

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.

Attention

MEETING CHANGE

Because so many Board Members will be on the club cruise during our regular meeting date, the monthly meeting for January will be held on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH**, which is the 4th Tuesday of the month. This will be for January only.

A Word from our President:

Happy New Year Cruisers

As we begin the 2023 year, our club calendar will be filling up soon with lots of activities. Those will include our monthly meetings, Dining on The Run (DOTR), the mini-golf tournament, the Bar-B-Q picnic, car shows, and other events.

I hope that all of you will be able to participate and enjoy the company of our members at these fun-filled social gatherings. The board officers and directors are always receptive to your ideas for places to drive and visit. As you've heard several times, we are an eating club with a Corvette problem. The success of our club is driven by you, our wonderful members.

Now that the holidays are behind us, I want to wish everyone a very healthy and joyous new year and hope to see you soon

John



Coming Up

FIRST DOTR OF THE YEAR:

The Christmas trees have come down, the decorations have been put away, and the relatives are gone. Are you ready for an escape from all the hustle and bustle the holidays always bring? Let's do it by checking out the Pub at Pine Lakes Golf Course in Palm Coast. Our club went there many times in the past when they offered a breakfast buffet, but they have discontinued the breakfast post Covid. We will be trying out their lunch menu, so let's leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 8th for our first event of the new year. Make attending more events one of your Resolutions for 2023.

SAILING, SAILING:

Eighteen members will be embarking the Mariner of the Seas at Port Canaveral for a short cruise to the Bahamas. This, of course, is the reason for the rescheduling of the meeting date. Be sure to note it on your calendar. Ahh, the sound of the sea is calling us. Those sailing should pack your bright orange club shirt for a photo op.

Reviews

PARTY HARDY:

Keith and Cindy Hardin were the perfect hosts as they welcomed several club members to their beautiful home in Latitudes Margaritaville for a cookout. After indulging in burgers and/or big dawgs, loads of snacks, beautiful salads, and luscious desserts, each person was asked to select as few or as many sheets of toilet paper as one wanted. Unknowing what was in store,

some cautiously picked only one while others went all in and selected as many as ten or eleven. As we gathered around the pool, we soon found out that the toilet paper represented how many facts unknown by others we were to reveal about ourselves. Those who selected one sheet, breathed a sigh of relief, while those with the big numbers were scratching their heads for things to reveal. This was definitely a sure-fire way to get to know each other a little better. A few shocking revelations came out of that party, but my lips are sealed. One thing we know for sure is that Keith is a great griller, and Cindy is a gracious hostess, and all attending had a great time. Thank you Hardins!!

TOYS FOR TOTS CORVETTE SHOW:

The Corvette show sponsored by New Smyrna Beach Chevy was held the morning of December 3rd. According to John Doria, about 150 Corvettes were there to be judged. With the cost of entry being an unwrapped toy, a mountain of toys was collected and donated to the local toy drive.



Left to right are Gary Swanson, John Doria, John Pona, Keith Hardin, Bob Dutcher, Khalid Akkari, and Vin Giglio.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Well, the Christmas Party brings an end to another successful year for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. Following a fabulous meal at Mario's in Ormond Beach, thirty-four members enjoyed the chit-chat that comes with the approaching holiday. I heard good things about the meal choices, and from my standpoint, the chicken marsala was excellent. The lasagna looked delicious as did the other two entrees. Service was very good with keeping the drinks flowing, and a wonderful array of sweet endings brought our taste buds to a satisfactory conclusion. After our president thanked his Board of Directors for their work in planning the events and activities that kept us busy through the year, he began testing us on our Christmas song and movie knowledge. It seems Jamie has a knack for trivia as she answered most of the questions correctly, sometimes before they were asked. Gary, our vice president, thanked John for his leadership this year, as well as Jean for the website and the Newsletter. To add a bit of Christmas spirit, names were drawn for four beautiful poinsettias compliments of the club. The lucky winners were Don Veatch, Jamie Hawes, Emery Simkulak, and Del Fot. The night could never end without a joke from our President, and thanks to John, we now know why an angel sits atop the Christmas tree.

This & That

White 'Vette In:

Liz and Edie Byrne have a new addition to their garage. Parked in there now sits a 2017 Arctic White Grand Sport Coupe. We hoped you'd come back to the Corvette Family, and we are so happy you did. The Byrne car brings the total to 5 C-7 Grand Sports in the club.

And White 'Vette Out:

Bud and Mary Mullennix have sold their 2018 Arctic White convertible. But have no fear, Bud and Mary still have their '58 Panama Yellow and a '63 Riverside Red Convertible, and Bud is ALWAYS looking.

A Little Reminder:

When I send out an email notification that the website has been updated, it goes out to more than just club members. That notification is sent to anyone who has shown an interest in becoming a member. So, when you tag on to my email, you are sending information out to people you haven't even met. So, please, if you have a comment, just click "Reply" rather than "Reply All." Thanks.

Unknowns:

As of this printing, I am unaware of who rejoined or how many membership openings are available. Next month, I will have all the statistics of our club as we begin a new year. Also, we will be changing our ID and Password in February.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday to Sandie Bonnett on the 9th and Barry Luckenbach on the 11th.

Happy Anniversary to the Bonnetts, the Luckenbachs, and John and Rose Pona. Congratulations to all.

A Big Thank You:

My personal thank you goes to Liz and Edie Byrne for their sharp eyes and acute awareness in proofreading the Newsletter before it goes to print. Without that second (and third) set of eyes, you would be getting a boatload of typos, skipped words, and needed punctuation. Even though I read it, reread it, and check it again,

extra eyes can always find something amiss.
Many thanks to you both.

“My Little Red Corvette(s)”:



Fifty-five years between the two

Vette News

2 engines and All Wheel Drive

Now that we got through the introduction and hype of the C8 Z06, the next news to consume our enthusiasm (maybe) is the Corvette E-Ray, the hybrid tentatively set for production to begin in July of 2023. The E-Ray will feature the same 6.2L, LT1 V8 currently found in the C8 Stingray with two supplemental, independently controlled electric motors up front. (Will there still be a frunk???)

The LT2 V8 produces 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque in standard specification, while the electric motors are expected to deliver around 50 horsepower each. This would bring the E-Ray's total output to roughly 600 horsepower, slotting it between the entry-level C8 Stingray, yet below the high-performance C8 Z06. In addition, the E-Ray will serve as the first AWD Corvette, as well as the first hybrid variant. Besides the powertrain, the C8 E-Ray will

feature the same widebody treatment as the C8 Z06. This, coupled with the positioning within the Corvette lineup, suggests that the E-Ray will be marketed in a similar fashion to that of the C7 Grand Sport.

New Colors:

Last week, some leaked photos were obtained of the 2024 Corvette E-Ray that uncovered several exterior and interior details regarding the upcoming C8 variant. Among this information was the reveal of three new paint colors for the 2024 Corvette. Riptide Blue Metallic, Cacti, and Sea Wolf Gray Tri-coat are the new paint colors, possibly replacing Caffeine Metallic, Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic, and Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic.

Fun Corner

