

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 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

HERE COMES SUMMER: 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 our pace a little. For the next couple of months, when many of our members will be on vacations (to cooler places, perhaps) and our snowbirds have already flown away, the club becomes a little less active. As a result the monthly newsletter will be shorter, but hopefully, you will continue to read it to keep abreast of the news we do make. To those of you traveling this summer, please do so safely.

D.O.T.R. FOR JUNE: By popular demand, we are returning to Palm Coast to enjoy the scrumptious breakfast buffet put on by the Pine Lakes Golf Club. Meet at Bealls in Ormond at 8:30 on Sunday morning, June 2. If you haven't eaten here before, you are in for a real treat; from their freshly baked pastries and fresh fruit toppings, to their made-to-order omelets and waffles. Mmmm.



THE RESULTS ARE IN: Sixteen players, twelve serious competitors, six different courses, and one SURVIVOR!! And again, it was Leslie Armstrong who outwitted, outlasted, and outplayed the others to win the 2013 mini-golf tournament. Leslie had the overall low score of 164 and was presented with the official Club club at the May meeting. Others deserving of a mention include runners-up, Jim Quinn and Rich Wetherby, who tied with a 169. Low game was also won by Leslie with a 38, with Richard right on her heels with a 40. The most holes-in-one (get ready for this) was Jean Doyle with 7 (and she still didn't win a single game), followed by Ed Doyle with 6. Warren Brasch had the high game as well as the high total. Carolyn Horchler was runner-up for high game. Others taking a stab at the greens included Ray and Sandy Gatz, Art Armstrong, Ginny Quinn, Harry Horchler, John Doria, Sally Clutter, Bill Simmons, and Bonita Richardson. An all-day rain cancelled one

game, extending the season; and one rainy evening during play forced some players into overtime. Dairy Queen and Ritters were the biggest winners thanks to our after-game indulgences. All in all, the tournament continues to be a big success. Next year, let's have more participation, because ANYONE can hit a ball with a stick and call it golf, and that is just what we do. Thanks to Jim Quinn for his work as Tournament Director, and Congratulations to Leslie, the champ for yet another year. (Photos by Rich, Jean, & John D.)

THE FIESTA AT LA FIESTA: Dining on the Run for May happened to fall on May 5th, also known as Cinco de Mayo, a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. (For Americans, it means another reason to party.) Nine Corvettes made their way down Granada Avenue enroute to the La Fiesta Restaurant for a great meal (and perhaps a few Margaritas or a glass or two of Sangria). Special parking in the front of the restaurant was reserved for club members. Enjoying the party were Alice and John Luther, Sandy and Ray Gatz, Anita and Steve Slaton, Ginny and Jim Quinn, Leslie and Art Armstrong, Carolyn and Harry Horchler, Bill Simmons, Bonita Richardson, Jean and Ed Doyle, Richard Wetherby, Mike Mills, and "The Most Interesting Man in the World." (Don't know who that is? Check the photo gallery.) Bonita Richardson, celebrating her May 5th birthday, was serenaded by a special rendition of "Happy Birthday" by a couple of amigos, with the entire restaurant joining in. Following our dinner, the original plans called for cruising the Loop, but unfortunately, recent rains and toppled trees made some areas impassable,

especially in Corvettes, so that plan was quickly scrapped. A buenos dias and some good eatin' were enjoyed by all. (Photos by Rich)

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The Board met on May 1st at the home of the Doyles to complete plans for the remainder of the year. The Board welcomed Richard Wetherby to the meeting. Items discussed and decided were as follows:

Future Dining on the Run locations:

July - Dixie Crossroads (Titusville)

Aug - Mango Sun (Ormond Beach)

Sept - Three Bananas (Crescent City)
or Shrimp R Us (Welaka FL)

Oct - North Turn (Ponce Inlet)

Nov - Dolphin View (New Smyrna Bch)

Remember if you have a recommendation for a favorite restaurant, please let a board member know so that it will be considered for future DOTR's. We like to try new places, but sometimes, there are favorites worthy of a return visit.

