

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELCOME 2013! As you ring in the New Year, are you having a hard time coming up with fresh ideas for New Year's resolutions? Are you stuck in a rut with the same old ones you make year after year i.e., eat healthy, lose weight and get more exercise? If so, here are some new suggestions you may wish to consider:

- Resolve to attend more club events in 2013 than you did in 2012.
- Resolve to wash your wheels every time you wash your Corvette.
- Resolve to read the Newsletter every single month.
- Resolve to wear the official club shirt to club functions when so designated.
- Resolve to be silent at club meetings while the meeting is in session.
- Resolve to live well, laugh often, and love more in 2013.
- And, oh yeah, Resolve to eat healthy, lose weight, and get more exercise.

LET'S GET BACK TO EATING: Circle the date: Sunday, January 6th. January in Florida is a great time to get out and

explore, and a trip to Columbia's in St. Augustine will fill the bill nicely. Meet at Bealls in Ormond Beach at 10:00 a.m. for a leisurely drive up the beach to enjoy lunch at one of the club favorites.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: John Doria and Sally Clutter will host a Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, January 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at their home at 1739 Arash Circle in Port Orange. As is the case with all board meetings, anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. Just let John or Sally know you plan to be there.

NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS.....

Birthday wishes: To Linda Blake on the 18th. You are our only January baby. Have a wonderful day.

Good Wishes: To Carolyn Horchler, our newest member, who has been tackling some serious health issues. We wish you well and hope to see you soon.

STETSON MANSION TOUR REVIEW:

Perhaps you have heard the Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme entitled "This is the House That Jack Built." Well, on December 2nd, seventeen of us made our way west to see "The House That Hats Built"....Stetson Hats



that is. What a surprise to see this lovely, restored, Victorian mansion right up the road in Deland.

After walking around the gardens on our own, our guide JT, one of two owners who actually live in the home, gathered us on the porch to begin the tour. Unfortunately, no photos were permitted within the house, so you must rely on

my words to describe this jewel, but words cannot possibly do it justice. The picture on the left depicts one of the trees on the porch decorated entirely with black and brown Stetsons. As we entered the foyer, we were taken back by the exquisite woodwork, the unbelievable flooring, the attention to detail JT and Michael, the other owner, put into the house's restoration, and the breathtaking beauty of the holiday decorations. We felt as though we had been transfixed onto the set of an HGTV episode. From room to room, each more spectacular than the one before, JT incorporated the history of John and Elizabeth Stetson into the tour with humor and flair. From the grand piano with the snow baby collection, to the antique skis, sleds, hats, and bourbon, to a dining room truly fit for a king, sixteen creatively-decorated Christmas trees throughout, a hidden bathroom, a disguised closet, and on and on and on, this tour was truly unique. Unlike other tours, we were guided into every area of the home, even the rooms occupied by the owners; each room, steeped in its own history. Suffice it to say

that if you have a chance, go see this wonderful "winter cottage" as it was known to the Stetsons – and by all means go during the Christmas season to see the remarkable decorations. This is truly one of Volusia County's best kept secrets. Following the tour with Skip, Joan, Mike, Art, Leslie, Richard, Marsha, Jim, Ginny, John D., Sally, Bill, Bonita, Jack, Yvonne, Ed and Jean, we drove a short distance to Cook's Restaurant next to the Stetson Campus, where we all enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch. Thanks to John Doria for his generous donation to the church that allowed us to park our cars in their lot. Thanks also to Joan Crowder for making all the arrangements for this great Sunday afternoon getaway. In a month or two we we'll be hearing about our next adventure to the Lakeridge winery for their seafood festival. (Photos by Richard and John D.)

CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS: THE ANNUAL Christmas party was held for the second year in a row at Mario's in Ormond Beach. The party proved to be a good opportunity to wish each other holiday cheer, and a great way to end the year. Following a delicious (and plentiful) meal, Jim thanked his Board of Directors for their dedication this past year and is looking forward to working with them in the upcoming year. He then presented the year in review, addressing all the things we did and all the places we ate. This club sure does get around. Each member then received a Corvette Cruiser tee-shirt, compliments of the club from a Santa Elf. Though this shirt is NOT an official club shirt, it is yours to wear wherever you wish. So now, when you go to Home Depot, Lowe's or Walmart, you can advertise OUR club instead of Ponce Inlet, Flagler Co., or Silver Springs whose shirts you may have

acquired over the years. (Those who missed out on the party may pick up your shirts from Jean.) Thanks to the generosity of our members, a huge amount of non-perishable food items was collected for the less fortunate and delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank by David Huber. Jean Doyle was presented with a Corvette calendar (for her Newsletter notes) made up of some great Corvette pics taken by Richard Wetherby, one of our club's crack photographers. Contact Richard for information if you wish to purchase a calendar at richard.wetherby@gmail.com. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at this great ending to another great year. (Photos by Lars, Bill, Richard, and John D.)

JANUARY IS STATS MONTH: It's time for the annual status report for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. At the beginning of 2013, we have 24 paid memberships, with 43 "official" members, so we are only one paid membership away from capacity. Presently, there are 29 Corvettes among us; 8 red, 7 blue, 5 yellow, 5 silver, 3 black, and 1 green, which equates to 11 C-6's, 9 C-5's, 3 C-4's, 3 C-3's, 2 C-2's, and 1 C-1... a pretty good mix. We are truly a club of Greater Daytona as there are 17 members from Ormond Beach, 10 from Daytona Beach, 7 from Port Orange, 2 from Palm Coast, 2 from Edgewater, 2 from South Daytona, 2 from Daytona Beach Shores, and 1 from Deltona.

TIME FOR A LITTLE HUMOR TO START THE NEW YEAR (also a little filler for a slow news month.)
This guy approaches the Pearly Gates when St. Peter stops him from entering. "Now wait just a moment. Before I let you in, I need to

ask you a question. Have you ever done anything to put others first, or defend the weak or innocent?" The man quickly answers, "Why yes, I saw this man with a Corvette by the side of the road, and he was yelling at his wife and threatening her. So I walked up to him and told him to leave her alone, and if he didn't, I'd kick his head just like this.... and I kicked a huge hole in the driver's side door of that Corvette". St. Peter is impressed and asks, "When exactly did you do this kind deed?" The man answers, "Oh, about 4 minutes ago".

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: A printable membership roster is updated every month and can be found under the Members Only section of our website. This section is password protected, and if you receive this Newsletter online, you were notified of the new ID and PASSWORD on November 27th. Please check the roster to make sure your information is correct and up-to-date.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Paul McCartney is, well, Paul McCartney and a Corvette is, well, a Corvette. Put the two together and you produce an unimagined combination. Yep, that's Paul at LAX airport with his daily driver, a blue, C5 convertible. We know that any billionaire could drive any car he wants, but for Paul to use a Corvette as his everyday car makes him one of the coolest billionaires we know. "Baby, You Can Drive My Car" takes on a whole new meaning.

Please, if you have a picture you would like to share for the Photo of the Month, send it to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com.