

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

If you like Corvettes and like to eat, this month is made with you in mind. Say goodbye to any New Year's resolution to lose a few pounds. It ain't gonna happen this month. We are definitely an "Eating club with a Corvette problem."

#1: PIZZA NIGHT: Back by popular demand, another trip to Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza on 3658 S. Nova Road in Port Orange is in store for February 2. (That's 2/2/22 which will bring good luck to all those attending.) Meet at the location at 5:30 p.m. Drive your 'Vette and let's brighten up the parking lot. Club shirts are not required.

#2: DOTR: Let's start off Sunday, February 6th with a good breakfast at Jason's on Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach. Jason's offers outdoor dining if you are so inclined, and now specializes in breakfast and lunch only. We will leave from Kohl's parking lot in Port Orange at 8:00 a.m. Wear your club shirt.

#3: ST. VALENTINE'S DAY: Take your sweetie out to dinner.

#4: MONTHLY MEETING: We have had really good attendance at our monthly meetings. Let's keep it going on Feb. 15. Of course, it's another chance to EAT.

#5: DAY OF THE DUELS: In conjunction with the start of the Daytona 500 festivities, the Drive-In Christian Church on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores puts on a car show with the goal of preventing homelessness in Volusia County. This car show has been very popular in recent years and may attract upwards of 500 cars of all makes and models. The cost is \$15. Tickets can be obtained from John Doria. We will gather at the Publix parking lot just to the north of the church on Thursday, February 17, and leave from there at 8:30 a.m. This will ensure a parking area all together. Be sure to have that car shined up including the exhaust tips and the wheels. Bring your chairs and any food or drink (non-alcoholic) you wish. Food and drink purchases will be available on-site. Club shirts are to be worn.

#6: DAYTONA 500: (A nationwide event in our own backyard.) Whether at home watching the race on TV, or at the track enjoying the excitement, snacking is a #1 priority.

#7: DINNER NIGHT OUT: Twice a year, the club plans a Dinner Night Out at a more relaxed, upscale venue. On Wednesday, February 23rd, we will dine at the Coastal Grill Raw Bar, 1078 Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange, where the club will enjoy our own private room. Don't let the name fool you – they DO have cooked food as well. 😊 Their menu, although geared toward seafood, offers plenty of other options, such as chicken and bar-b-que. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:15 p.m. No club shirts are required.

Welcome

Latitudes Margaritaville has been good to the Corvette Cruisers. Our two newest couples reside there and join five other members who also call Margaritaville home:

A BIG WELCOME

to

Bob and Debbie Dutcher, who came to Florida from Delaware. They drive a beautiful 2017 Admiral Blue Convertible.

and

Arnie Ligi and A J Marquardt are from the northern Virginia area and drive a very sharp 2005 Victory Red Coupe.

Welcome, all, to the Corvette Cruisers and much better winter weather!

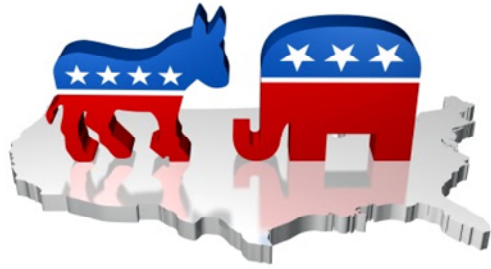
Reminders

CLUB SHIRT PROTOCOL: When we are out as a group representing the Corvette Cruisers, such as the DOTR's or club-attended car shows, we are expected to wear our "official" collared orange club shirts with the embroidered club logo. Obviously, if you hadn't received your shirt yet, you may wear what you wish until it arrives. Generally, the Newsletter description of the event will state whether club shirts are required.

SPEAKING OF CLUB SHIRTS: Perhaps, we should change our club name from the "Corvette Cruisers" to "Fifty Shades of Orange". The photo here shows the dilemma we have experienced with the availability of our shirts from the manufacturer.



We've come from Tangerine, to Cantaloupe, to Hibiscus and now to Campus Orange, and I think they are all displayed in this photo. All members ordering shirts from now on will receive the Campus Orange, which is the bright, eye-popping color shown above. If you would like to order the new color, they are \$28 (which includes tax) and \$5 additional if you want your name on it. See John Doria to order. All the various shirts shown above are still considered "official" at this time.



NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, and NO!
 Remember that we are a car club, not a political action committee. Please don't discuss politics. We all have different political viewpoints that are pretty much ingrained by now, so your opinion isn't going to change minds one way or another. If you don't know that the person you are talking to is of the same political persuasion, don't take a chance. Friendships and even families have been split apart by discussing this hot topic. So please, lock your political talking points up in your trunk (or frunk, if you have a C8) before any club event.