Also decided at the Board Meeting was the idea to lower club dues. (Where in recent memory have you heard of prices going down?) The club used to pay a higher premium for insurance than we do now, thus an excess in the club coffers. Dues for the 2013-2014 year will be \$60 instead of the \$75 in prior years.

Twice a year, club members participate in a Dinner Night Out, when we get to enjoy each other's company for an evening meal instead of the regular breakfast or lunch. This time, the Board selected SoNapa in New Smyrna Beach for dinner on September 24. SoNapa, which derives its name from a

combination of Sonoma and Napa Valley Wines, has a very extensive wine list and serves American cuisine. It has become a favorite of John Doria and Sally Clutter and is highly recommended by them. (So, if we don't like it, we will know who to blame!)

The Corvette Cruisers will continue to make the Flagler County Corvette Show (Oct 13) a club event.

The Crowders have again volunteered to host the Halloween Party, this year on October 26.

The Board was unsure about the Marion County Corvette Show, as the usual location of Silver Springs Park has now become a state park and is slated for renovations. However, we have since discovered that the Marian County Club will have a new venue for their show, scheduled for Nov. 16. It will now be held at the Don Garlitts Drag Racing Museum in Ocala..



Leslie Armstrong



Herb Gerstel



Art Armstrong



Bob Fritz

DID YOU MATCH THE RIGHT PLATE WITH THE RIGHT MEMBER? See answers below:



John Doria



Ed Anderson



John Luther (was not pictured last month.)

MEMBER NEWS:

Birthdays for June... Who says 13 is an unlucky number? Both Frank AND Leanne Fedele have birthdays on the 13th....Leanne in May (and Frank in November). Also celebrating another candle on the cake will be Mike Mills on the 17th.

June Brides Flourish with Corvette Cruisers: Lars and Carole Connelly, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Tim and Lois O'Leary, Skip and Joan Crowder, and Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson are celebrating a total of 161 years of marital bliss. Fifty of those years belong to the Crowders. Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary.



Not the Powerball Winner, but... Bonita Richardson was the winner of \$20.50 in the 50/50 drawing at the May meeting. Wait a minute!

Didn't Bill just win the drawing in April? You guys better be buying that Powerball ticket.

A Change in Rides: Ed and Amy Anderson have exchanged their 2007 Black Coupe for a 2012 Velocity Yellow Coupe (with only 600 miles on it, I might add). They realized that black was more a Connecticut color and since coming to Florida, a sunnier color was needed. Yellow will do the trick. Congratulations!

Get Well Wishes...to Ray Gatz, who has been tackling some serious health issues. Our thoughts are with you.

Congratulations....to John Doria for his 3rd place trophy at the Ponce Inlet "Vettes at the Light" show on May 18. John won for his Sunflower Yellow '71. Next year, the Corvette Cruisers plan to make this show a club event.

What's Going On.... with our members? If you know some newsy tidbits, please pass them on to Jean. After all, a Newsletter is supposed to bring you the news, right?

CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED:

GM Trademark Applications - possibly for new Corvette engines

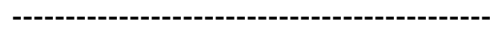
General Motors enthusiasts are abuzz after discovering that the automaker has applied for a handful of old school high performance

engine monikers including the LT5 and the L88. This has led to much speculation as to what might be coming for the Corvette over the next few years.

A couple of rumors floating around cyber space have the next generation Z06 pushing 600 horsepower with the L88 identification, originally used for a special race-ready 427 in 1967 - 69. The ZR1 may top 700 horsepower with the LT5 designation for the Lotus engineered, Mercury Marine built engine, that was used in the 1990 - 95 ZR1.

Of course, all of this speculation could be nothing more than hopeful dreaming. But with so many rumors about higher performance variants of the Corvette, the LT5 and L88 could very well serve as new engine options for the future C7 Corvettes.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): A 2014 Corvette Stingray coupe in Laguna Blue was the pace car for the 97th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 26. Corvette has now paced this iconic race a total of 12 times.



Happy Father's Day

to all the Dads in the Club. Take a drive in your 'Vette to celebrate the day.

