

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The “Talepipe” Newsletter



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**President: John Doria; Vice President: Gary Swanson; Treasurer: William Simmons;
Secretary: Jamie Hawes; Directors: Elizabeth Byrne, Ed Doyle, William Geize;
Newsletter Editor/Membership: Jean Doyle**

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.

Coming Up



LET'S CELEBRATE: The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 6th at Mario's Italian Restaurant, 521 S Yonge St (Rt 1), Ormond Beach. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar, with dinner to follow around 6:15. Dress Code is Business casual so put those orange club shirts away and dress for a party!

By now you have paid for your dinner, so when you get to the restaurant, you will choose your entrée from one of the following:

Chicken Marsalla

Lasagna

Chicken Parmesan

Shrimp Scampi

And please, in this season of giving, let's not forget the hungry who were dealt a harsh blow due to the pandemic. Bring some non-perishable

food items with you to the dinner, or you can make a donation in the form of a check to the Jerry Doliner Food Pantry.

AND THE GIVING CONTINUES:

Every month when you buy a ticket for your chance to pocket a few bucks in the 50/50 drawing, did you know that the other 50 is donated to a charity? Usually since the amount varies, the club rounds the winnings up to \$350. This year because of the overwhelming need for food items, especially with the increasing cost to feed a family, the club's donation will go to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank which serves northern Volusia County.

Since 2021 has been a fruitful year for the Corvette Cruisers, the Board of Directors voted to match the gift of \$350 to go to the Gift of Love Food Bank, located in Edgewater, which serves the southern area of Volusia County.

Since our name indicates that we are the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona, what sounds more fitting than to spread our donations over “Greater Daytona.”

CORVETTE SHOW/TOY DRIVE

If you want to feel the real spirit of the holiday, what could be better than a combination of Corvettes and Toys for Tots. On December 4th from 9:00-11:00 a.m., New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet, 2375 State Road 44, will be hosting a Corvette Christmas. Registration opens at 8 am, but no preregistration is necessary.

The show will offer music, breakfast beverages and pastries, vehicle photo spot, and plaques for various categories.

Registration is free with a \$20 unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Plan to spend a couple of hours admiring the toys for the big boys and girls while bringing a toy for the little boys and girls. Take it from me, Jeremy always puts on a great show.



GOOD NEWS --- BAD NEWS:

The GOOD NEWS: Our dues for the 2022 year remained the same at \$50.00, and you can't say that for much else in the country!!

The BAD NEWS: It will be due by December 31st (New Year's Eve – yikes!)

Make your check out to CCGD and send it to our treasurer

Bill Simmons
2305 Yule Tree Drive
Edgewater, FL 32141

If we don't receive your check by the 31st we will know you are relinquishing your membership.

Reminders

**There is NO Meeting in December. Have a nice holiday season with friends and family.

**Mark your calendar for our first DOTR of the Year – Sunday, January 9th, to a very unusual place. More on this next month.

**Have you downloaded the “My Red Lobster Rewards” app to get free drinks, appetizers or desserts? It's easy and it works! Make that a New Year's Resolution.

Review



Sorry this review is a bit long, but hey, it was a two-day trip you understand.

Many phone calls, emails and texts had to be made to make our Fernandina Beach trip a reality, and many thanks to John and Sally for all those phone calls, emails, and texts. I think we would all agree that it was a lot of fun, and a very smoothly-run get-a-way.

Following two days of torrential rains, area flooding, and dropping temperatures, eighteen members bundled up with a little apprehension and lots of layers to begin the trek to the island. Though a few little showers along the route wiped out the beautiful wash jobs on all the cars, it did not dampen our spirit. Although still a bit windy, the sun came out and the chill left us as we walked to our first stop...food! Following a