Reviews

DOTR TO FORD COUNTRY: Ahhh, January in Florida – nothing can top it....especially when the temperature is 76, the sky is a bright blue, and the sun is beaming down on twelve Corvettes (two C-8's, nine C-7's, and one C-6) and one "C-9" Subaru headed to St. Augustine. That best describes the trip to Ford's Garage Restaurant near the Outlet Mall in St. A. Even though we took the scenic route, with a little hiccup starting off, the entourage pretty much stayed together, even with all the traffic and the traffic lights factored in. What a nice fun place it turned out to be! We managed to get there early enough to see the Ford memorabilia throughout, before the crowds started to fill the place up. Real engines, Ford signage, words of wisdom from Henry Ford himself, could



be found all around. An actual Model A was suspended from the ceiling above an ice bar. A shop rag with a radiator hose clamp held our silverware. From my understanding, even the bathrooms had an automotive flare, and a few puzzling fixtures. Though a Sunday brunch was offered, lunch items could also be ordered from the menu. Enjoying the trip were Patrick and Aliah Wall, Alan Segal and his friend, John and Rose Pona, Keith and Cindy Hardin, John and Sally Doria, Prospective members Bob and Debbie Dutcher and Arnie Ligi and A.J., Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Bud and Mary Mullennix, Edie and Liz Byrne, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, Gary and Cindy Swanson with Fred and Beth who were visiting from the Panhandle area, and Ed and Jean Doyle. One thing is for sure....our Corvette members may not be fans of the Ford brand, but we are certainly fans of their restaurant. Very cool!

* On a side note, our server, who shall remain anonymous, asked if any of us had an extra seat to take her away. She always loved Corvettes, but asked us not to tell her boss. LOL

BOARD MEETING: The CCGD Board of Directors met on Sunday, Jan 16 to discuss the first half of 2022. Action was taken on the following:

*A budget was approved for the year.
 *The DOTR locations were selected as follows:

- FEB. Jason's (B) – NSB
- MAR Shiloh's (L) Titusville
- APR Victoria Hills (B) DeLand
- MAY Conch House (L) St. Augustine
- JUN Atlantic Grille Oceanfront (L) Palm Coast

*Cars Shows will include:

- Day of the Duels (Feb 17)
- Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR Display (Mar 12)
- Spring Turkey Run (Mar 25-27)
- Ponce Inlet Corvette Show (May 14)

*Club Picnic is scheduled for April 23

*Miniature Golf Tournament in April

- *FUN RUN in June
- *Overnight Trip – TBD
- *Christmas party will again be at Mario's

ANNIVERSARIES: The St. Valentine cupid hit the Dorias, the Slatons, and the Swansons. Happy Anniversary to you romantic twosomes.



This & That

GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS: The club bids “farewell” to past members Bill Geize and Bill and Evelyn Neway, who chose not to renew their memberships. Both Bills



have sold their Corvettes, and if situations change, perhaps we will see them on the membership rolls in the future. We will miss them terribly and wish them nothing but the best.

(Bill Simmons, you will no longer have to be known as Bill S, as you are now our only Bill.)

50/50 WINNER: Okay folks, it happened again. A first time visitor has won the drawing...again! Randy and Peggy Sweeney, friends of Gary and Cindy Swanson and prospective members from New Smyrna Beach, had the winning ticket for a sizeable take of \$47.50. This seems to happen A LOT that a visitor takes home the prize. Interestingly enough, Gary and Cindy also won the drawing on their first visit with the club. Quite a coincidence!

ANOTHER WINNER: Rose Pona took home a pair of cute checkered flag earrings, in honor of the upcoming Daytona 500. Thanks to Keith and Cindy Hardin for their kind donation.

BIRTHDAYS: February birthdays are Del Fot on the 1st, John Doria on the 13th, and John Pona on the 20th. Happy Birthday to all.

Z06 TOUR: New Smyrna Chevy received a tentative date of March 15th for the new Z06 to be on display at the dealership for viewing. More on this when the information is confirmed.

Club stats

Every February, a statistical accounting is made to give you an idea of who and what comprises our club. As of this date, February 1st, we have 24 memberships filled with 45 active members: 19 from Ormond Beach, 11 from Daytona Beach, 4 from Port Orange, 4 from New Smyrna Beach, 3 from Daytona Beach Shores, 2 from Edgewater and 2 from Palm Coast. Our members presently own 32 Corvettes; 1 (C-1), 2 (C-2), 2 (C-3), 0 (C-4), 2 (C-5), 6 (C-6), 15 (C-7), and 4 (C-8). Fourteen are some form of Red, 6 are Blue, 5 are Yellow, 4 are White, and 3 are Black. The Coupes still outnumber the convertibles but only by 2: Coupes = 17, Convertibles = 15.


Happy Valentine's Day