

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Breakfast on the Run: No run this past month. The club opted to help Jim celebrate his 60th trip around the Sun. Many thanks to all of you who attended.

May's BOTR will be on the 7th. We will meet at the usual place and motor on over to Julian's on the beach side in Ormond. Although we just might take a round-about way to get there. We plan to meet at 10:00 AM not 9:00 as we usually do.

Looking ahead in June we plan to go to Cross Roads in Titusville. They open at 11:00 so we will meet and take a leisurely drive to get there. After lunch we usually return to Daytona via the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Some of our members just might feel right at home there. Get it? Wildlife Refuge!

Before and After: Finally Jim got it all together and produced the display of club member's baby pictures and high school photos. It was fun guessing who was who. Some of us haven't changed a bit, others have changed a lot. There was some confusion with the numbers and letters thing. Not everyone had a baby and high school picture displayed. Carol and Leslie did a great job of determining who was who. George was right in there too. Jim will bring the board to the next meeting so those who were not there will have a chance to view the pictures.

Contest Anyone?: If you have an idea for a fun contest that the club would enjoy, please present it.

Cruise Ins: The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club is holding a cruise in on May 20th. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Only the first 100 Corvettes can register. If you would like to attend, please go to their web site www.ponceinletcorvetteclub.com and look for Vettes at the Light. There you can request a registration form.

Second Annual Corvette Reunion: Flagler Corvette Club and Jack Wilson Chevrolet are sponsoring a show on May 6th. The club will meet at John and Alice's house at 8:30 for coffee and donuts then go as a group to the show. If you need directions to their house please check with Map Quest at www.mapquest.com or give them a call. Their address and phone number is on the membership list. The show is from 10 till 3 and they will be serving hot dog and drinks.

Pot Luck and Pool Party: Chuck and Shirley have graciously decided to host a Second Annual Pot Luck and Pool Party at their home. The event will take place Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th Saturday. Chuck will prepare a menu and will let everyone know at the next club meeting what they can bring. Last years party was fantastic. Looking forward to it.

Member: National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). Please visit their web site (www.corvettesnccc.org). Florida Region web site at (www.ncccsouth.com).

T-Shirt Time: If you haven't already, give Chuck a call and let him know your size and how many of our new "Official" club shirts you would like. Men's shirts are \$19 and women's are \$21. they will have the club logo on the front and your name can be added for a small additional charge. The color is tangerine, which should make us stand out in the crowd.

It's Official: Bob and Sadie Compton are now officially members of the club. Welcome aboard. We are all happy you chose us to be your Corvette Club.

Sponsor Hunt: Bob's first assignment as a new member was to volunteer to chair a committee to determine if the club would like to have a sponsor and what we would like a sponsor to do for us. They will then approach a dealership to see if there is any interest there. If you would like to help out in this endeavor please give Bob a call.

Club Charity: Please don't forget those gift cards for the Children's Home Society. We have received some but they need a lot more. The May meeting will be the last collection before we forward the cards to them.

If you know of a needy group that we can help please let us know at the next meeting. We will be looking to show our support and help another needy group this summer.

Web Page: No we haven't forgotten. Hope to have information to present at the next meeting.

50/50: This month's winner was John Luther. Paid for you dinner didn't it, including the pie ala mode.

Club Calendar: Photos keep trickling in. As soon as we get everyone's photos we will get it off to be printed.

Speaking of Photos: More pictures are taken at Walt Disney World, the world's number one tourist attraction, than at any other single location on the planet.

Car Washing Tip / Griot's Garage

While washing your vehicle, if at all possible, work on your vehicle in the garage or at least in the shade. Be sure the surface is cool to your touch. This will avoid water spotting and your car care products won't dry too fast, making it easier to remove them for better results.



Never wash a vehicle right after it's been driven. The surfaces will be too hot, especially the hood and wheels. Cool water on hot

wheels and brake rotors can cause permanent damage.

