

# 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.

## Coming Up



### LET'S CELEBRATE

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Mario's Italian Restaurant, 521 S Yonge St (Rt 1), Ormond Beach. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will follow around 6:15. Dress Code is Business casual so put those orange club shirts away and dress for a party! By now you should have paid for your dinner (deadline, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$34.00 per person). When you get to the restaurant, you will choose your entrée from one of the following:

- Chicken Masala
- Lasagna
- Chicken Parmesan
- Shrimp Scampi

Come celebrate as we end another successful year as the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. The Christmas Dinner is for members only.

We will NOT be collecting food donations this year as we have done in the past. The club recently presented a large monetary donation to a food bank to help stock their pantries. Perhaps we can collect items at a later time when food donations drop off, yet the need remains.

### DOUBLE-DIP ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>:



**8:00 a.m. – Noon.:** CORVETTE CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW hosted by New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and is free with a \$20 unwrapped toy for “Toys for Tots”. Pastries, coffee, plaques in 14 categories, and door prizes! Register in advance at [CorvetteChristmas2022.eventbrite.com](http://CorvetteChristmas2022.eventbrite.com). Wear your Orange club shirt or your new blue one.



**5:30 p.m -- ???:** Get in the holiday spirit with a cook-out at the Hardin's home in Margaritaville. An email was sent to all members with the specifics. Bring a dessert or a salad to share, and the drink of your choice (tea/water provided). Don't forget to let Keith or Cindy know you are coming for clearance at the gate (719-439-5009).

## TIME TO PAY UP:

A new year is about to begin for our club, and that means it's time to pay your dues for 2023. Unlike much else in the world today, our dues have not increased from last year. [Your check must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> to continue your membership.](#) You will not be reminded other than this notice. We presently have three prospective members on the wait list, with the possibility of more to come. Make your check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD) and mail or give to Bill Simmons, 2305 Yule Tree Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141.

# Reviews

## HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT:



Candy, candy everywhere – the eatin' kind and the eyeing kind. Corvettes, kids and candy were a winning combination at the New Smyrna Beach Chevy dealership for their first annual Trunk and Treat Halloween. John Doria, Arnie Ligi, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Bill Simmons and John Pona decorated their Corvettes and handed out candy to over 350 children (and a few adults) who collected some yummy treats. Plaques were handed out to all entries. Check out the photos in the Gallery.

## MINI GOLF – MEGA FUN!



Fifteen members met at Pirates Cove for a friendly game of golf. Maybe we could chalk it up to a little practice for the tournament in April. But, oh boy, were we rusty, quite an understatement. Brenda thought for sure we were the victims of “defective holes”, and others pretty much

agreed. Julius, who was scheduled for hip replacement surgery the very next morning, showed most of us up with his score. There were three teams; Bill, Bonita, Julius, Brenda and Jean made up Team 1. Team 2 was John D., Sally, Keith, Cindy H., and John P., and Team 3 consisted of Gary, Cindy S., Emery, Fran, and George. Low score of the night was a tie between Bill Simmons and Cindy Swanson, both with a 48. The rest of us were all over the place, and THAT was on the easy course! Looks like we need a lot of work before April comes along.

## DIXIE CROSSROADS:



Some early morning showers made us all shudder as most of us had spent the previous night shining up the Corvette for the road trip to Titusville. However, Mother Nature smiled down on us, because the day turned sunny and dry just as we were pulling out of the Sunshine Park Mall parking lot. Ten Corvettes and one Chrysler Sebring made the trip down Rt 1 to one of the club's favorite restaurant, Dixie Crossroads. This drive was once much anticipated by the club, as Dixie Crossroads always provided some of the best in seafood, particularly their sweet rock shrimp and red royals. The uniqueness has worn off just a little since our monthly meeting is held at a seafood restaurant, but I think all attending would agree, Dixie Crossroads is a cut above (maybe two or three cuts above) Red Lobster. The wait staff was very attentive and kept us filled up with the warn corn fritters Dixie Crossroads is famous for. I'm not sure if anyone had the rock shrimp, but the folks at my table dined on a multitude of items, all large portions and freshly prepared. While we were eating, the heavens opened, and the downpour continued for our cruise homeward. Of course, by then, who cares if the wheels are dirty? The group was

led by John and Rose, followed by Alan and Loudette, Bob and Debbie, Patrick, Arnie and AJ, Emery and Fran, Keith and Cindy, and Ed and Jean. In Edgewater, Bill and Bonita and Gary and Cindy joined the convoy with Bud and Mary bringing up the rear in their Chrysler.

