

# 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

### MOM IS CALLING US FOR BREAKFAST:

Our Sunday morning Dining on the Run (DOTR) will be a very short run, especially since Mom might be mad if we are late for breakfast. ☺ All kidding aside, let's leave from Sunshine Park Mall on Rt 1 in South Daytona at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will then drive the short distance south to Mom's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. Mom's puts on a fine morning spread, but she doesn't take checks, debit cards, or credit cards....**ONLY CASH**. So be prepared to bring your cash for a really great meal. Our club shirts will really bring the sunshine to Mom.



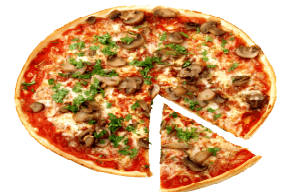
**FUN RUN:** On Sunday, June 12, be sure to come out to Kohl's parking lot in Port Orange to begin an exciting adventure. Be there by 9 a.m. to register for the FUN RUN. Cost is \$5.00, which you have a good chance to re-coop as



there will be lots of door prizes/gift cards. For those who have not participated in a FUN RUN before, you will receive a set of driving instructions with some mandatory stops along the way. At each stop, you will try your luck at a little game of chance. Pay attention though, there may be some observations points along the way. At the end of the journey, all of us will arrive at Elliot's Steakhouse in Edgewater for lunch. Jamie promises that it will be a FUN, FUN, FUN day, so let's hold her to it. Both she and Ken have worked very hard on putting all the pieces in place, so come on out to Kohl's and let's get this party started. Be sure to wear your orange club shirt.



**IT'S PIZZA TIME:** Okay folks, it's time to meet and eat – our favorite activity and everybody's favorite food...Pizza. Always by popular demand, we will meet at Giuseppe's on Nova Road in Port Orange on Tuesday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. You do not need to wear your club shirt, and drive your 'Vette if you wish. The parking lot could always use a little sparkle.



# Welcome

Please welcome our newest member of the Corvette Cruisers, Khalid Akkari, who resides in Latitudes Margaritaville. Although Khalid is originally from Sierra Leon (a country in west Africa), he has been in the USA for more than 40 years. Khalid drives a gorgeous 2022 Silver Flare Metallic Coupe, and rumor has it, he also has a Viper in his garage. Introduce yourselves to Khaid and welcome him to the Corvette Cruisers.

# Reviews

**A DERBY DOTR:** On a beautiful Saturday morning in May, nine Corvettes led by John and Sally, followed by Bob and Linda, Bill and Bonita, Liz and Edie, John and Rose, Patrick and his friend William, Gary and Cindy, Keith and Cindy, and Ed and Jean, made their way up A1A to the popular Conch House in St. Augustine. For the most part, all stayed together, even through the heavy traffic areas, arriving at the same time to find George and Penny Weissgerber waiting for us at the restaurant. Hoping to dine outside, the majority seemed to want out of the sun and filed into the glass-enclosed, air-conditioned room overlooking the water, where we had two tables of ten. Service was good, the food, just so-so, and the chatter was contagious.

It just so happened that our Dining on the Run fell on the first Saturday in May, and for a Kentucky girl, that only means one thing.... the "Run for the Roses." To bring some Kentucky Derby to our day, the group



engaged in a little off-track betting. Shhhhh!! For a \$2 bet, each had a chance to draw the winning horse that paid \$20 for the Win, \$12 for the Place and \$8 for the Show. Everybody was excited to watch the Derby later that night to see if their horse came in, and what an exciting race it turned out to be! Bonita had drawn a 30 to 1 pick at the lunch, but sadly a few hours before the race, her horse was scratched. But just as luck would have it, a virtual unknown (in the horse industry), filled in that place at the last minute and the rest is history. Bonita, and Rich Strike had the win, with Keith coming in second with Epicenter and Patrick third with Zandon. Next time the Kentucky Derby falls on the same date as our DOTR, in keeping with tradition, the ladies shall don hats, and we shall all drink Mint Juleps. 😊😊😊

## MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS:

The 2022 golf tournament is now in the history



books and the "Dirty Dozen" had a fun time making that history. Mother Nature was very kind to us as every game

was played in beautiful weather with nice ocean breezes, no bugs, and lots of jasmine in the air. The first three rounds were highlighted last month, so we shall begin with Round 4, which found us on a more difficult course than the first time we played at Pirate's Cove. And brother, was it hard! No one had a good game that night. Fives and sixes were recorded quite frequently on holes of Par 3 and 4. Thank heavens we were able to drop the two highest scores. Round 5 had a unique moment when Randy putted and made a hole-in-one, followed by Peggy who made a hole-in-one on the same exact hole. Round 6 finished up the tournament with everybody wondering who would claim the "Golden Club

Club” for the 2022 season. The following are the results, verified by the Accounting Firm of Byrne and Byrne, starting with the highest score:

