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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 EDITION #2

DOTR FOR AUGUST: Betty's Café on A1A in Ormond Beach is the site of our next destination for Dining on the Run. Betty's, with its wonderful view of the ocean, is rated 4+ on a scale of 1-5 by Trip Advisor, Urban spoon and Yelp for good food, friendly service, reasonable prices and pleasant atmosphere. Let's plan to leave from Bealls in Ormond at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 3, for a cruise through the scenic Loop, followed by a relaxing lunch at Betty's.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Brothers Performance in DeLand has invited our club exclusively for a "Coffee, Cars, and Dyno Day" on Saturday, September 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will receive FREE coffee and FREE dyno runs for at least 10 of our Vettes and FREE souvenirs. More about this

at our August meeting and in next month's Newsletter, but plan now to be there.....**Saturday, September 6th.**

REMINDER: Make your reservations for the overnight stay at the Waterfront Inn at the Villages for October 18th. The special rate of \$112 per night is only good for reservations made by September 15th, so call 352-



753-7335 and tell them you are with the Corvette Group. The itinerary will be something like the following: Those going will drive up together on Saturday morning, check into the hotel (although we may not be able to get into our rooms yet), and attend the Villages Corvette Show. After freshening up a little in our hotel rooms, we'll have dinner at

one of the many restaurants in the Villages, attend the party on the square (an event occurring nightly) and return to our hotel rooms for a good night's sleep. Reserve your room today - the more that come, the more fun it will be.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Our members have been keeping quite busy over the last few months, as evidenced by

the following adventures, both near and far. Mike Mills spent a week cruising the beautiful Danube River through Hungary, Germany and Austria. An unfortunate event for Mike was losing his wallet (including money and credit cards) in a taxi in Budapest. He then spent a month visiting with his daughter and family in England. Dave and Maya traveled to Switzerland where Dave didn't lose his wallet but lost some weight with all the walking through the Alps. Bill and Bonita snuck in a trip to Hawaii before leaving Florida for Colorado. John Doria and Sally drove to New Hampshire, where John got to visit his first grandchild and experience a 45° morning temperature (in June!!). Steve and Anita went to Branson to see a variety of shows, and then were off to Mackinac Island in Michigan. A true highlight of their summer was seeing Ringo Starr in concert, up close and personal. Skip and Joan spent several weeks in the Detroit area visiting family. Ed and Jean toured our nation's capital, and then visited family on a recent trip to Nashville. Ken and Trish drove to Indiana for the Indy 500, stopping at the Corvette Museum on the way. Ken also did some fishing in Illinois where he attended Bloomington Gold, which in his words, was an unbelievable Corvette

experience. Art and Leslie are planning a trip to Alabama and later to the Destin area to experience the sugary sand of Florida's west coast - along with several sporadic trips to Disney World with their camper. Bob and Linda Wolff spent twelve relaxing days with some friends at Big Pine Key fishing, boating, and enjoying some glorious sunrises. One thing is for sure; our club members do get around.

"WAKE-UP" TO A REVIEW: After a last-minute change to an earlier time, seven Corvettes and one non-Corvette made their way to the Wake-Up Café in New Smyrna Beach carrying 15 members and one guest. Our server was very friendly, handled the entire table by herself, and did so with the speed and calmness of a true veteran, starting us off with some free fruit kabobs. (She knew how to handle us and our many demands.) John D. and Sally, (joined by Sally's daughter Mallory and her fiancé Nick), Dave and Maya, Skip and Joan, John R. and his guest Darlene, Ed and Jean, Harry and Carolyn, Ken and Trish, and Bob and Mickey all found something on the extensive menu and seemed VERY pleased with their choices, from a variety of omelets to strawberry filled French toast and everything in between. Stuffed to the gills, we proceeded to ring the bell upon exiting, showing the staff our satisfaction with our dining experience. Though a very tiny restaurant, the tables were full the entire time, and a line waiting to get seated had begun forming just as we were leaving - the main reason we changed to an earlier time. The Wake-up Café - great coffee, great food, and great service - a real eye-opener. (Photos by John D. and Dave.)

