

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.



Coming Up

DINING ON THE RUN:



After celebrating America's Independence Day with picnics, hot dogs, watermelon, and fireworks, we will cross the border to celebrate our neighbors to the south with tacos, fajitas, or enchiladas at La Fiesta in Ormond Beach. If you are not a fan of Mexican cuisine, there are other options. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 11:15 a.m. for the short drive on Sunday, July 10th, to enjoy a leisurely lunch. So, instead of celebrating Cinco de Mayo, we will celebrate Diez de Julio. Ole! Club shirts please.

"EARLY" DINNER NIGHT OUT:



On July 26, an early dinner night out has been planned at Norwood's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. Norwood's is a popular place with the Corvette Cruisers, as the club has dined there in the past to great reviews. Since their early dine hours are from 3:00 to 5:00, the club decided to make it a true early dine. We will leave from Kohl's parking lot on Tuesday July 26 at 3:30 p.m., so be sure to eat a light lunch or a very late breakfast. You want to be hungry when you get to Norwood's. Seafood is their specialty, but the menu offers many other selections. Club shirts are not required. (There is a reason we are also known as "Meals on Wheels.")

SUMMER SLOW-DOWN:



When the tourists begin to flock to our beaches, and the temperature tops out in triple digits, many of our members escape to cooler places. Thus, the level of activity for our club slows down as well. For the next two months, the Newsletter will (perhaps) be a little shorter than usual, but hopefully, you will continue to read it to keep up-to-date with the latest happenings. To those who will be traveling, please do so safely. We need you back with us as soon as possible. Have a fantastic summer and enjoy your 'Vettes!

Reviews

BREAKFAST AT MOM'S:



After weather reports of a possible tropical storm, the Daytona area received only a few light rain showers in the early morning of June 5th. Then, the sun came out and dried all the roads in perfect time for our Dining of the Run (DOTR). Twelve members met at the Sunshine Mall for the short trek south to Mom's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. A beautiful primary color Corvette parade of three reds, two blues and a yellow made an impressive streak in this early morning venture. Once at Mom's, we met up with five more members to enjoy a hardy breakfast at this little cash-only restaurant on the outskirts of New Smyrna. Portions were large, prices were more than reasonable, service was great, and the food was delicious. The club had last dined here in 2012, and things hadn't changed much at this popular breakfast spot maybe a little on their prices. Leaving with big

smile and full tummies were Edie, Liz, Keith, Cindy H., Arnie, AJ, Gary, Cindy S., Bob, Debbie, Patrick, Bill, Bonita, Del, Patty, Ed and Jean.

EDITOR 'S NOTE: The following description and review is a bit lengthy for 3 reasons: (1) to give those in attendance a bit of nostalgia at reminiscing the day, (2) to show those who didn't come, what they missed, and, (3) Jean likes to talk.

FUN was the name of the game in the semi-annual FUN RUN, brought to us by the preplanning, hard work, and dedication of Jamie and Ken Hawes, with the help of Jamie's brother Roger and



wife Eileen, friend Chris, and Ken's son Greg. Twenty-five members met at the Kohl's parking lot in Port Orange for registration. "Let the games begin" was the battle cry of these Corvette Olympians, as we battled for points in the Corn Hole toss. (Jean, the target is the corn hole, not Aliah!)

Once those scores were recorded, the first group of four Corvettes, led by Gary and Cindy Swanson took off to parts unknown following the directions handed out. The second group of four Vettes, led by Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson left about 5 minutes later, and the third group of four, led by John and Rose Pona, began their trek bringing up the rear. Following directions was not the only thing, but certain observations were to be recorded, the first of which was to find what animal was in the yard of a brown house.

As Robert Burns, the Scottish poet wrote, "The best laid plans of mice and men, often go awry," a late-night rainstorm forced the first RUN STOP to be changed due to a flooded park entrance. But the team was quick and ready to adapt, so the second competition at RUN SHOP #1 was

executed without a hitch. A version of Plinko with chips, and a little coaxing from the players, was played to increase our scores. (Anyone familiar with "The Price is Right" knows all about Plinko.) Another observation point was noted on the directions----the name the church with the very tall steeple. Did you find it?

On to RUN STOP #2, where we traveled back-roads along the riverfront through some little-known parts of the county. Upon finding our stop, we threw six dice, aiming for the highest total score. (Some good Yahtzee scores were rolled here, but with only one chance given, the dice gods had to be on our side.)

RUN STOP #3 took us on little-traveled roads through some beautiful countryside, with some winding S curves perfect for a Corvette. We ended up at a lovely park with a boat ramp. The boats were out there on this day, as the ramp was very, very busy. Along the way, we were to find the strange-looking house, which was too obvious to miss. At our stop, we threw Velcro balls at a dart-type board. Each ball that stuck, designated a score we added to our scorecards. Some HIGH scores were recorded here!!

