prepare for departure. Even though “wings are their thing,” the menu at Gator's is varied and will please any diner. We will leave from Sunshine Park Mall on Route 1 in South Daytona at 9:45 am on Sunday, August 6th. Have your gas tank full before you go as this is about a 70-mile cruise. Either orange or blue club shirts are acceptable.

MONTHLY MEETING:

Don't forget about our monthly meeting. Things come up after the Newsletter has been published,

and unless you are at the meeting to hear about them, you may not be informed. That is what happened with the 70th anniversary celebration of the Corvette at New Smyrna Beach Chevy on Flagler Avenue. (See Reviews below.) The club found out about it in time for the meeting, but not in time for the Newsletter. So, if you miss a meeting, you just might miss out on a last-minute event. Besides, you don't want to give up a chance to chomp on those Cheddar Bay biscuits, do you??

PIZZA, PIZZA:

It's that time again...time to meet, greet, and eat at Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza, our home away from home. Tuesday, August 29th is the date. Get there around 5:30 p.m. No dress code for pizza.

IN OCTOBER:

You may have heard some chatter at the July meeting about a dinner that will be put on by New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet and Jeremy Kiel for our club. This dinner will take place in October. More information will be forthcoming as we near the date.

IN NOVEMBER:

Then, by all means, don't forget about our Sunrise/Sunset Cruise across the state on November 15-16. A similar trip was a big success in May 2017, so the club is hoping to make this one a success as well. Different route, same results. Sunrise at New Smyrna Beach, sunset in Dunedin, Florida. Overnight stay will be at the Best Western Marina at a cost of \$179.99 + tax. Details and deadlines will be in the September Newsletter. Plan to take part!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CORVETTE:

On June 30th, Corvette celebrated its 70th Anniversary, and it didn't go unnoticed by our club in conjunction with New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet. A parade of 28 Corvettes, mostly from our club, with all eight generations represented, made its way to Flagler Avenue and reserved parking spots. On this unusually hot, hot day, it didn't take us long to find the cold, cold beer as we settled in at the Flagler Tavern, which just so happened to overlook the C-8's. Hmm, wonder who decided to congregate there? It was a great day for all of us to showcase the beauty of the Corvette, to celebrate 70 years of America's Sports Car, and for some of us (me!) to parallel park a Corvette for the first time, not once, but twice with a little help from my friends (thank you, Gary.)

Enjoying the party and the free t-shirts were Khalid, John and Sally, Ron Doria, Jean Doyle, Del and Patty, Keith and Cindy, Julius and Brenda, Arnie and A.J., John and Rose, Bill and

Joan, Bill Simmons, Gary and Cindy, Don Veatch, Patrick Wall, and Bob and Linda Wolff.

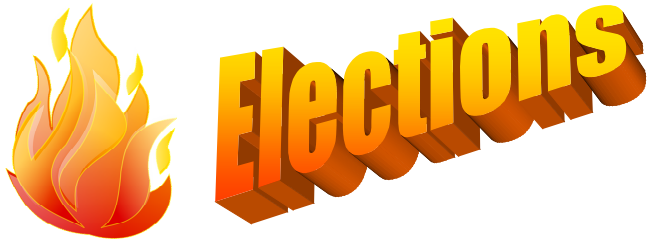
QUICK CHANGE DOTR

If one can say anything about our club, it might certainly be versatile. While we were expecting to enjoy breakfast at the Downwind Café in the Spruce Creek Fly-In, plans had to be abruptly changed when the restaurant closed its door, unexpectedly for us on June 28, with no advance notice. John had even received a confirmation text for our reservations, so a quick about-face had to be rendered. Thanks to the A.M. Café in New Smyrna Beach, a very, very busy teeny-tiny restaurant known for its homemade menu items, they were able to squeeze all 28 of us in at the last minute. Although we didn't get to see any planes take off, we did manage to dine with the likes of Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Elvis, Ritchie Valens, Marilyn, and others adorning the walls. Sixteen Corvettes carrying Dan and Johnette Bernosky, Edie Byrne, John and Sally Doria, Jean Doyle, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Brenda Johnson and Julius Frittelli, Arnie Ligi and AJ Marquard, Bill Neway, John and Rose Pona, Bill and Joan Rowe, Emery Simkulak and Fran Alderson, Bill Simmons, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Patrick and Aliah Wall, and Bob and Linda Wolff all had good things to say about the A.M. Café.

