

# 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.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello Cruisers,

Winter is upon us but that should not prevent you from attending some hot activities. The first club event of the year was the DOTR to Halifax Plantation, where a large group of 27 enjoyed a wonderful breakfast. Since it is winter and our warm-blooded snow birds are here, our flock has increased in size. Because of this increase let me suggest that if you plan to eat dinner before our monthly meeting, please make an effort to arrive by 5:30 P.M. It is difficult to predict the number of diners on a monthly basis, and this, in turn, creates scheduling problems for TGIF. When our regular server is working, our meals come to us in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, she may not always be there, so please be patient with the other servers when they are filling in. Some of these servers are high school students and may feel intimidated by a very large group. Our November meeting alone had over 30 members in attendance. TGIF is working with

us to iron out any glitches that may arise, so again, be patient. I will see you at the many events we have planned in the upcoming months.

Happy cruising,  
John



## MORE CHANGES AHEAD

....at least for February. Not only is the location changing for our February Dining on the Run, but the day of the week is changing also. Instead of meeting on our usual Sunday, we will meet on **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** to take a trip to DeLeon Springs. There we will have lunch at the Spring Garden Ranch, the largest training facility for Standardbred horses in the country, while possibly watching the trainers working out the horses. Also on tap is a short, live entertainment show from the Dancing Clydesdales. Let's leave from Bealls in Ormond at 10:45 a.m. on **Saturday,**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** for this unique dining experience. Having the DOTR on Saturday this month (and this month only) will free up Super Bowl Sunday for all the football fans in the club who wish to get an early start on the pre-game festivities.

### **A LITTLE CULTURE NEVER HURTS!**

Time for our semi-annual Dinner Night Out, and this time we will go to Germany.....well, not exactly. But, word on the street has it that the next best thing is a trip to Emmy's in Deland. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** to enjoy a rousing good time at this fun-filled restaurant with authentic German cuisine. Meet in the parking lot of the Days Inn on Rt. 92 (International Speedway Blvd.) on the right just past the I-95 overpass at 4:00 p.m. We will leave promptly at 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays are crowded at Emmy's so we want to get there before the rush. Club shirts are NOT required. Dunke Schoen and Auf Wiedersehen.



**GENTLEMEN AND LADIES, START YOUR ENGINES....**and get fired up for the annual Daytona 500 party at the home of Jim and Ginny Quinn on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Bring your own booze (er, drinks), a snack to share, a few bucks for the driver pool, and come to Katherine Street in South Daytona around noon. If

you are not lucky enough to have a ticket to the race, this is the next best thing to being there.....some might say better than being there. No weather worries, no line for the bathroom, and being able to hear the commentary from the announcers as well as all the wannabe racers in the room. We can watch and hear the Thunderbirds and maybe the Blimp overhead while Jim prepares his famous Sloppy Joes. So come on over to the Quinn's, let your hair down, and cheer on your favorite driver (especially the one you drew in the pool). Email Jim if you are coming so he can prepare enough Sloppy Joes. ([jquinn4@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jquinn4@cfl.rr.com))

**CELEBRATING 2014.....**that's just what the club did at the Halifax Plantation for the first DOTR of the year. Fifteen Corvettes caravanned their way through the lush scenery of the Loop to the restaurant, and remarkably, all managed to stay together and arrive at the same time. Included were Ed and Amy Anderson, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Lars and Carole Connelly, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Ed and Jean Doyle, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, Harry Horchler, Dave Huber, Mike Mills, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson along with Bill's brother Jack and wife Sharon, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, and Bob and Linda Wolff. Everyone chose the breakfast buffet with the fresh fruit

and sweet strawberries, the omelet bar (well worth the wait in line), waffles with warm syrup or fresh whipped cream, creamy eggs benedict, biscuits and sausage gravy, fried potatoes, sausage and bacon, and good, good coffee. (Gosh, just writing this description has made me hungry all over again.) The favorable comments from everyone in the group means Halifax Plantation will definitely stay on our "keeper" list. (Photos by John D.)



**CHECK IT OUT**.....Please take a look at the changes on our Home Page in the section called "Who's Who at the Corvette Cruisers" in the lower right. Right beside your handsome and beautiful faces, you can now see your handsome and beautiful Corvettes. So, not only can you put a name with a face and a face with a name, you can now put a car with those faces. Thanks to Richard Wetherby for sharing the photos from the Calendar for this addition. Some of the member photos have been updated as well. What a good looking group!!