## 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 8th, to a very special place. More on this next month.



Have you downloaded the “My Red Lobster Rewards” app to get free appetizers or desserts? It’s easy and it works! Make this a Resolution for 2023.

## Donations

Our generous spirit continued in the selection of our charities for 2022. Out of four needy, worthwhile organizations, the club members voted for two, each of which will receive a check from the club for \$350. The recipients are:

- (1) Meals on Wheels, (managed by the Council on Aging), which will help alleviate hunger and provide hot meals to the frailest and financially strapped residents of Volusia County, and
- (2) The Lighthouse Presbyterian Church Food Bank in Ormond Beach, which provides fresh produce and other food to families in need.

We hope our small contributions will put a tiny dent in this enormous need.

## This & That

### GOOD NEWS:

Happy to see Julius Frittelli up and about in near-perfect condition after a hip replacement...and NO rehab needed.

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:



If you would like to participate in placing wreaths for Veterans, meet at the Craig Flagler Palms Memorial Gardens, 511 Old Kings Rd S, in

Flagler Beach, on Dec 17, 2022, at 11:45 a.m.

### MONEY WINNER:

Ed Doyle was the lucky winner of the 50/50, taking home the \$45 bucks. Yes, Jean tried to claim it, but she lost that battle.

### “THANK YOU”:

The club received a very nice letter from the Jewish Federation thanking us for the donation collected at the October Meeting. A total of \$654 (\$327 from members, matched by club) was sent to aid residents with Hurricane Relief.

### JUST A THOUGHT:

At the October meeting, we were discussing the devastation that occurred resulting from Hurricane Ian, both on our west coast and throughout Central Florida, even affecting some of our club members. Little did we know at that time that Hurricane Nicole was on her way for a direct hit to our beautiful coast. We all watched in horror as homes and condos right down the road from us were swept into the ocean or had their foundations destroyed. Many residents have been displaced and find their futures uncertain. During this time of

holiday celebrations with friends and family, let's keep them in mind, and remind ourselves of our many blessings.

### **SAILING, SAILING:**

Several members have enjoyed cruising the Caribbean over the last few months. Bill and Bonita, Ken and Jamie Hawes, and Don and Susan Veatch have recently set sail, AND, in January, ten couples from the club will visit the Bahamas on the Mariner of the Sea. Getting excited!!!

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Holiday Birthday to Bob Dutcher on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tina Ericsson on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Beverly Luckenbach and Arnie Ligi both on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Keith Hardin and Alan Segal both on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Crack open the champagne for the following couples who will celebrate anniversaries this month:

Art and Leslie Armstrong

Keith and Cindy Hardin

John Bayliss and Susan McCracken

### **LAST WORD:**

The monthly Newsletter is your information source for all club news ... a preview of what's coming up, a review of what has occurred during the past month, and a look into what's happening with our members. Unless you attend the meeting, this is your ONLY source of information. Please read it so you, too, can be informed. And, as always, your suggestions for improving it are always welcomed. Is there enough Corvette news? Is the font easy to read? Do you like the format? What additions or deletions can you suggest to make this a better tool for our members? Please let Jean know your thoughts.

# 'Vette News

BOWLING GREEN, KY - The Bowling Green Fire Department received a unique donation in April - a fire-engine (torch) red Corvette from the National Corvette Museum. The Corvette has been used for school prevention classes, parades, and special events.

The special Corvette presented to the fire department rightly has **911** as the last three digits of the vin number.

The car was raffled off at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Firemen's Ball in November. That will surely make one great Christmas present for the ticket holder!!

## **\* A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR \***

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the Season. 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. Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a happy, healthy, COVID free 2023.

*Jean*

