

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through November, 2021) at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 2625 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



This holiday weekend, try to make an extra effort to be in the moment, to step away from your phone, and take a few minutes to reflect on why we celebrate

Independence Day. It feels like

our political climate is more polarizing than ever, but the 4th of July is a reminder that our similarities are bigger than our differences. We value freedom. We value free speech. We value life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and we value the sacrifices that generations have made on and off the battlefield to ensure these are available to all. Amid the picnics, the family fun, and the fireworks, know that we are so lucky to live in the greatest country in the world.



Coming Up

OUR NEW HOME

Our monthly meetings beginning in July will be held at the Red Lobster at 2625 W. ISB in Daytona Beach. This will be our new home through November of 2021. We are

excited to begin this new chapter for the club, after Covid 19 put a dramatic spin on our prior location. Thanks to Hidden Lakes Golf Club for coming to our rescue to provide a place where our members could meet and still feel safe during the pandemic. You will find that Red Lobster will do the same. Please, please, please, plan to come for the inaugural meeting on July 20th to check it out and sample those delicious Cheddar Bay biscuits. The private room is spacious and can accommodate our group easily. Arrive a little

earlier than our 5:30 dinner time. As with any change, there could be a few glitches. The meeting will still begin at 6:30 p.m. Many of you have been asking for a place a little more centralized. I think that order has been filled, so let's make this meeting one with a 100% attendance.

DOTR

July will see us heading southwest for some good old country eatin' at Osteen's in Osteen, FL. Osteen's Restaurant is a little diner that puts out a pretty mean breakfast and has been a favorite of the Corvette crowd for several years. We will leave from Kohl's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 11th. It will take us about 20-30 minutes to get there, and it's a nice drive. There is nothing we do better than eat!!

JULY CAR SHOW

Lost Lagoon in NSB has reintroduced the Sunday brunch and car show, and the Corvette Cruisers are planning to attend. Let's leave from the Sunshine Park Mall at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday, July 25th. The show/brunch runs from 10:00- 1:00.

Reviews

DOTR TO FLAGLER BEACH

(Date-6 June 2021, the 77th anniversary of D-Day)

The Corvette Cruisers rendezvoused for a DOTR to the Beach Front Grill in beautiful Flagler Beach. Attending were Rose and John Pona, Edie and Liz, Bonita and Bill S., Leslie Armstrong, Pat and Bill G.

At exactly 1100 hours we sortied along Granada Avenue which was wet with the carefully

adjusted sprinklers that wet the road more than the medians. Gotta give it to those public works employees.

After making a turn to port, we proceeded on the northerly path along the beautiful Atlantic laid out by our illustrious leader. All went well until we reached our target area.

Upon entering the parking lot, we were shocked that it was SO crowded. After a few passings in review, someone decided we rated VIP parking and we established our own parking zone... as Clint Eastwood says "improvise and overcome".

Entering the restaurant, we immediately knew why it was so crowded. Seems the Ladies of Flagler County were having a birthday brunch/lunch. Nothing like the enthusiasm of 40 ladies and a few Mimosas to brighten one's day.

The staff had us all set up and when the noise of the partiers permitted, we could even talk to each other. Service was very good and the owner stopped by several times to make sure we were taken care of and commented on our cars.

The menu had a nice selection of beach bar foods and the \$5 hamburger with fries was a particularly pleasant surprise. I know mine was delicious. It also looked like they have a well-attended Sunday brunch so maybe that's a choice for a future visit.

Submitted by Bill Geize (with his wonderful military flair)

CORVETTE CRUISERS LOVE THEIR PIZZA:

A great crowd of 23 turned out for the first Dinner Night Out at Guiseppi's Steel City Pizza in Port Orange.

Joining in were Steve and Anita Slaton, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, George and Penny Weissberger, John and Sally Doria, Julius Frittelli, Brenda Johnson, Edie and Liz Byrne, John and



Rose Pona, Barry and Bev Luckenbach, Bill Geise, and Ed and Jean Doyle. It was especially nice to see the Weissgerbers, who we haven't seen in many months due to George's serious medical issues. (George showed his loyalty to the Steelers with his Ben Roethlisberger shirt...definitely, fitting attire for Guiseppi's.) Because the room is so open, acoustically, it was a bit noisy, but I'm sure we added to the noise. I heard all positive comments about the food, and a very pleasant and attentive server contributed to the good service. One comment overheard was that the club needs more pizza nights.

CARS AND COFFEE AT WAWA:

John and Rose, Edie and Liz, John and Sally, Bill and Bonita, and Gary and Cindy turned out for an overcast day at the Wawa car show in NSB. The ladies, plus Gary, enjoyed a sit-down breakfast at C's Waffles, while the other guys tended to their cars and were quite satisfied with coffee and donuts. The Wawa car show, held on the third Saturday of each month, is a nice diversion for a Saturday morning.



