

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The Talepipe Newsletter

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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

BOTR: Wow what a crowd! Seventeen showed up to make the drive to the Koffee Kup Restaurant for the January BOTR. Eight Vettes and two grocery getters caravanned the short distance to the eatery. Although the restaurant does not take reservations (Leslie made a call) they had a table set up and waiting on us when we arrived. If you have not visited this restaurant the food is very good, plentiful and family priced.

February we will making the brunch run. Hope you will join us. We moved it to Saturday Feb 9th. The Super Bowl is the first Sunday and we didn't want to pack too much into one day. We will be motoring up to Jacksonville to dine at Clark's Seafood Restaurant. If you have never been there this trip is a must. This foray includes a beautiful drive along the St. Johns River. It is about a two hour trip so we will meet at the usual place at 9:00. Printed directions will be furnished incase you get lost.

Board Action: The Board of Directors met on January 8th to lay out plans for the coming year and catch up on some needed business. First on tap was to appoint a new board member. Tim and Lois did not renew their membership and therefore left Tim's position as Immediate Past President on the board vacant. Ed Doyle was appointed by the board to fill that slot. Congratulations Ed. Checks were approved and cut for our website management and club

insurance. By-Laws changes were reviewed by the board and one small change was made to the wording because new members are not approved but are accepted. Dates were set for various activities and events for the first six month of the year. A calendar of events will be set up on the web and mailed to those members without internet access. Some really good out of town trips for the BOTR were scheduled with brunch runs to places like Jacksonville and Mount Dora.

Membership Chair: Jean Doyle has been appointed Membership Chairperson. Jean had put together an excellent informational flyer about our club. Everything you wanted to know and more. Great job Jean!

February Birthdays: Bob Compton will celebrate another trip around the sun on the 1st and Jackie Karagosian just missed being a Leap Year baby by one day on the 28th. **Happy Birthday to you....**

National Corvette Day: A push for June 30 to be declared National Day of Recognition for Corvette. Mid America Motorworks is behind a grassroots movement to celebrate the birthday of America's Sports Car.

Long a supporter of the Corvette hobby and creator of "Drive Your Corvette to Work Day", Mid America Motorworks has petitioned the

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United States Congress to declare June 30th a National Day of Recognition for Corvette - America's First Sports Car. The Corvette first rolled off a Flint, Michigan assembly line on June 30, 1953.

The petition is being presented by United States Congressman John Shimkus (R-Illinois). All Corvette enthusiasts are urged to contact their U.S. Congressional Representatives to pass this resolution.

"As the longest running, most widely respected production sports car in United States history, the Chevrolet Corvette is more than a material possession. It is truly a symbol of American pride. For this reason Mid America Motorworks is launching a grassroots movement to honor America's True Sports Car with a National Day of Recognition." said Mike Yager, Chief Cheerleader and founder of Mid America Motorworks, the world's leading supplier of Corvette parts and accessories.

Mid America Motorworks has a history of creating national movements to honor the Corvette. In June of 2001, Mid America Motorworks created Drive Your Corvette To Work Day as an annual event to celebrate Corvette's Birthday on the Friday closest to June 30. On Friday, June 27th 2008, thousands of Corvette lovers will drive their Corvette to work to participate in the 8th annual event.

In September of 2001, Mid America Motorworks orchestrated a massive grassroots movement, called the Corvette Stampede, to petition the United States Post Office to create a Corvette Stamp. The stamp was to honor of the 50th Anniversary of Corvette. Finally released in 2005, the USPS debuted the stamp at Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest.

This year, as GM celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2008, a National Day of Recognition is a fitting tribute to Corvette – GM's greatest contribution to the automotive industry. Every Corvette owner is encouraged to petition his or her congressional representative to pass the resolution declaring June 30th as a National Day of Recognition for Corvette. For more information go to

www.mamotorworks.com/corvette or call 800-500-1500.