*Good news is that the Downwind is now under new ownership and is undergoing a remodel. It will reopen under a new name, so we will keep a sharp eye and plan this one again.

DINNER NIGHT OUT AT SINATRA'S

will be reviewed next month as it took place after the publishing deadline.



This is a hot time for elections in our country and in our club. We need some need blood and some new ideas. Sign up with either John Pona at ponajohn1@gmail.com or Keith Hardin at keithhardin9185@gmail.com to either be on the election committee or throw your hat into the ring. The election will take place in November, and you will serve for a short two-year term (unless you like it so well, you decide to continue, right John?)



OOPS!!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries got to celebrate twice as I had mistakenly listed them not only in June, but in July as well. So sorry. Distractions are a dangerous thing when you get to be a certain age. Soooooo.....

HAPPY **BELATED** BIRTHDAY to

John Bayliss on July 16th

Cindy Swanson on July 26th

HAPPY **BELATED** ANNIVERSARY to

Patrick and Aliah Wall

Bob and Debbie Dutcher

NOW ON TO AUGUST:

There are no anniversaries in August – must be too hot to get married. There are, however, a lot of birthdays.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Brenda Johnson on the 1st

Linda Cornyn of the 2nd

Eddie Byrne on the 6th

Anita Slaton and Dan Bernosky share on the 19th

Aliah Wall and Fran Alderson share on the 20th

(It wasn't a good month to get married, but it was a good month to have babies.)

SAY "GOOD-BYE" TO A C3:

Vin and Tracy Giglio have sold their 1974 Laser Red Coupe. They still have their 2016 Arctic White Convertible, so they are no longer a 2-Corvette family. But, now you guys have room in the garage for a C8.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY:

The 50/50 drawing at the July meeting resulted in a little more pocket change for Cindy Hardin. She pocketed \$37.50, to be exact.

THREE ON WAITING LIST:

Our membership is full. Even with adding two more spots to our membership rolls, we have three couples on our waiting list. Remember, when you join the club, you are holding that spot, so we need you to participate in some of the events offered.



Vette News

EASY COME, EASY GO:

Robert Williams says he owned his C8 for only three days when he handed over the keys to the valet service at a Marriott in uptown Charlotte, NC on June 17, expecting to return shortly and find it parked in the hotel’s parking deck next door. When he went to retrieve the car, however, the staff told Williams it was gone.

Onstar was eventually able to track down the Corvette some 30 miles away at a residence in northwest Charlotte, where it was found in the backyard of a home along with a BMW M4 stolen on May 19 and a Dodge Challenger taken on April 23.

According to a search warrant obtained by police on July 7, the wheels and side paneling had already been stripped from the stolen cars, along with their engine blocks. “The car was already reprogrammed,” Williams says. Onstar couldn’t immediately find it because it was being reprogrammed as they were looking for it. Williams says. “Literally, no one has responded to any of my emails with the exception of Marriott, and that was only because I escalated my rage after two weeks of the parking company not responding to me.”

Police have a warrant for the arrest of a suspect in the theft but no one from the hotel management has contacted Williams about the case.

The valet service says, “They are going to work with the victim through this process,” but in the meantime, Robert Williams is without his new car or the money he paid for it.



Stingray Chevrolet in Plant City, FL has released the 2024 Pricing list and available options. If you want to get into the nitty-gritty of the '24 Stingray, the '24 Z06, and/or the '24 E-Ray, click on the following link www.stingraychevroletcorvette.com/2024-pricing-and-options/.

I find it interesting that when you go to Stingray’s site, the following message pops up:

Stingray Chevrolet will not sell or lease vehicles titled & registered in New Hampshire, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, or Delaware.

No sale is permitted to any person or company appearing on the General Motors Suspected Exporter/Reseller List or which has the same address as any person or company appearing on the General Motors Suspected Exporter/Reseller List.

Additionally, Stingray Chevrolet reserves the right to deny sale to any person or company that may not be a permanent resident of the U.S., may live or work outside of the U.S., may conduct business or have any ownership in an entity that conducts business outside of the U.S., or may raise any red flags regarding the intended end user. If this right is exercised after a deposit has been taken, the deposit will be returned, the deal will be canceled, and neither party shall have any further obligation to the other.