“Tasty” lunch, we met with Flossie Borden (no relation to Lizzie) from the 1800’s, who led the walk of Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem that occurred in many of the beautiful homes that pepper this historic area. The soap-opera events of this time in history involved some of the most influential characters of the town. Peyton Place couldn’t compare to this town!! Duels were often used to settle disagreements. Demonstrating how the duels were carried out, did not work on our group. John and Sally, and Tom and Sandie, armed with water guns discovered that it takes 10 STEPS, not 9, before you turn and shoot. So happy we have improved our way of settling disagreements. Next stop, the distillery. Here Noelle, the chief pourer in charge, attempted to acquaint us to the Martin and Barrel brands. Starting from the sweet stuff on down to the hard whiskey, with some mixers in between, our tastebuds were lit up, as were several of us on our walk back to the hotel. Dinner was a welcome relaxation, complete with a beautiful sunset over the river, and a good chance to rest the feet and legs from all the walking. Even the screaming kid with the screechy voice didn’t dampen the evening. Afterwards, we parted ways and did our own thing. Some went back to the hotel to call it a day, while others checked out the local shops, bars, and/or ice cream parlors. The next day involved boarding a pontoon boat for a two-hour trip around the islands and a history lesson of the area. Passing by a Civil War fort that was never used, an active paper pulp factory that makes cardboard boxes for Amazon (a very lucrative business in this day and age), a large submarine base, the famous Cumberland Island in Georgia with its wild horses, and many other interesting facts and tidbits about Fernandina Beach and the surrounding islands. We were so lucky to get to see two wild horses including a large white stallion at the water’s edge. After lunch at Peppers, a Mexican cantina, we said our good-byes and headed home, everyone again thanking John and Sally for all those phone calls, emails, and texts and the good times we all had. Attending other than the

Dorias were the Giglios, Swansons, Neways, Byrnes, Bonnetts, Hardins, Simmons/Richardson, and the Doyles.

This & That

A NEW ADDITION TO THE CORVETTE FAMILY:

Gary and Cindy Swanson are now the proud owners of a 2019 Torch Red Stingray Coupe. The Swansons traded in their 2015 Black Coupe.

BIRTHDAYS:

Beverly Luckenbach will celebrate on the 27th. Keith Hardin and Alan Segal, two of our newest members will both celebrate on the 29th. Happy Birthday to all!

ANNIVERSARIES:

Art and Leslie Armstrong and Keith and Cindy Hardin will celebrate many years of wedded bliss. Congratulations!

MONEY WINNER:

An early Christmas present was won by Bonita Richarson who picked up a cool \$40.50 when her ticket was pulled in the 50/50 drawing. Thanks to all for boosting the donation to the food bank. Keep buying those tickets. Your number is coming up.

NOVEMBER MEETING:

I heard it through the grapevine that there were 30 members and 2 guests at the last meeting. That is a great number. Remember that the Newsletter is just a backup of the news. Come hear it in person right from the president’s mouth.

RUMOR HAS IT:

Bill Simmons is selling his 2013 Velocity Yellow 427 Convertible. Any takers?

Announcing

Our (slightly) new Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 years are:

President – John Doria (since 2014)

Vice President – Gary Swanson

Treasurer – Bill Simmons

Secretary – Jamie Hawes

Directors – Liz Byrne

-- John Pona

-- Bob Wolff

All were accepted by acclamation at the October Meeting. We say goodbye to Bill Geize and Ed Doyle and thank them for their valuable service on the outgoing board. We look forward to a successful year under this (slightly) new direction.

Fun Corner



DOES THIS LOOK LIKE FUN, OR WHAT?

The 2023 Corvette Z06 was spotted within an hour's traveling distance from the Tail of the Dragon, that famous stretch of US 129 that sits on the North Carolina/Tennessee state lines. Did the Z06 just travel the 11 miles and 318 curves that make up the Tail of the Dragon? Without asking the driver, there is only one other way to find out!

We hit up the photo archives of killboy.com, a photography archive that sells pics of the motorcycles, cars, and trucks that travel on the Dragon, and sure enough we see the camouflaged Z06 making the run with a few friends in tow.



**But Santa, the Doyle house has no chimney.
Driveway parking would work just fine.**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the season. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday. I have enjoyed bringing you the news of the Corvette Cruisers this past year and look forward to another year of recording Corvette Club memories.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very happy 2022.

See ya next year.

JEAN