BRANSON OR BUST

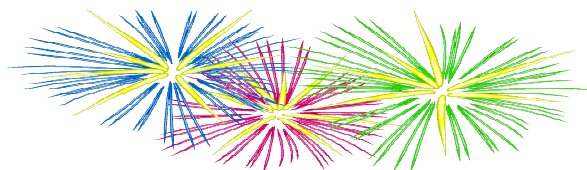
Though not a club function, the following trip was discovered from our Home Page through the link for the National Corvette Museum.

Two-thousand, six-hundred + miles, nine states, no car trouble, no speeding tickets, and no accidents, pretty much sums up the trip to Branson, Missouri with the "Museum in Motion" series put on by the National Corvette Museum (NCM). John and Sally, in their C8 and Ed and Jean in their C7 began the excursion with a side trip to the National Corvette Museum (especially since admission was free to Branson participants.) Wishing to tour the museum, Bill and Evelyn Neway joined in to form a caravan to Bowling

Green, KY. Following a day touring the museum, the Neways headed to Nashville, while the two Corvettes rumbled on to Missouri. Here we met up with 60 other Corvette enthusiasts, including our very young and pretty NCM guide, from 17 different states in 30 Corvettes. The four days were packed with fun things to do, great shows to see, and lots of food to eat. Some highlights included a trolley tour in the quaint and historic Eureka Springs, AR; the Dolly Partin Stampede, a horse-themed dinner show; "Hits of the 60's" in one of the many theatres on the Branson strip for which Sally became part of the show; a dinner/show/cruise on the paddleboat Branson Belle, all with top entertainment of singers and dancers, equestrians, and even a magician, who had us all scratching our heads, (isn't that right, John?). One of the most enjoyable parts of the trip was the tram ride through Dogwood Canyon. This beautiful canyon and wildlife preserve, established by Johnny Morris, the founder of Bass Pro Shops, looked like it jumped out of the latest wildlife magazine. We saw streams brimming with trout, bison grazing by the roadside, and herds of elk along the way. At one point we were privileged to witness the birth of a baby elk, awaiting its attempt to stand up on all fours (which took about 8 minutes). All the animals roam in their natural habitat.

Rain followed us to Missouri and rain followed us part of the way home, but lucky for us the weather in Branson was great. The next trip from the NCM Museum in Motion is to Colorado this month--- any takers?

It's always good to go, but it's even better to come home. We will continue to watch for a trip a little closer to home that could possibly turn into a club event. In the Photo Gallery, you will find a few random shots of the trip.



This & That

The 50/50 winner was Linda Wolff, who took home a nice \$22.50. Since Bob and Linda celebrated their anniversary in June, the money was a gift from all at the June meeting.

Happy Birthday to America on the 4th and Cindy Swanson on the 26th. Anniversary wishes go to Pat and Aliah Wall, who celebrate this month.

A familiar sight is no longer in the club. Bill Geize sold his 2019 Sebring Orange beauty with no plans at the moment to replace it.....maybe just until the right one comes along.

'Vette Etc.

When the 2020 C8 Corvette was first reviewed, we pondered whether the under \$60,000 price was too good to be true. All this performance and mid-engine layout for \$59,995, including destination charge? There wasn't much ceiling to stay under the \$60K, but the 2021 model year saw a \$1,000 price jump, and the 2022 Corvette's pricing gets another hike to \$62,195, up \$1,200 since 2021 and \$2,200 in two model years. But what else has changed for 2022?

Well, not a lot, it turns out. For 2022, the Corvette's 6.2-liter V-8 (490 to 495 horsepower, depending on trim level) receives an upgraded direct fuel-injection system, improved engine calibration and enhanced Active Fuel Management range, the third of which allows the engine to cut off cylinders to save fuel in more situations, according to a Chevrolet spokesperson. The Corvette lineup also offers three new colors:

Hypersonic Gray, Caffeine and Amplify Orange Tintcoat. On cars without the optional Z51 Performance Package, a low-profile rear spoiler is newly available, and Chevrolet will offer the Z51 front splitter on non-Z51 'Vettes.

An historic car was sold at auction by RM Sotheby's at Amelia Island, FL on May 22, 2021.



This 1960 Chevrolet Corvette, pictured above, is a milestone of American motorsports history. As the #1 car run by Briggs Cunningham at the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans, developed with clandestine assistance by a General Motors team under Corvette lead Zora Arkus-Duntov, it represents a crucial part of Cunningham's final – and successful – effort to win the world's most challenging race in an American car, with American drivers.

Winning Bid: \$785,000

Fun Corner

"Crap, that's due tomorrow?"



- THOMAS JEFFERSON
JULY 3, 1776