

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

**Old Friends:** Bob and Mickey Fritz, original founding members of Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona, affectionately referred to as "Flounders" made the trip from their home in Tennessee to visit with Ginny for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. They joined us for the miniature golf game and BOTR to Dixie Crossroads, one of Mickey's favorite places to eat. Bob has a '69 roadster that he has had for a long time. He has also owned many other Vettes in the past. He was one of the people most involved in the club and headed up the St. Augustine Rod Run which the club sponsored many years ago.

**BOTR:** There was a good showing for the trip to Titusville for the May BOTR. After a leisurely drive down US 1 we pulled into the parking lot and made our way into the restaurant. Some enjoyed the view of the pond, watching the fish swim and enjoying a beautiful day. We were seated in a room all to ourselves and commenced to munching on the corn fritters and each others company. After we ate we assembled for the return trip via the wilderness preserve. Some of the group needed to get back home for other commitments and headed for I-95.

The June BOTR will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will be headed back to the Clubhouse Restaurant for their Sunday Buffet. If you would like to join us we will leave from the Beall's in Ormond and

after a short drive we will enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by Glenn's staff.

**Business Cards:** After a slow start we now have a choice of cards. Sadie worked a deal with One Hour Printing and set it up for club members to have personalized club business card printed for \$12.95 for 100 cards. Tim has designed business cards on his computer and can have them personalized with pictures. He also has a generic card for club members who may not want to have their name on their cards.

If you have some cards made up please have the club web site address on them so people who may be interested in the club can visit the site to find out more about the club.

**Birthday Wishes:** Members having birthdays in June include Leanne on the 13th. Anyone else has kept it a secret. Happy Birthday Leanne.

If you haven't already, please let Leslie know the date of your birthday so we can acknowledge it in the newsletter and perhaps have the club lift their voices in song with a rousing "Happy Birthday to You" at the club meeting. When you get to our age having another birthday is something to celebrate.

**50/50:** John R. was the holder of the lucky ticket and wound up \$13 richer.

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([www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)). Florida Region web site at ([www.ncccsouth.com](http://www.ncccsouth.com)).**

**Mini Golf Tourney:** I would like to thank everyone for making this year's Mini Golf Tourney a big success. This year we had twenty people participate with thirteen making at least four of the rounds to qualify for awards.

The winners this year were;  
Warren with High Total (198).  
Jackie with High Game (58).  
John R. with Low Game (37).  
Chuck and John R with Most Hole in Ones (8).  
And the Tournament Championship returned to Leslie with a Low Total of 163.



Congratulations to all the award winners.

Hopefully sometime this fall we can get together for some practice rounds at some of the favorite courses.

**National Corvette Caravan:** All Corvettes are being recalled to Bowling Green for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette Museum. The event will take place from September 3 thru the 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. So you have plenty of time to plan for the trip.

There is now a Florida Captain who will plan the activities and trip for those attending from Florida. You can learn more about the caravan and get the latest updates by visiting the Corvette Museum website; there is a link on our club website.

**Seafood Festival and Pool Party:** The Konopsky's will be hosting this event to celebrate our nation's independence July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars; this will be a fun event. Final arrangements will be made at the June meeting but if you plan to bring a covered dish or other food item please contact Chuck or Shirley so the menu can be planned.



Goofy Golfers



Anyone for shrimp?



Impressive

**Autocross:** As Sterling Moss used to say “*It’s a great, great day for racing*” and that’s exactly what it was. A group made up of John L., Jean, Ginny and Jim followed Bob and his number 77 Corvette up to Green Cove Springs to help out at an autocross sponsored by North Florida Corvette Club. John, Jean, Ginny and Jim did course worker detail and Bob got to participate in the autocross. The weather was cool and breezy so it made for a comfortable day on the track. The course worker detail consisted of having us set up cones that were knocked over by cars running the course. At first the cars kept coming at a fairly rapid pace so it made you hustle to get the cones set back up. Most of the time they slowed the approaching car enough to allow us to get clear of the track and allowed that car a rerun. Later they spaced them out further so we didn’t have to hurry as much.

Bob appeared to do quite well, although I didn’t find out where he placed in the event. I’m sure we can coax it out of him at the next meeting. Bob’s Corvette sounded really mean on the track and at times was a fire breathing dragon.

There were quite a number of C4’s that ran that day. I recall seeing one C3 and one C6. There were a couple of foreign jobs and a Dodge Charger that took on the course. Some drivers were a little squirrely and others were really smooth through the course. Bob looked really good with a few instances of catching a cone ever now and then.

Jim shot some video of Bob running the course and at present is trying to get it in a digital format that can be sent out.

The North Florida Corvette Club was more than helpful with us as novices. They were more than friendly and seemed to have a real good time doing this event. I for one wouldn’t mind doing something like this again.

### **Speaking of racing.**

**Corvette Racing Considers Its Future:** Corvette Racing could step down from GT1 class to GT2 to compete against Porsche and Ferrari if no GT1 opposition materializes soon in the American Le Mans Series. Chevrolet has

been left to race against itself in the ALMS GT1 class this year after the factory Prodrive Aston Martin team was unable to put together a full-season effort.

Corvette program manager Doug Fehan said that building a GT2 version of the car is one option open for next season. Another option is to take the C6.R’s to race in the European-based Le Mans Series.

“Since we started planning the Corvette program in 1996, we have continuously evaluated a wide variety of arenas in which the car could race,” Fehan said. “I can’t say we are leaning toward GT2, although all the homework is done.”

Fehan denied that the Pratt & Miller factory team will test a GT2-spec Corvette this summer. He stressed, however, that Chevrolet could only justify competing against itself in the ALMS for one season.

Fehan maintained that Prodrive-campaigned Aston Martin Racing will return to the ALMS before the end of the season. He suggested that the team could return for the new Detroit race in September.

Rumors that Aston Martin’s new owners have signed off on an ALMS comeback were dismissed by ARM’s George Howard-Chappell. “It’s possible but by no means planned,” he said.

Source: Autoweek

