

# 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 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.



## HO, HO, HO - IT'S TIME TO PARTY:

Come celebrate the culmination of another great year at the annual Christmas Banquet on Tuesday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Halifax Plantation in Ormond Beach. Happy hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be served beginning around 6:30. By now you have made your entrée selection and sent your check to Richard. So now the only thing left is to make sure you can find your way. Ormond Beach residents probably know their own way, but for those coming from Daytona Beach and places to the south, here are the directions: Take I-95 N to Exit 278 (Old Dixie Highway). Turn right at the end of the ramp. Proceed 1.8 miles and take a right onto Monaghan Drive into Halifax

Plantation. Take the first right onto Halifax Clubhouse Drive, which dead ends at the Clubhouse. Parking is on left and right side.

**AND, please don't forget to share the richness of your life with those a little less fortunate by bringing some non-perishable food or paper items with you to be donated to the Halifax Urban Ministries Food Bank.**

Wouldn't it be a nice present to see every member present?

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Though not a club event, a lot of interest was expressed about club members attending the New Smyrna Beach Car Show on Saturday, December 13. Canal Street is

always decorated beautifully for the holidays. If you are interested in going, meet in the parking lot of Kohl's on Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange at 1:30 p.m. There is normally a big crowd that attends this show, so it is necessary to arrive early. A boat parade will also take place and can be viewed at the end of Canal Street.

**HANG OUT AT THE HANGAR:** Do you have a penchant for vintage planes? Are you intrigued by WWII aircraft, such as the B-17, the B-25, the P-51 and the Corsair? If so, meet at Kohl's at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, to make the trip down to the New Smyrna Beach Airport for Open Hangar Day. You will get an up-close look at some of these relics of the past, and the present restoration projects of American Aero Services. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pet food donation for the Southeast Volusia Humane Society. Even though this is not a club event, several club members plan to attend, weather permitting (since it is an outdoor event). Lunch will follow around noon at Lost Lagoon.



**A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE:** On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors held a meeting at the home of John Doria.

Many items were on the agenda, including an adjustment to the membership cap, but those of immediate interest to our members might be "Where are we going to eat on our Dining on the Run excursions?" On the list you will find some new spots as well as some old favorites:

Jan 4 - (Breakfast) The Pub at Pine Lakes in Palm Coast (always a favorite)

Feb 1 - (Lunch) Corky Bell's in Palatka (new)

Mar 1 - (Breakfast) Koffee Kup in Holly Hill (went here in 2010)

Apr 12 - (Lunch) Beaches in St. Augustine (new)

May 3 - (Breakfast) Peach Valley in Ormond Beach (old favorite, new location)

June 7 - (Lunch) Dixie Crossroads in Titusville. (always a favorite)

Our first of two Dinner Nights Out is planned for Tuesday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at Toscana, an Italian eatery in Ormond Beach that has had rave reviews around town. Lots of other events are planned for the first six months of 2015, including a "Breakfast Scramble." Come to the meetings to find out what some of these events might be.

**A FLASHBACK TO THE PAST:** A very interesting and strange mix of characters christened the lovely new home of Bob and Mickey Fritz on the Saturday night before Halloween. From the sweet to the sublime, the rough to the rowdy, the

horrible to the hilarious, they were all there....the Graduates, the King and Queen of (golf) Clubs, the Cowpokes (with some intriguing messages on their backs), the Pirates, Fred and Wilma Flintstone, Dracula (who wanted to be the bitee instead of the biter), jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly, a scary monster (with a real sword), an Austrian hornblower (think Riccola), a Hunter, a very sexy Witch, a couple from the Roarin' Twenties, the Sunkist Raisin Maiden, a Convict, an Eagle Scout, and a Florida Gator fan. Be sure to look in the Photo Gallery and see if you can identify who's who. Some freaky foods, like shrimp and cocktail sauce brains, a snake-shaped pizza roll, and some eyeball punch were among the delicious snacks and hors d'oeuvres devoured by the ghouls and guys attending. The bash continued into the night with hosts Bob and Mickey Fritz, and guests Dave Huber, Maya Branden, John Reis, Steve and Anita Slaton, John Doria, Sally Clutter, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Bob and Linda Wolff, Harry Horchler, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Richard Wetherby, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Ed and Jean Doyle, and Skip and Joan Crowder (with their son, Scott, who was visiting from Michigan). The icing on the cake (pun intended) came when Mickey, who would be celebrating her birthday the next day, was surprised with a birthday cake and the crowd's rendition of "Happy Birthday." Many thanks to the Fritzes for playing hosts - consider your

new home officially christened. (Photos by Richard, John D. and Leslie)