Work from the top down, rinsing the surface often. You won't contaminate the clean areas, and it will leave the dirtiest surfaces for last. Use a neutral PH cleaner with lots of lubricity and a wash mitt that holds a lot of water. Never use dishwashing detergent. Rinse your mitt often to remove dirt, grit, sand and contaminants. Even small bits are abrasive and will scratch your paint causing micro-scratches or worse. Clean the lower areas and rear of the vehicle last, as these parts of the vehicle are the dirtiest.

This tip brought to you by Griot's Garage. Car Care for the Perfectionist!



Hey George isn't she's getting finger prints all over your car?

From 40 Feet up.....

Contributed by: Bob Compton.

Sadie and I were watching the 'driver introduction' cars going around the track. Shortly the start of the Sebring 12 hour ALMS race would be under way. There were 5 of us perched 40' in the air above turn 13 on a scissor lift. It was so unique some of the drivers were waving to us before we could wave to them. The 2 sets of Corvette drivers (#4 - qual. 14th - Oliver Gavin, Olivier Beretta, Jan Magnussen; #3 - qual 15th - Ron Fellows, Max Papis, Johnny O'Connell) waved back to us as we waved at them. Sadie and I were on this perch courtesy of Ed Braswell, owner/driver of car #32 in the SPEED World Challenge GT class, <http://www.banditracing.com/>. Needless to say he drives a Corvette. We met Ed at Moroso Raceway Park a couple of weeks ago when I had my '86 Corvette running HPDE 3 at a NASA event. He was there testing his Corvette and we were in the paddock next to each other. I will save that story for next month.

Neither Sadie nor I had ever been to Sebring and at the last moment we decided to go to the 12 hour race. I signed us up for the SS/Corvette Corral - presented by Corvette which turned out to be rally neat. We got to drive 2 parade laps around the track: there were presentations by several Corvette groups and Mobil Oil and Corvette provided lunch on race day, 3/18. All 6 of the race drivers showed up prior to the race for an autograph session.

Since I had signed up so late there were no hotel room available anywhere close so we had to go to Lakeland, FL, about 65 miles away.

Our tickets got us to the paddock area for all 5 of the race groups - ALMS, World Speed Challenge, PANOZ, MAZDA, and the Porsche GT3 cup. What a zoo but a very nice zoo.

On Thursday, when we got to Ed's paddock area, there was good news and bad news. The bad news was that he had been robbed of personal belongings, which included cash, while he was out for morning practice. Three other drivers also had their 18 wheelers broken into and items stolen.

The good news was that Doug Rippie, <http://www.dougrippie.com/> was there assisting Ed with his Corvette. I got to meet Doug and spent about 5 minutes discussing my brake issues with him.

Ed qualified 27th for the GT race and finished 19th. His Corvette is a C5 and it just would not handle correctly. Hence, it has been shipped to Rippie's shop in Minnesota to have the entire suspension rebuilt and then shipped to St. Petersburg FL, in time for the 4/1 GT race. Ed is having Rippie build him a new C6.

The GT race got real exciting as a Corvette was in the pole but it never left the standing start grid as a

half shaft broke at the start. That left a Viper in the lead for about 2 laps until Lou Gigliotti, #28 C6 Corvette, <http://lgmotorsports.com/>, passed the Viper for the lead. He would lead most of the race until the engine went sour. The Viper he had earlier passed would go on to take the win.

Back at the turn 13 perch, the 12 hour had started and we watched for about 30 minutes but then had to go find some shade. We never got back to the perch as we participated in some of the above mentioned functions then watched some of the race from the private Corvette corral grandstands in the middle of turn 17. We left the track around 5:30 so we could get home in time to watch the end of the race on TV as I did not want to fight the traffic getting out of the track and then spend 2.5 hours getting back to Daytona. The #4 Corvette won the GT class and finished 3rd overall. The #3 Corvette finished 4th in class after having to pull and rebuild the transmission which took them just 31 minutes to do.

The 3 days at Sebring is an adventure all race enthusiasts should experience.



More calendar photos



Sadie C. '92



Lois O. '03 Anniversary



Tim O. ? '98



Bob C. '86 #77