By-Laws: The BOD did a final review of the by laws and made one minor change in wording. The Club then voted to approve the changes to the by laws. A copy of the by laws will be posted in the Members Only section of our web site.

Sterling House: The trip to Sterling House was cancelled due to bad weather. It will be rescheduled for a visit in May. But to keep the day from being a complete bust the gang did meet at the Royal Dynasty to enjoy a great meal. Everyone seemed to enjoy it even Ed who doesn't care for Chinese food. Present were the Armstrong's, Compton's, Doyle's, Konopsky's, and J.R..

Ponce Inlet Corvette Club: Harvey, Arne, and Sherry, members of the Ponce Inlet club visited our meeting to give us some information on their upcoming show on May 17th and to invite us to participate in the show. This is a great show in a beautiful setting on the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse grounds. Registration is limited due to the size of the facility and only pre-registrations are accepted. Only the first 100 registrations are available. For more information visit their web site at; www.ponceinletcorvetteclub.com.

More Shows: Venetian Bay Town & Country Club is having a Corvette Show on February 23rd from 9:00 to 4:00. The event is a Show & Shine, there is no entry fee. We plan to arrive at the show as a club. We will stage at the Konopsky's by 8:30. Please let Bob know if you plan to attend and he will forward entry information to them.

Eckler's will be holding their annual reunion on the 7th & 8th of March. The event will be held in Celebration Florida. Check Eckler's web site for additional information.

Tom Gibbs Chevrolet: On Saturday Flagler will see Tom Gibbs Chevrolet hosting its First Annual Corvette Display on March 15th rain or shine. Burgers, dogs, and sodas will be provided.

The Spring Daytona Beach Car Show at the speedway will be held on the 28th to 30th of March. Information on the show can be found at www.daytonabeachcarshows.com.

Speaking of the Speedway: The Quinn's will host a race party at their home on February 17th for the Daytona 500. The party will begin around 2:30 for pre-race activities and the green flag will drop around 3:30. Please give Ginny and Jim a call if you plan to attend. Bring a snack to share and what you would like to drink. Sloppy Joes will be served.

Helping Others: The club decided to make on-going contributions to needy organizations instead of our monthly drives. Members can bring donations of needed items for organizations such as the Halifax Humane Society, or Church Thrift Shops. Leslie will accept items for the HHS and Shirley for the thrift shops.

The club voted to donate \$200 to the Palmetto House. This organization is part of the Mid-Florida Housing Project which provides transitional housing for the homeless. To find out more visit; www.mfhp.org/palmetto.php.

Get Out of Town: Plans are in the works to take a weekend get-a-way. Sadie is taking the lead on putting information together about places to go. Choices include Amelia Island, Jekyll Island, and St. Simons. They are all only a few hours away and have great places to stay and enjoy the weekend. Dates for the trip are April 25th to 27th. Sadie sent out information about the choices. Please make your choices known. Mark your calendars; more information will surely be forthcoming.

Mentioned above was Amelia Island. This is the location of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The Antique Automobile Club of America – Volusia Region rents a bus to go to this event. They have invited us to share the ride with them to help fill the bus. The bus leaves Ormond Beach early on the morning of March 9th and returns the same day around 5:00PM. Cost of the bus ride is \$20 and cost to get into the event is \$40. Check it out on the web site. www.ameliaconcour.org. More

information at the meeting.

Looking Ahead:

- * BOTR to Dixie Crossroads, Titusville, April 6th.
- * CCGD Board meeting, Tuesday April 8th.
- * Progressive Dinner, Saturday April 12th. Need three host houses for this event.
- * Mini Golf Tourney starts April 18th.

Memory Lane: The Mini Golf Tourney is fast approaching. Trophies are awarded for the; lowest overall total, highest overall total, high game, low game, and most holes-in-ones.

Six rounds are played; you must complete four rounds to be eligible for awards. Member with the lowest overall total is rewarded with the Gold Putter Award.



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