**OUTING AT THE OUTRIGGER:** Cold weather doesn't keep the Corvette faithful away. That was proven at the November DOTR when the thermometer dipped below 50° AND we still had twenty-five members and one guest show up for the drive to New Smyrna Beach and brunch at the Outrigger Restaurant. And to top it off, it was the day the clocks were moved back an hour as we said goodbye to Daylight Savings Time. Lucky for some, they were moved BACK instead of forward. Otherwise, we would have had a few very late participants --- ain't that right John R., Bob, and Mickey??? The fourteen Corvettes, belonging to Jim and Ginny Quinn, John Doria and Sally Clutter, John Reis, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Richard Wetherby and Marsha Mims, Bob and Linda Wolff, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Ed and Amy Anderson, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, , Ed and Jean Doyle, Skip and Joan Crowder, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, and guest Bill Gieze literally took over the parking lot as we filled up one complete side - what a pretty sight in yellows, blues, reds, orange, silver, and black. As we walked through the lush, tropical landscaping of this lovely waterside eatery, we decided that the cold temps made it necessary to eat indoors. The brunch menu was quite different than

regular breakfast menus to say the least, offering such items as the Moco Loco (two eggs over a hamburger smothered in gravy) and the Fat Elvis (a waffle with peanut butter, bananas, and candied bacon). Some opted to eat off the lunch/dinner menu, and some livened up their meal with Bloody Mary's and Zombies. Following brunch, we enjoyed a walk on the dock overlooking the water and some not-too-shabby fishing boats. It was a great turnout for the final Dining on the Run for 2014. Let's keep the attendance up in 2015. (Photos by John D.)



#### PERFECT FOR HOLIDAY

**SNACKING:** It has become somewhat of a Newsletter tradition to share a recipe from the Halloween Party, and

this year is no exception. Although there were many culinary delights available that night, here are two that were very similar in looks, but very different in taste. Both were a type of corn relish, both were delicious served with tortilla chips or "scoops"; one with a peppery nacho taste and the other with a sweet/sour flavor, and, believe it or not, both rather healthy. Either one would be a great addition to any holiday party.

#### Southwestern Salsa

(from John Doria)

- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cumin seeds, toasted over med. heat for 1-2 minutes
- 2 (15oz) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15oz) can whole kernel corn, drained

- 1 red pepper, minced
  - 1 small purple onion, minced
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh cilantro
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh parsley
  - $\frac{1}{3}$  cup lime juice
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  cup olive oil
  - 3 cloves garlic, minced
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt
  - 1 tsp. dried crushed red pepper
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. black pepper
- Combine all ingredients and toss well. Cover and store in refrigerator for up to 1 week.  
Yields: 6 cups.

#### Cowboy Caviar (from Anita Slaten)

Combine:

- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. pepper
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup apple cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup oil

Combine ingredients and bring to a boil. Set aside to cool.

Combine:

- 1 can white or yellow whole kernel corn, drained.
- 1 can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$  jar pimientos
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 2 cup chopped green, red, or yellow pepper
- 1-3 tsp. jalapeno peppers (optional)

Pour cooled liquid over vegetables and stir.

Store in fridge for 24 hrs. Keeps 6-8 weeks.



## THIS AND THAT:

Celebrating birthdays in December are Maya Branden on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with famous rocker Ozzy Osbourne; Carolyn Horchler on the 8<sup>th</sup> with NASCAR champion and bad boy Kevin Harvick; Chuck Konopsky on the 10<sup>th</sup> along with famous chef Bobby Flay; Skip Crowder on the 17<sup>th</sup>, who will celebrate with Pope Francis, leader of the Catholic Church; Herb Gerstel on the 25<sup>th</sup> along with Margaritaville resident Jimmy Buffet, (and of special note, Louis Chevrolet, founder of the Chevrolet Motor Co.); Bob Fritz on the 29<sup>th</sup> with sweet, lovable actress Mary Tyler Moore, and Ken Crick on the 30<sup>th</sup>, who might celebrate on the links with Tiger Woods. Hope everyone has a very special day!

Happy Anniversary to the Armstrongs. Art and Leslie will be celebrating #17. We wish you both many more years together.

Our best wishes go to Herb Gerstel, Ray Gatz, and Carolyn Horchler, all of whom have been experiencing some serious health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Several club members enjoyed seeing Sandra Gatz make her debut as a cast member in the production of "Fascinating Rhythm" at the Ormond Beach Center for Performing Arts. Sandy was wonderful in the several scenes in which she performed

her high-stepping talents as a dancer. Great job, Sandy! Will something like Dancing with the Stars be in your future?