Liz Byrne	205	Holes-In-One – 4
Cindy Hardin	204	Holes-In-One – 2
Peggy Sweeney	194	Holes-In-One – 3
Jean Doyle	192	Holes-In-One – 4
Cindy Swanson	185	Holes-In-One – 3
George Weissgerber	184	Holes-In One – 6
Sally Doria	183	Holes-in-One – 5
Randy Sweeney	182	Holes-In-One – 5
Gary Swanson	179	Holes-In-One – 3
John Doria	178	Holes-In-One – 2
Keith Hardin	174	Holes-In-One – 7
And the winner is.....Drum roll please		
Bill Simmons	173	Holes-In-One -- 6

Everyone had at least 2 holes-in-one, which is indeed worthy of mention. However, as I looked over the totals of previous years, the overall scores are getting higher. (Linda Wolff won in 2018 with a 164.) Could that mean we are becoming a little less adept at the precision needed for the rigors of miniature golf? Or are we much more prone to taking it less seriously? Whatever it is, we will plan again for next year, Lord willing and our knees hold up.

**PONCE INLET CORVETTE CAR SHOW:**

Though we only had two participants who entered the competition (John Doria and John Pona), we did have quite a few members who came to see the many ‘Vettes on display at One Daytona and to eat lunch together. Word has it that there were about 220 Corvettes competing. The sun was hot that day and One Daytona offers very little shade, so the air conditioning in the 4 Rivers restaurant was a pleasant refuge. Enjoying bar-b-que in various forms were Edie, Liz, Ed, Jean, John P. Keith, Khalid (our newest member), Patrick, Aliah, and Sally. John D. couldn’t join us as he had to stay with his car for judging, but John P.’s car had already been judged. John Doria was the only lucky one in the bunch as he

won a door prize, (a nice organizer, perfect for a car club president), and more impressively, John took home the best in class for the C-8’s. Congrats to both Johns for showing their cars. Competition was pretty stiff.



**AN EVENING AT “THE JACK”**

Thirteen members enjoyed a pleasant evening at Jackie Robinson Field to watch the Daytona Tortugas take on the Palm Beach Cardinals. Once the sun went down, the evening breezes made it a perfect night for outdoor activity. Our seats were directly behind home plate so we could closely keep track of all the action. Booing the ump is always part of baseball, but the umpires for this game made good calls the majority of the time. We were a little nervous the game might spill into overtime with a 4-4 tie going into the 9th, (you know, bedtimes and all– LOL), but the Tortugas brought it home in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> to score a homerun, winning 5-4. Cheering on the home team were Liz, Edie, Jean, Ed, John P., Keith, John D., Cindy H., Sally, Gary, Cindy S, Aliah, and Patrick. Steve Slaton was also there but has season tickets and sits in another area.

**This & That**

**A NOTE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER:**

While other clubs may present a slick website, complete with graphics, photos, and fancy fonts that look like the pages of a magazine, ours is homey and newsy by design. Our Newsletter reflects the fact that we are a small club and can keep the news



relevant to our members. We will leave the slick designs to the larger clubs, who can well afford to hire a professional, or are lucky enough to have a club member who could take on the task. Remember, your Newsletter editor works cheap.

**TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?**

Many of our members are planning to escape the Florida heat: the Wolffs will be going to NC and Ohio; the Dorias are going to Alaska and NH; the Hardins are heading to CO and Canada, and Jamie and Ken Hawes are planning a trip to New Orleans. If you have a trip planned in the next few months, let me know, so we can spread the word.

**THINK ABOUT IT.**

John has been floating the idea of a get-a-way for the club to Savannah GA. The trip would take place early in November before the hubbub of the holidays hit. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months, but in the meantime, just think if you might be interested.

**WINNER WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER:**

Patrick Wall was not planning to attend the meeting due to a conflict, but changed plans at the last minute, and it's a good thing. Patrick picked up a cool \$31 from the 50/50 drawing. (He also collected his 3<sup>rd</sup> place winnings from the Derby draw) What a lucky night!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Vin Giglio on the 14<sup>th</sup> :
- George Weissgerber on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- Julius Frittelli on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Patty Fot on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Ken Hawes on the 30<sup>th</sup>

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:**

- Vin and Tracy Giglio,
- Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson,
- Bob and Linda Wolff

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

In Florida you must be registered to vote 29 days before an election. The Florida Primary is August 23, 2022. Those who are new to the area, take a minute to register, so that your voice can be heard in August and November. Go to [www.registertovoteflorida.gov](http://www.registertovoteflorida.gov) where you can register online.



Now that the 2023s are in production, the final tally of 2022 production are as follows:

COLOR	COUPE	CONVERT	TOTAL
Torch Red	2282	1865	4147
Arctic White	1827	1776	3603
Hypersonic Gray	1626	1665	3291
Red Mist	1482	1792	3274
Black	1671	1095	2766
Rapid Blue	1182	1079	2261
Elkhart Lake Blue	790	622	1412
Amplify Orange	636	739	1375
Ceramic Gray	673	529	1202
Accelerate Yellow	594	599	1193
Silver Flare	515	407	922
Caffeine	173	212	385
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13451</b>	<b>12380</b>	<b>25831</b>

Note the resurgence of the Convertible. It's the first time the coupe and convertible have been this close.

