

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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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 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

13 in '13: The first event of 2013 began with thirteen Corvettes making the trip to St. Augustine for the January Dining On The Run (DOTR). The weather was beautiful for the trip up the coastal highway, and the fact that all thirteen Corvettes pulled into the parking garage at the same time was really a trick, given all the traffic lights and pedestrians in the St. Augustine area. Art and Leslie, Skip and Joan, John D. and Sally, Ed and Jean, Bob and Mickey, Herb and Shirley, Harry and Carolyn, Dave and Maya, Jack and Yvonne, Mike, John and his guest Delanie, Bill and Bonita, and Richard with his guest Marsha met up with John and Alice to enjoy the Cuban cuisine offered by Columbia's. Several members walked through the little shops and around the historic district of St. Augustine before returning home. A perfect day, a beautiful drive, and a great meal in a nice restaurant with wonderful friends --- what could be better?! (Photos by Bill, John D. and Dave)

SUPER SUNDAY DOTR: Okay folks, how are you at fixing breakfast? Well, even if you are not so good in the cooking

department, you will get your chance to test your talents on Sunday, February 3, when the Corvette Cruisers take a trip to DeLeon Springs. If you haven't been before, you are in for a treat when we visit the Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant in DeLeon Springs State Park. Let's meet at our usual spot at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 8:15 a.m. Note that there is a \$6.00 entrance fee to the park (\$4.00 for single occupant). Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather for walking around the park after breakfast. Football fans need not worry about the Super Bowl. You will be home in plenty of time to experience all the hype prior to the big game.

TIME FOR TOM.....Tom Gibbs, that is. The annual Tom Gibbs Corvette/Camaro Display will take place on Saturday, February 16th. Since this is a club event, we will meet at Bealls in Ormond at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget to pack your lawn chairs. As in the past, food and drinks are provided, and several goodies are offered by local school groups for a donation. Door prizes and dealer's choice awards are given. (This was the

event that Herb and Shirley Gerstel won the 42" flat screen television. Perhaps the luck will continue for someone in the club.)

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME RACIN'?

As the Daytona 500 is gearing up for its start, the Quinns are also gearing up for their annual Daytona 500 race party. If you don't have tickets to the race, why not do the next best thing. Join Jim and Ginny to watch the race, indulge on Jim's "famous" sloppy joes, make a little wager on the race outcome, and enjoy a good time. Come around noon, bring an appetizer or snack to share and BYOB (but only if you are over 21 ☺).



GET READY, GET SET....and mark your calendars for the next adventure of the Corvette Cruisers. On Saturday, March 23 we will head to

Clermont (near Orlando) to the wine and seafood festival at the Lakeridge Winery. This should be a fun trip as we tour the winery, taste some of their finest wines, partake in culinary seafood delights, enjoy the crafts of local artists, and listen to some good music, all while overlooking the lush vineyards of Lakeridge. More specific information will be in next month's Newsletter, but be sure to save the date for what will truly to be a great adventure.

DO YOU KNOW WHO'S WHO IN THE CORVETTE CRUISERS? You know the face but not the name...you are not sure who is married to (or partnered with) whom....you know the face but can't remember the name. If any of these

scenarios sound like you, worry no more. On the home page of our website, in the lower right hand corner, you will find pictures of most of our members, all in alphabetical order. Now, you can quickly put the face to the name or the name to the face. Check it out!

NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

Happy Birthday to John Doria on the 13th and Joan Crowder on the 20th.

Happy Anniversary #41 to Steve and Anita Slaton and #26 to Ray and Sandy Gatz.

Welcome Back to Bob and Mickey Fritz, our snow birders from TN, who have returned to Florida but for only a short time this year. The Fritzes brought with them their '69 Bridgehampton Blue Convertible.

Congratulations to Ed and Jean Doyle who are pleased to announce a new addition to their family. Gone is the 2002 Quicksilver Coupe and in its place is a 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible. Welcome to the new family member.

Reminder: If you have any knowledge about our members, for example, they have been under the weather, had a new grandbaby, are on an interesting vacation, purchased a new or another Corvette, or have done anything noteworthy, please let Jean know for inclusion in this NOTES section.

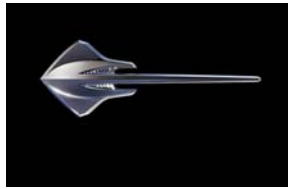
BOARD MEETING RESULTS: The Board of Directors met on January 3 at the home of John Doria and Sally Clutter. A budget for the new year was discussed and approved.

The calendar of events for 2014 will include the following DOTR's:

- Feb: Deleon Springs Sugar Mill (B)
- Mar: Cap's on the Water in St.A. (L)
- Apr: Clubhouse in Daytona (B)
- May: LaFiesta in Ormond Beach (L)
- Jun: Pine Lakes in Palm Coast (B)

Other items discussed were the purchase of club decals for members; a club photo wall calendar for 2014; plans for future social activities and club events; and our annual charitable contributions.

IT'S HERE.....finally, after months (or has it been years?) of rumors, speculation, renderings, sketches, anticipation,



assumptions, and downright guesses, the 2014, C-7 Corvette has been shown to the world. On January 13, the C7 made its debut at the Detroit Auto Show. The newly redesigned Corvette has been getting rave reviews from the media and, for the most part, the public for its sleek design and modern styling. The rear window is a dramatic change from the previous generations. The wrap-around glass has been replaced with a three sectioned version. Not since 1976 has the Corvette been called the Stingray, a name near and dear to the hearts of Corvette lovers. The steel frame has been replaced with aluminum for reduced weight. The use of carbon fiber is increased for added strength and weight reduction. The Z51 package includes special gearing for performance and larger brakes and heavier duty suspension components for better handling. The 7-speed manual transmission is getting much attention; however talk of an 8-speed automatic has not yet materialized. The tail lights seem to be the one item receiving the

most negative comments on Corvette forums and from the general public. Gone are the round trademark taillights of years gone by only to be replaced with ones all too similar to the present day Camaro. Michelin tires have replaced the traditional Goodyears. The two models introduced at the car show (one a base model and the other with a Z51 performance package) won't be mass produced until the fall. There is no date set for production of the convertible or the Z06, and no price has yet been announced for the new Corvette. And speaking of price, read the next article to find out what the very first one off the assembly line will cost and who the new owner will be. Well, what about it, Corvette lovers, is the new C-7 a GO or a NO?

WORTH IT OR WASTED? The new owner of VIN # 0001 is none other than NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick. Mr. Hendrick made the purchase at the 42nd annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction at which he outbid all others at a whopping \$1.05 million for the first car off the production line. As the new owner, he will be able to choose his own color and any options. All excess dollars over the cost of the car will be donated to the College for Creative Studies. What's a mere \$1.05 million when you are Rick Hendrick, right?

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): What more can I say – the Photo for this month HAS to be the new 2014, C-7 Stingray.

Editorial opinion: WOW!!

Happy Valentine's Day