Well it happened again! The 50/50 winner at November's meeting was none other than guests, Gary and Cindy Swanson, who took home a cool 33 bucks. Strangely enough, this has happened more times than not. Corvette Cruisers sure do love our guests.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Do you have



some suggestions for some activities during the 2015 year? For the past several years, Joan has planned trips to the Stetson Mansion,

Winter Park, the Villages, Lakeridge Winery in Clermont, Spring Garden Ranch, and Ravine Gardens in Palatka, just to name a few. Some were well-attended, some were not. Remember that these events do not necessarily have to involve our cars, but there is so much to see and do in our state, we want to take advantage of it. But we don't want Joan to plan events that may not appeal to the majority. That's why we need your input. Perhaps a trip to Tarpon Springs, a craft festival at Cedar Key, a tour of a horse farm in Ocala, a river cruise in Sanford, a "taste" of Mt. Dora, or an airboat ride are a few suggestions to get your thought processes flowing. So here's your assignment. Over the holidays, think of

some day trips you might like to take and let Joan at [joanmcrowder2@gmail.com](mailto:joanmcrowder2@gmail.com) or Jean at [jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com) know your wishes. WE want to do what YOU want to do.

## **CORVETTE CHATTER:**

You probably knew the Corvette was named after a small, maneuverable warship of the same name. But did you know that the man credited with naming the Corvette (automobile) was the creator of the All-American Soap Box Derby?

Bloomington Gold, the iconic "Granddaddy of Corvette Shows", announced it will be moving to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2015.

AND THE Z06 MARKUPS BEGIN: When the C7 Stingray first hit the market late last year, dealerships were selling the cars at a steep premium due to the high demand and relatively limited supply. The feeling was it would be the same thing all over again with the 2015 Z06, and an eBay listing, which has now ended, proves it true. Rogers Auto Group out of Chicago listed the 2015 Corvette Z06 they have on order at \$122,000.00, which is significantly more than the \$78,995 base price for Z06 coupes. Their Z06 is fully loaded, though, complete with the 3LZ pack and the Z07 performance package, which adds the most aggressive

aerodynamics kit available, Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires, and carbon ceramic brakes, and it's not clear exactly how much a 3LZ and Z07-equipped Z06 would cost without a dealer markup, but let's face it, it's far from \$122,000.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** Peter Max was not a car guy. So when he purchased a collection of 36 Corvettes, one from every year up until 1989, he had a very specific plan: He would use this slice of American history as a tool to self-promote his work as an artist, painting the machines in lurid colors while staging them in various oddball scenarios only the most expressive of minds could envision. Only that never happened. Instead, Max left his collection in a New York City storage lot, which is where they've lived for a quarter of a century, gathering dust, moved only when switching from one storage location to another. However, that is all about to change, as the cars are now under new ownership - one that will lovingly restore the 'Vettes and get them back on the road.

The story of how Max obtained the cars began in 1989 when VH1 held a contest to award a lucky winner a Corvette from each year from 1953 -1989. VH1 reportedly paid \$610,000 for the cars, and made their money back by charging \$2.00 per phone call to enter. Placing just

one call, a carpenter from Long Island, by the name of Amodeo, won the prize. Shortly after receiving his collection, Amodeo got a call from Max to purchase the cars. A deal was made for \$250,000 in cash, \$250,000 worth of Max's artwork and an agreement that if Max ever sold the cars, he would receive a portion of the proceeds, up to \$1 million. Why Max never executed his plan remains a mystery. In 2010, he talked about adding 14 more years of vehicles to bring the tally up to an even 50. Once again, that never happened. Perhaps it was the sheer amount of work that was required after the artist had left the cars sit for so long; some would cost more to restore than their worth, and time was reportedly unkind to most of the 'Vettes in the group - 2/3rds of which sport the less-sought-after automatic transmission and none featured the prized big-block V-8. Still, after Max approached a guy named Peter Heller to locate a new storage garage for his collection, according to the *New York Times*, Heller decided instead to offer the artist a deal to purchase the 36 Corvettes. Max agreed for an untold sum (it's unknown whether Amodeo will receive a portion of the proceeds, as stated in Max's original deal). Some of the cars, Heller discovered, could be show-ready with relatively basic restoration, and he plans to have even the most decrepit vehicles brought back to life.

When complete, the collection will return to the market, hoping to deliver a tidy return on Heller's investment and keep the wheels turning on the once forgotten Corvettes of Peter Max.



### A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

May your holiday be rich with love, warm with friendship, happy with good health, and blessed with the joys of the season. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday. We 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 a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a very exceptional 2015.

See ya next year on the pages of the "Talepipe"

*Jean and Ed*

