

# 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

### SUMMER IS HERE

As the summer heat approaches and the nation flees to our beautiful beaches, the Corvette Cruisers use this time to escape the heat 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 than usual, but hopefully, you will continue to read it to keep abreast of the news we do make. To those of you who will be traveling this summer, please do so safely.



### ALERT – SATURDAY DOTR

The Dining on the Run for June is on a Saturday, not our usual Sunday, so mark your calendar for June 3<sup>rd</sup> for lunch at Renegades on the River. This restaurant and Tiki Bar is located in Crescent City on the St. John's River. Let's leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 10:15 a.m. It's about a 50-mile drive, so have your tank filled up and be ready to roll. The restaurant brags a “cool vibe” and offers burgers to steak to seafood and everything in between. Please wear your orange club shirts.



### PIZZA TIME

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> sounds like a perfect date to reacquaint ourselves with Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza, 3658 S. Nova Road in Port Orange. Good grief, we haven't been there since January, so let's make up for lost time. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for some hot pizza and some cold beer. Club shirts are not required.

## LOTS OF CAR SHOWS IN THE AREA

If you are staying in the area for the next month, you may wish to visit some car shows, either as a participant or a spectator. Here are just a few:

June 17 – Cars and Coffee at the Wawa on Rt. 44 (crossroad Mission Dr.) from 8:30 – 10:30.

June 18 – Fathers Day Show at Crossroads Christian Church in New Smyrna Beach, 3838 Rt 44 from 9:00 – 3:00.

June 25 – Lost Lagoon car show and brunch (if you choose) at 2004 N. Dixie Fwy (near NSB airport) from 10:00 – 1:00.

For additional car events, click the link on the left side of our Home Page for FLA car shows.

## BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of John Doria in Port Orange. Anyone is invited to attend, however, please give John a “heads-up” if you plan to be there. If you have an agenda item you wish to have discussed, please let a board member know and the topic will be brought up.

## Welcome

Two new couples have joined our club in the last month. The Corvette Cruisers extend a warm welcome...

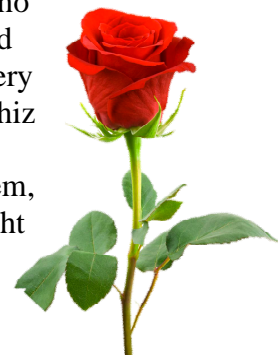
... to Bill and Joan Rowe, who live in Ormond Beach. Originally from Connecticut, the Rowes have been in Florida for a considerable time. They drive a really-sharp, 2013 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Red Coupe.

...And to Bob and Linda Cornyn, who commute all the way from DeLand to be with us. The Cornyns drive a gorgeous 2022 Red Mist Convertible. (They are also the second couple in our club named Bob and Linda.)

Welcome to all!!!

## Sad News

Our hearts are heavy with the news that our dear friend and member Elizabeth Byrne passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 7. Liz, who along with her twin sister, Edie, joined the Cruisers in March of 2016, was very active in club activities. She was a whiz with car knowledge, especially Corvettes, and between the two of them, owned a total of 18 ‘Vettes. She fought a hard battle to recover from some serious health issues beginning in January. We were all so very pleased to celebrate and enjoy her comeback at the club Bar-B-Que, just two weeks prior to her passing. Liz will be greatly missed. Please keep Edie in your thoughts during this difficult time of adjustment.



## Reviews

### MINI-GOLF TOURNY RESULTS

The final two rounds were completed at the end of April where Mother Nature continued to be extremely kind. The tournament had no rain-out dates...the first time that has happened in recorded history (?). There was a total of 19 members and one guest who participated, thirteen of whom played enough games to be in the competition. Playing anywhere from one to all six

games were Bill Neway, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Bob and Linda Wolff, Brenda Johnson Julius Frittelli, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Jean Doyle, John and Sally Doria, Khalid Akkari, Randy and Peggy Sweeney, and Bill and Joan Rowe. The competition was intense with only 1.25 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place. The top five results are as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> place – Bill Simmons (avg. score of 43.75)

3<sup>rd</sup> place TIE – Jean Doyle and Julius Frittelli (avg. score of 43.5)

2<sup>nd</sup> place – John Doria (avg. score of 43)

And in First Place, with an avg. score of 42.5 (drum roll please) is RANDY SWEENEY, who will be awarded the club's Golden Putter upon his return to the Sunshine State.



Congratulations to Randy, and all

those who participated and competed. The only complaint overall might possibly be the 5 pounds we gained from all the ice cream stops.

\*Editor's Note: Jean Doyle was the only female to finish in the top five, and, coincidentally also had the most holes-in-one overall. Just had to get that in. 🏌️‍♀️🏌️‍♀️🏌️‍♀️ Also, John Doria was the only player to score under 40 in any game.

