

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.



DOTR: Breakfast on the Runway

Hopefully, we will see some takeoffs as we eat breakfast at the Downwind Café, a unique little restaurant at the Spruce Creek Fly-In. We will leave from Kohl's parking lot on Sunday July 9th at 8:15 a.m. Then, we'll take the short hop to the Fly-In, where you will need to provide your driver's license upon entry, as it's located in a gated community. Since we cross directly over the runway, be watchful at all times in this airplane infested community. Please wear your orange club shirt.

DINNER NIGHT OUT: Casting a Spell

Let's get into a "New York State of Mind" when we travel to the Psychic Capital of the World to have dinner at Sinatra's Ristorante in the historic Cassadaga Hotel on Thursday, July 27th. Cassadaga is a small town in Volusia County that boasts over 100 trained spiritualists, psychics, and healers. People come from all over to seek out contacts from beyond the grave and paranormal phenomenon in this quaint community that's on the National Register of Historic Places. Let's leave from Kohl's on Taylor Road in Port Orange at 5:15 p.m. There will be live piano music (requests are welcomed) for our entertainment. Since our party is expected to be fairly large, we will choose from a set menu of about five or six items to ensure that the kitchen staff is prepared. The restaurant will need a firm head count in advance, so please email Gary Swanson at ges4765@hotmail.com by July 20 to make your reservation. Who knows, with all the spiritualism in the air, we may be able to conjure up Ole Blue Eyes himself! Club shirts are not required.

*Please be aware that a 3% surcharge will be added if paying by credit card, so cash is king!

LOOKING WAY AHEAD: Road Trips

Mark your calendars for a Sunrise-Sunset Corvette Cruise across the state on Nov 15-17 beginning in New Smyrna Beach and ending in Dunedin, on the Gulf coast.

The club is also planning a trip to Bowling Green KY to the National Corvette Museum and a factory tour in March 2024.



Notice

The Board of Directors has adopted a new club shirt color. From here on out, new members joining the club after January will be ordering a Sport Royal Blue shirt as part of their membership package. This blue **collared** shirt will now become the “official” club shirt. Orange collared shirts will still be acceptable to wear to all functions but will be phased out as new members join. (Anyone having the old, faded tangerine or cantaloupe shirts should seriously consider upgrading to the blue.) For any present members who wish to purchase the new blue collared shirt, the cost is \$28.00 and can be ordered from John Doria.



Election

No, not THAT election! Club elections are coming upon us real fast. John Pona has volunteered to chair an election committee. He would like two members to step up and help him set up a new slate of officers for the upcoming two-year term that begins in January of 2024. The election will take place in November. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or if

you would like to place your hat in the ring for an office, please let John Pona know at ponajohn1@gmail.com or text him at 386-295-6752.



Welcome

Please welcome our newest members, Dan and Johnette Bernosky. Dan and Johnette have lived in Sarasoto, Miami, and the smaller town of Cookville TN. Presently, they live in Ormond Beach and drive a sharp 2007 Torch Red Coupe. Dan is a retired Highway Patrol Officer, so we know he has had a few encounters with Corvettes in the past, and not always the good kind. Welcome to the club, Dan and Johnette.

*Correction on last month’s “welcome” to Bill and Joan Rowe. I mistakenly described their car as a 50th Anniversary Red Coupe, but it is, in fact, a 60th Anniversary Crystal Red Coupe. So sorry for this mistake.



Reviews

JUNE DOTR: Under threats of storms and dark black clouds, some of the faithful decided it was worth the gamble to take the Corvette on a little journey through some rural country roads. John Doria led the way of 10 Corvettes to Crescent City to a very large campground and a nice, homey restaurant with a huge outside deck. Due to the uncertainty of the weather in calling in the reservations, we chose to eat inside, before knowing that their deck was a covered one. So (note to club), any future trips to Renegades, we will request the deck overlooking the St. John’s River. The restaurant had an extensive menu.

Food received a “thumbs up” and service for 19 people was exceptional and handled by only one server. Portions were large and fresh.

Fortunately, the rain held off until the way home when the skies opened for a torrential downpour of epic proportions. For a few miles, visibility was at a ZERO, but the ending capped off a fun day for John and Sally, Bill Neway, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill and Joan Rowe, Bob and Linda Wolff, Julius Frittelli, Bob and Linda Cornyn, Del and Patty Fot, Jean Doyle, John and Rose Pona, and Bob and Debbie Dutcher.

PIZZA NIGHT: Great turnout for Pizza Night Out, although looking at the tables, our members are discovering that there is more to Giuseppe’s than just pizza. The big open area makes the restaurant quite suitable for our noisy bunch, and Giuseppe’s continues to be a hit. Enjoying a little Italian cuisine in a Pittsburgh Sports Propaganda Pub were Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill Neway, Pat and Aliah Wall, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, who brought along a college friend, Bob and Debbie Dutcher who brought Bob’s 7-year old great granddaughter, for certain a future Corvette owner, John and Tina Ericsson, Don and Susan Veatch, Jim Bauer, who managed to get his Corvette here from California, John and Rose Pona, John and Sally Doria, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bill Simmons, Shirley Gerstel, Edie Byrne, Del and Patty Fot, Bill and Joan Rowe, Khalid Akkari, our newest members as of this very night, Dan and Johnette Bernosky, and Jean Doyle. Lots of To-Go Boxes went out the door.



This & That

HAPPY JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

- 14th Vin Giglio
- 22nd Julius Frittelli
- 26th Patty Fot
- 30th Ken Hawes

ANNIVERSARIES

- Vin and Tracy Giglio
- Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson
- Bob and Linda Wolff
- John and Tina Ericsson

CORVETTE’S FUTURE IN GOOD HANDS.

Hayden Munier, grandson of John and Rose Pona, sure knows the right brand to choose for his future ride. (Now we just gotta get him to work on the aerodynamics.). What a cutie!!



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY:

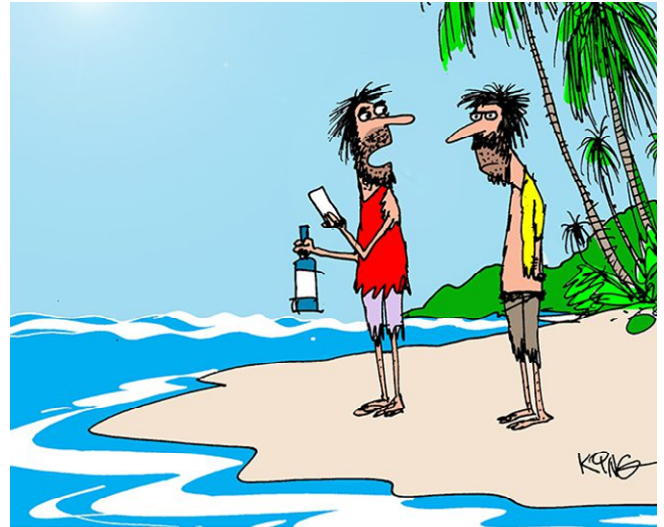
The 50/50 drawing at the June meeting resulted in a little more pocket change for Jean Doyle. She got to take home \$32.50 ---woohoo!!

Corvettes

Be sure to use the links on the left side of the Home Page to find some interesting articles from the National Corvette Museum, the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) and Florida Car shows. All can be accessed with one click.

If you have a Corvette news item or know of something happening in the Corvette world, please send me the information. I no longer have a Corvette mentor that would feed me the news pertinent to Corvette lovers, so please, help me out and link me to some articles.

Fun Corner



"It's a note from My Corvette. It says it took itself to get an oil change and got its tires and fluids checked. I love smart technology."