

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 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

VACATION EDITION #1



A NOTE FROM THE PREZ....

Well it's summer for sure with the hot temperatures and afternoon showers. It is the season to hit the pools, beaches and the local DQ. It may be hot but we still have events planned for the dog days of summer starting with the DOTR to Wake-Up Café on July 13th. The first half of the year was exciting as the club participated in several car shows, DOTR'S, and our monthly meetings (which, by the way, have been well attended). We did what we do best... Eat!! As we look forward to the second half of the year and celebrate our nation's birthday (238), hop in your Vette, enjoy the ride, and feel like a kid again with the local events that this area has to offer. Have a great 4th and a wonderful summer...

John

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR....

As the summer heat approaches and the nation flocks to our beautiful beaches, the Corvette Cruisers use this time to escape the heat (as well as the tourists) and slow down the pace a little. For the next couple of months, when several of our members will be on vacation (to cooler places, we hope) and the snowbirds have already flown their coops, the club becomes a little less active. As a result, the monthly Newsletter will be a little shorter, but hopefully, you will continue to read it to keep abreast of the news we do make. To those of you who will be travelling this summer, please do so safely.

Jean

CLARIFICATION: John Luther has asked that Alice's departure from the position of Treasurer be clarified. Perhaps "resign" as stated in last month's Newsletter, was not the right word. With the banks becoming more electronic (i.e., paperless statements, electronic bill-paying, etc.) and the IRS governing rules about corporations (which was just renewed), the need for computer capability for the Treasurer's job has become a necessary component. Since the Luthers do not have Internet access to perform these tasks, Alice felt compelled to relinquish her position as Treasurer. We certainly appreciate her work for the past eight+ years. Fortunately or unfortunately, whether we like it or not, the computer is here to stay.

DINING ON THE RUN: Please note that the date for the July DOTR is the second Sunday of July, rather than the usual first Sunday. This was changed because of the Independence Day weekend and the Coke Zero 400. So, on July 13, let's meet at Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona at 9:00 a.m. We will then head to New Smyrna Beach via the South Causeway to a kitschy little restaurant called the Wake-Up Café. Word-of-mouth reviews have been good about this place, so let's give it a try.



A LITTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY TRIVIA: Can you name two presidents who both died on July 4th only hours apart? (Answer can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

IT WAS ALL GREEK TO US: The Dining on the Run for June took us to Dimitri's Bar, Deck and Grill on A1A in Ormond Beach. The group, composed of Mike Mills, Jim and Ginny, Bill and Bonita, John Doria, Ray and Sandra, Ed and Jean, Art and Leslie, Harry and Carolyn and Richard and Pat, opted to dine in the dining room rather than climb the four flights to the top deck. Most took advantage of the Greek cuisine, ordering gyros (pronounced yee'ro), Greek salads, and various lamb dishes. Servings were both plentiful and tasty. Following the meal, many of us climbed the steps to take a peek at the fantastic view of the Atlantic, which splendidly displayed various shades of blue and green. By this time, the wind had whipped to a frenzy, and we were glad we did not choose to dine at the top. Chasing napkins would not have been fun. However, this is one place to try again, from the top, on a nice calm day. (Photos by Richard and John D.)

TOURNAMENT WINNER ANNOUNCED:

Twenty-One players, Fourteen serious competitors, Six different courses, One lone SURVIVOR... and for the fourth consecutive year, (and several years beyond), the winner is, *drum roll please*, Leslie Armstrong with the lowest total of 160. Leslie outlasted, outputted, and outplayed the rest of the crew to retain possession of the club's golden club. Other mentionable accomplishments in this year's tournament were: Leslie's low total of 160 was followed by Art with a 168; Low Game: Leslie with a 36, followed by Jim and Art tied at 38; Most Holes-In-One was John Doria with 7, followed by Bill with 5; High Game was Harry Horchler



with a 58 followed by Warren with a 57; and High Total was Warren with a 209 followed by Pat with a 202. Already looking forward to next year when we will find out if Leslie is really that good, or the rest of us are just really that bad. I think everyone will agree, we had a lot of laughs, we got to see who Warren is, and we probably gained a few pounds from the ice cream trips that followed the games. Many thanks to Jim Quinn for organizing the tournament - he was truly our Jeff Probst. ("Survivor" fans will see the connection.)

