

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.

VACATION EDITION #2

DOTR COMIN' RIGHT UP: Mango Sun advertises the best fresh-squeezed orange juice in the area. Let's meet for breakfast and give it a try on Sunday, August 4. Be at Bealls in Ormond Beach at 9:00 a.m. for the short drive down Granada. Let's fill up the place with our "orange."

DIXIE CROSSROADS REVIEW: Twenty-one members and five guests provided a terrific turnout for our July Dining on the Run. Heading down US 1 to Titusville were Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, Al and Linda Blake, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Skip and Joan Crowder, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, Steve Terrell and Joanna Oswald (who brought along friends Billy and Shirley), Richard Wetherby and his friend Bernie, and John and Alice Luther. A little mixing and matching were the order of the day when

Leslie Armstrong and her sister, Wendy, visiting from Massachusetts, came in Leslie's Corvette while Art hitched a ride with Chuck Konopsky. Jon Reis graciously provided transportation to Jean Doyle, as Ed drove their Corvette with son Jeff, who was visiting from Kentucky. All in all there were twelve Corvettes (and one Saturn) making the trip south. A sea of orange (or should we say, tangerine) filled the entire front dining room of Dixie Crossroads, a favorite of the Corvette Cruisers for many years. Of particular note, out of the twenty-six in attendance, twelve ordered Lobster, surpassing the favored rock shrimp of the past. As the bibs were passed out and we got down to some serious eating, lots of laughter could be heard throughout the restaurant. Of particular note was the raucous laughter emanating from the Armstrong/Konopsky table, although the

reason was not shared. Hmmmmmm. As we were leaving the restaurant with our full tummies and our take-home boxes, one customer summed it up best. As I passed by her table enroute to the exit, she tapped me on the arm and said, "It sure sounded like a lot of fun you had in there. Next year I want to eat with your group." Dixie Crossroads will remain on our favorite list. (Photos by Rich and John D.)

*And as a footnote to those of you who love lobster, Miller's Ale House on ISB in Daytona Beach has a Wednesday night special of a 1½ pound lobster for \$10.95.

THE SECRET IS OUT: If you missed the July meeting, you missed the discussion about the location for the Christmas Party. The Board of Directors is very excited to announce that Oceanside Country Club in Ormond Beach has been selected to host our Christmas Party Banquet for 2013. Offering quality food, excellent service and an elegant atmosphere, Oceanside will provide us with that little extra something we have been looking for. True, it will cost a little more, (about \$35 per person) but the staff at this private club assures us it will be worth it! There will be much more information closer to the date, but put it on your calendar now and plan to be there on **Wednesday, December 11.**

NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

August Birthdays include Richard Wetherby on the 3rd, Steve Terrell on the 6th, John Reis on the 8th, Anita Slaton on the 19th, and Sandy Gatz on the 28th. Happy birthday to you all!

50-50 winner: Joanna Oswald's name was drawn for the 50/50 prize of \$16.00. Joanna graciously rejected the winnings and requested that it be returned to the club. Thank you, Joanna.

Sad News: The daughter of Herb and Shirley Gerstel passed away recently after a long, hard-fought battle. The Corvette Cruisers mourn your loss.

DEADLINES COMING UP: The 3rd annual Fall Corvette Classic will be held at the Mystic Dunes Resort in Celebration, FL the weekend of November 1-3. Although this is not a club event, several members indicated interest in attending. Why, you might ask, are we bringing it up in August? If you plan to stay at the Mystic Dunes Resort for the weekend or for just one night, you must make your reservation asap, and by 10/1 at the very latest to receive a special Corvette owner rate of \$79 for a 1-bedroom villa or \$119 for a 2-bedroom villa. To make your reservation, call 1-800-438-2929 and give them the code (GACC13) for the special rates. Take a look at what the resort has to offer at www.mystic-dunes-resort.com Watch for more info on the show itself next month.

PUZZLED ABOUT WHO'S WHO IN THE CLUB?? Those of us who have access to the club website have a definite advantage over those who don't. In the lower right of the Home page, you will find "Who's Who", an alphabetical pictorial of all of our members with the exception of Tim and Lois O'Leary, and Joanna Oswald and Steve Terrell. (These guys will be caught one of these days!) If

you have trouble putting a face to a name or a name to a face, check it out. Also, anyone who wishes to have a different picture displayed, please contact Jean for a retake.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): This month's Photo is not so much about the car as it is about one of the greatest Corvette ambassadors of all time. Wil Cooksey, the longest-running manager of the Corvette assembly plant in Bowling Green, KY, retired in 2008, but during his tenure, the Corvette Community saw 8 Special Editions, 9 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Cars, and

the introduction of the Corvette Museum Delivery Experience option for new Corvette buyers. He also was instrumental in the groundbreaking C5, the Corvette Race team, and the C6 Corvette. Seen in the photo with some of his personal Corvettes, (wonder if he got a good discount??), Wil continues to live in the Bowling Green area and can be seen at many Corvette functions throughout the country. He remains an ardent supporter of the Corvette. Wil Cooksey will be inducted into the National Corvette Museum's Hall of Fame later this month.