## CORKY BELL SCORES A HIT

“Fantastic,” “Delicious,” “Wonderful,” “Beautiful view,” “REALLY good,” “Lots of Specials,” “Large portions,” “Thumbs up,” “Great place.” These are just some of the comments that were overheard about our destination to Corky Bell's in Palatka for the May DOTR. Though a bit of a

ride to get there, it was a good chance to blow the cobwebs out of the exhaust. And Corky Bell's never fails to deliver. (It didn't hurt any that it was a perfect day, and we were able to dine outdoors on the deck overlooking the water.) They handled our group of 21 flawlessly, though a little slow waiting for the food, but it was definitely worth the wait based on the reviews. Enjoying the day were Bob and Debbie Dutcher, John and Rose Pona, Bill and Joan Rowe, Arnie and AJ, Emery and Fran, Jean Doyle, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Bob and Linda Wolff, Patrick Wall, Bill Neway, John and Sally Doria, and Bill Simmons with his brother Jack.

## WHAT A FINISH!!!

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Show at One Daytona turned out to be a good day for the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. John Pona scored a third-place win in the C7 class with his 2015 Torch Red coupe. In the C8 convertible class, Ron Doria placed second with his 2023 Red Mist convertible (with the Chip Foose wheels). Then, drum roll please, the number 1 Corvette in the C8 convertible class went to Bill Neway for his 2023 Torch Red Z51 convertible. To have 2 winners in the C8 class was truly remarkable due to the number of C8s competing. And who knows, it may have come down to a speck of dirt on the inside of an exhaust tip that made the difference. It had to be that close, because every single Corvette in the field of 185 was at their showroom best. Congratulations to all the winners, to all those who competed, and to all those who came to support the club. (Did you notice a trend here? Who said red cars don't stand out!!)

## FUN RUN REVIEW

If you missed it, you missed a great time, as always, at our semi-annual FUN RUN, engineered and executed by Ken and Jamie Hawes with some

help from Jamie's brother Roger, his wife Eileen and Jamie's friend Chris. The weather was again beautiful, as fourteen members competed for the top score of the day using skill and pure luck at some games all while traversing some unknown terrain in Volusia County. If you were truly observant, you were awarded some extra points. (Was that roof, green, red, black, brown, or beige? Hmmm). A few wrong turns made the game exciting for some, harrowing for others. A black bear crossing the road added a little extra pizzazz. But luckily, all of us found our way to Brian's Bar-B-Que in DeLand for a good lunch and lots of prizes. First place with 108 points winning \$20 was Cindy Swanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 101 points winning \$15 was AJ Marquardt, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning \$10 with 100 points was Gary Swanson. Low man on the totem pole was Bob Wolff with only 68 points, but still winning \$5. The big winner of the day had to be AJ, who not only won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, she also cashed in her ticket for the 50/50 for \$17/50, AND won a gift prize of Maguire's cleaner and microfiber polishing cloths. She now has bragging rights over Arnie, who won last year riding by himself. Prizes were awarded to all participants including gift certificates from Dollar Tree, Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, Publix, and gift bags of Armour All products, seat belt covers, Invisible Glass Cleaner, and a gift certificate from Brian's Bar-B-Que. What a fun day!! Participating were Edie, Jean, Gary, Cindy, Bob, Linda, Pat, Aliah, Emery, Fran, Arnie, A.J, Brenda, and Julius. Lots of work went into the planning of this event, and we greatly appreciate and thank Jamie, Ken and their crew for a great time!

couples in attendance. The newest couple drew the winning ticket, which happened to belong to the other new couple, who ended up taking home \$45 bucks. How about that for luck!!

## HAPPY JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS:

- 14<sup>th</sup> Vin Giglio
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Julius Frittelli
- 26<sup>th</sup> Patty Fot
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ken Hawes

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

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## ARE YOU READY FOR THIS???



An SUV wearing the Corvette name may seem out of the ordinary, but it's happening for the 2025 model year. A source inside General Motors told us (Car and Driver) that Chevrolet, after years of hesitation, will finally follow many other sports-car makers by expanding the legendary Corvette sports-car brand to encompass vehicles beyond two-seaters. The Corvette SUV will be an all-new

## This + That



A very interesting happening occurred with the 50/50 drawing at the May meeting. We had two new

model for the Chevrolet lineup when it goes on sale. General Motors expects it to become reality by the end of 2024. The first Corvette SUV will be powered by a gasoline engine and will ride on the same platform that underpins the [Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing](#) and [CT5-V Blackwing](#). It is expected to sell for around \$60,000.

Editor's Opinion: Say it isn't so! Will this be the end of the hallmark recognition of "America's Sports Car" we have grown to love? A big 🙄 from me.