**HANGAR DAYS:** Although not an official club event, eleven club members went to the New Smyrna Beach Airport on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to take a step back in time. Privileged to park on the tarmac beneath the wings of a WWII Bomber,

John D., Sally, Ed D., Jean, Skip, Bob F., Art, Dave, Maya, Bill and Bonita spent the morning looking at the antique aircraft and fighter planes on display, watching the takeoff demonstration of a Navy Corsair, viewing various restoration projects and memorabilia in a museum, and talking to two veterans who actually flew in the WWII bombers, captivating us with stories of their experiences as gunners during the war. Of course no outing with Corvette members is complete without food, so the group concluded the venture with lunch at Lost Lagoon (formerly Stella's Skyline, McCharacters, and most recently Grant and Lee Bar-B-Q), which turned out to be a real "thumbs up" burger joint. (Photos by John D. and Jean)

**APOLOGIES** .....to Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson for assuming (something a good reporter NEVER does) that when they purchased their '13 Velocity Yellow 427 convertible, they traded in their 2007 Velocity Yellow coupe. Not so, not so, as they came to the open Hangar show in BOTH their yellow Vettes. So the number of Corvettes in our club jumps to 30 and Bill and Bonita join the elite group of two-Vette owners John Doria, the Slatons, the Connellys, and the Armstrongs.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the date for the annual Tom Gibbs

Corvette, Camaro, and SSR Display at the Tom Gibbs dealership in Palm Coast. This is a free show - no registration fee. Door prizes and good music are provided. Food and soft drinks will be offered for a donation to one of the local high school clubs. Meet at Bealls in Ormond at 8:30 a.m. Let's have good participation this year so we can beat out the SSR group that won the Participation Award last year. They won with only 18 cars. Surely we can do better, since we have 30 Corvettes in the club. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



**CELEBRATIONS:  
HIP, HIP, HOORAY!!**

Club Calendar Arrives: Santa was just a little late in bringing us our Christmas present this year, but they are here now and looking good!!! Thanks to the club coffers, Richard Wetherby, and the calendar committee, 2014 is looking a whole lot brighter! (If you haven't received your calendar yet, Richard will have them available at club functions.)

Happy Birthday wishes to Pat Rosier, regular guest of Richard Wetherby, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, John Doria, who celebrates the big 6-0 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Joan Crowder on the 20<sup>th</sup>. May you all have many more.

Happy Anniversary to Steve and Anita Slaton and Ray and Sandra Gatz. May you have many more shared years of happiness.

50/50 winner at the January meeting was Joanna (are you kidding me) Oswald. Unbelievably, Joanna has won four out of the last five months drawing, this time raking in \$27.50. Next month we will dispense with selling tickets and hand the money directly over to Joanna.... (Just kidding!)

Corvette Alert: Not only is Joanna lucky in the 50/50 department, she is the new owner of a 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible, having traded in her 2007 Velocity Yellow Convertible. Ed and Jean Doyle's 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible now has a twin. Good choice, Joanna.

**CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED:** It doesn't seem that long ago we were all abuzz about the introduction of the new 2014 C7 stingray. But here we are one year later, and the 2015 Z06, along with the C7.R (racing model) were unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on 1/13. It's the first Z06 to offer a supercharged engine, an 8-speed automatic transmission, and, thanks to its stronger aluminum frame, the first Z06 to have a removable roof panel. You can read all about it at:

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2014/01/13/introducing-the-2015-corvette-z06/>

Two new colors, yet unnamed, will be introduced with the 2015. A medium gray will replace Cyber Gray and a new yellow will replace Velocity Yellow.

General Motors had a clean sweep at the Detroit Auto Show with the C7 Stingray and the Chevrolet Silverado being named car and truck of the year.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** Proving that the Corvette Stingray is a car for all kinds of weather, Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles drove his 2014 Corvette Stingray convertible to work at the GM Renaissance Center in Downtown Detroit in -3 degree temperature with about a foot of snow on the ground. This only goes to show you that according to Harlan, "Nothing stops the Corvette Stingray." No one is sure if he left the top down the whole way, though.

Excerpts from the CorvetteBlogger.com

**GOT SOME TIME TO KILL?** On these cold, blustery days of a Florida winter, when it's too cold to take the Vette out for a leisurely drive, are you bored with Judge Judy, talk shows, Mecum Auto Auctions or endless reruns of Overhaulin'? Well, here's a little something to get the old brain juices flowing. See how many relatively common, English-language words you can make out of the word

### C O R V E T T E

You can only use the letters provided in the word. (EX: cove, tot, tote,...) I was able to find 55. Let's find someone to top it. Happy hunting.



Remember guys, "Going to Jared" definitely doesn't mean getting your wife, girlfriend, or significant other a Subway foot-long for Valentine's Day.



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**