One more observation, (American Legion Post #) and we were headed to our final destination of Elliot's Steakhouse in Edgewater. Here we drew playing cards for our final competition of the day, enjoyed a good lunch, and were awarded all kinds of door prizes, from gift cards to Aldi's, Starbucks, Culver's, Dollar Tree, and Dunkin Donuts, to grander prizes of Maguires detailer and microfiber cloths (Gary Swanson), Armor-All car products, microfiber towels and zip ties (Patty Fot), a \$50 Publix gift card (Brenda Johnson), seat belt adaptors (Aliah Wall), Gift Certificate from Elliott's (Liz Byrne), flashlight (Debbie Dutcher), and a beautiful Coffee table book on the C8 from New Smyrna Chevy (Bonita Richardson). And, oh yes, one gag gift of a brake pad found at Kohl's was wrapped and presented to Pat Wall.

For the final tally, all scores ranged from 122 on the low end to 334 on the high end. The person with the last place score of a 122 shall remain anonymous. However, in third place with a score of 295 was Patrick Wall winning \$10, second place winning \$15 was Aliah Wall with 327 (now we know who has bragging rights in THAT household!!) and in first place, in a car **by himself**, having to steer, read directions, find the observation points, play the games and play them well, all while enjoying a cold beverage, was Arnie Ligi, with the highest score of 334. Congratulations, Arnie, who won \$20 for his prowess. Is there a message there for all the other co-pilots? Hmmmm.

One more bit of business before we said adieu was the drawing for the 50/50. After selling the tickets to everyone in attendance, Gary and Cindy Swanson were lucky enough to have the winning number to take home a cool 53 bucks.

Jamie promised a FUN day, and she and her crew certainly delivered. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Jamie, Ken, Roger, Eileen, Greg and Chris for another successful FUN RUN.

PIZZA NIGHT will be reviewed in next month's Newsletter. This event occurred after the publishing deadline.

This & That

LICENSE TO DRIVE: Here is your chance to drive YOUR personal vehicle around the Daytona International Speedway for a \$50 donation to the NASCAR Foundation. On Monday, July 18, you will be able to drive two escorted track



laps at **55 MPH** anytime between 9 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Register at www.nascarfoundation.org/drive. Everyone needs to do this at least once, and the NASCAR Foundation is a very worthy cause.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO the USA on the 4th, John Bayliss on the 16th, and Cindy Swanson on the 26th.



ANNIVERSARY WISHES GO TO Pat and Aliah Wall and Bob and Debbie Dutcher. Cheers!

DID YOU KNOW? Fifty years ago, 1972, the average cost of gas was \$.36/gal. The # 1 song on Billboard’s Hot 100 was “American Pie” by Don McLean. The world’s most-produced automobile in 1972 was the VW Beetle. Who knew? And the #1 movie was “The Godfather.” Many of us can still sing the words to American Pie, some probably owned a VW at one time or other, and everybody saw “The Godfather.” No comment on the gas price. 😊 (LOL)

BIG MONEY WINNER at the June meeting was A J Marquard, who took home a nice tidy sum of \$50. That might pay for a dinner or two at the Red Lobster or a half tank of gas. Congrats to A J.

LOTS OF VISITORS: Three prospective couples joined us for our June meeting, all of whom reside in Margaritaville. In fact, out of 26 in attendance, 14 were from Margaritaville. Soon we will all be looking for that lost shaker of salt. We’re very happy to welcome Don and Susan Veatch, Emery Simkulak and Fran Alderson, and Mike and Bonnie Roylance. We hope to see all of them again soon.



Vette News



TRADEMARK FILING: GM has filed to trademark the Corvette Grand Sport name, *GM Authority* has learned. The new trademark filing may indicate GM is now interested in offering a new Corvette Grand Sport model for the eighth-generation Chevy Corvette C8, or possibly the next-generation C9.

CORVETTE CELEBRATES: Happy 70TH birthday to CORVETTE. On June 30th, 1952, the first Corvette rolled off the line in Flint, Michigan, as an experiment of sorts. Three-hundred were hand-built, unknowing if there would be a future for the Corvette. And we know the rest of the story!

MEET THE NEW, VERY COOL LEAD CAR for the Museum in Motion (MIM) Corvette excursions, sponsored by the National Corvette Museum. This particular shot was made on a recent trip to Colorado Springs. John and Sally and Ed and Jean took advantage of a MIM trip to Branson, MO last year. Check out the schedule for the Museum in Motion events at the National Corvette Museum website, accessible in left index on Home Page.