THIS AND THAT:

Congratulations to Ginny Quinn who retired in June after 33 years of teaching. Welcome to heaven!

Believe it or not, there are NO birthday babies in our club for July and only one anniversary. That anniversary belongs to Jim and Ginny Quinn who celebrate #45. Congrats!

Help! We need a location for our Halloween Party. After graciously hosting for the past several years, Skip and Joan will be unable to do so this year. So if you have a house that can accommodate about 25 creepy characters, please let us know if you would be willing to host. You supply the location, everyone else brings the food.

Happy to report Anita Slaten is doing well after a nasty fall that fractured her ankle right before she and Steve left for their Kentucky home. A welcome home gift indeed!!

No one has claimed the blue folding chair left at the picnic, which was mentioned in last month's Newsletter. Either claim it or leave us the other one so we have a pair.

50/50 winner for June was Shirley Gerstel who won \$19.00.

Answer to Trivia: On July 4, 1826, at the age of 90, John Adams lay on his deathbed while the country celebrated Independence Day. His last words were "Thomas Jefferson still survives." He was mistaken: Jefferson had died five hours earlier at Monticello at the age of 82.

Goodbye to Bill and Bonita as they make their summer trek to Colorado, looking for cooler temperatures and a chance to visit family. See you guys in October.

Have you been on vacation? Whether to some exotic location or just down the road, Jean wants to hear about it. Next month I will share some of the destinations to which our members have traveled.

CORVETTE RUMBLINGS:

Well, it's official - the 2015 Corvette Z06 is rated at 650 horsepower, well above all previous ads of "at least" 625 hp.

Hertz Rent-A-Car is now offering a C7 in select cities including Miami and Orlando. The Stingray and the Jaguar XJL have been added to Hertz's Dream Car Collection and can be rented starting at a mere \$250/day

GM trademarked the "Zora" name, after Zora Arkus Duntov, the father of the Corvette. It is safe to assume that this namesake will be Corvette related somehow in the near future.

The 2015 Vette gets a new appearance package, new colors, and a new transmission. Details, next month.

The Corvette Museum welcomed their 3 millionth guest on June 9th. Wow, the DoYLES missed it by less than a month.

For the month of May, GM sold 3,328 Corvettes. That's 267.7% higher than the same period last year when only 905 were sold. For the calendar year, 15,021 Vettes have been delivered between January and May, a 211.6% increase over the same time in 2013.

A blue, chrome vinyl wrapped C7 is included this year in the Gumball 3000, a rally featuring exotic cars traveling to different cities and countries with parties and highway shenanigans along the way. It kicked off in Miami last month, with the cars heading to NYC, where the drivers and their cars fly to the United Kingdom. After stops in France and Spain, the rally ends on the island of Ibiza. Sounds like a good pastime for some of us retired folks.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): New Yorker Larry Sachs fell in love with this All American '65 Corvette after he and his girlfriend saw the movie "Austin Powers: The Spy that Shagged Me" in 1999. His love affair continued through the film's successful big-screen run and the next couple of years as a trade show prop promoting the Austin Powers Collectible Card Game. In time, the 3rd Austin Powers picture came out, but the producers failed to cast the '65 Sting Ray. That resulted in a long-term storage and the eventual desire to put it up for sale. Enter Larry Sachs, who had the opportunity to buy his dream car. But like many other cars that appear in feature films or TV shows, this one needed more than just a little attention. Sachs had a complete restoration done on the internals - the chassis, engine, transmission, and rear end, but the spectacular paint job was left untouched. The resto was completed in 2006 and since then, the car has been an eye grabber whenever and wherever Sachs has shown it.