THIS AND THAT:

Okay folks, start thinking about your Halloween costumes - we have a place to party. I am happy to report that Bob and Mickey Fritz have volunteered to play hosts at their new home in Ormond Beach. More on this later, but thank you, Bob and Mickey, for stepping up to the plate.

Good news about Shirley Gerstel, who has been recovering, quite nicely we are told, from her recent knee surgery. Shirley, you put the "quick" in our wishes for a Quick Recovery.

Birthdays this month are plentiful as Richard Wetherby will celebrate on the 3rd, Steve Terrell on the 6th, John Reis on the 8th, Anita Slaton on the 19th and Sandra Gatz on the 28th. Have a wonderful day!

After a little misinformation from Harry, we found out that Harry and Carolyn Horchler are celebrating their anniversary in August. Congratulations! Glad we got that straight!!

The 50/50 winner of \$13.50 was Trish Ardler, but shhhhh, don't tell Ken. He was unable to come to the meeting, so your secret is safe with us, Trish.



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

CORVETTE CHATTER:

Check out these numbers: In the first 6 months of 2014, Chevrolet has sold 17,744 Stingrays compared to the 911 Porsche's 5,169 and the Viper's 354. The far less expensive Nissan 370Z couldn't outpace Corvette either with 4,114 units sold.

Top Corvette Dealers of 2014 Mid-Year Report: Kerbeck Corvette (New Jersey) is again at the top of the list with 672 total deliveries. MacMulkin (New Hampshire) is next with 528. Jon Hall made the list coming in at #19 with 93.

Memories: On July 2, 1992, the one millionth Corvette rolled off the assembly line with great fanfare. For the next 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, it lead a pampered life, first touring the country along with one of the first 1953 models and then becoming the centerpiece for the Corvette Museum. But on Feb. 12th of this year, its life took an unexpected turn when it fell 40 feet through the sinkhole and landed on its side. Luckily, this Corvette survived the fall and is in good enough shape that it will most likely be one of the first to be repaired, once the restoration begins later this year.

GM announces major changes in the 2015: The new 2015 will feature an 8-speed automatic transmission on all models from base to Z06. This should make the self-shifting Corvette faster by allowing more aggressive low-end gearing, while the higher gears should make it even more fuel friendly. The 6-speed automatic from the 2014 will no longer be available. Of course, for those who

prefer a "stick shift," the current 7-speed manual transmission will continue to be a choice.

Three new appearance packages will make their debut with the 2015: 1) The ZF1 Package adds the body color spoiler and the split spoke wheels; 2) the Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package includes a front splitter, side sills, and a unique rear spoiler, all made of carbon fiber; and, 3) some stand-alone options, such as black and silver valve stems, carbon flash badges, chrome badges, clear protective paint film, carbon fiber tonneau inserts for the convertible and the Performance Data Recorder.

And finally, there will be two new color options for 2015 --- Shark Gray Metallic, a free option, and Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic, which will come with an upcharge. (Hey folks, Daytona is back on the map!!). The Lime Rock Green Metallic and the Cyber Gray Metallic have been dropped.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Chris Graff decided to give his father, Hank, a very unique retirement gift; a boxed Corvette. But this wasn't a 1/25 scale model in a box - this was a real 1954 Corvette with a custom trailer measuring 8.5 ft. tall by 24 ft. long built around it, giving the appearance of a new toy for the Jolly Green Giant. When a 1954 Corvette was traded into their dealership, Chris began a 7-month restoration that Hank didn't realize was going to be his retirement gift from his son. The box features a life-size photo of the car's rear end on the back of the box with operating tail lights and Hank's photo. Graphics point out the "toy" is for ages 16+ and promises "real rubber tires" and "functional steering" among other features, And it takes on a really cool look at night when LED lights from above and below put this Corvette truly in the Spotlight. Think --- what did YOU get as a retirement gift???

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