

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Richard Wetherby first attended the April meeting, helped out tremendously at our charity event in South Daytona, joined us at the Art of the Automobile, and dined with us at the BOTR in May; thus having met the qualifications to become our newest member. Richard, who lives in Indigo Lakes in Daytona Beach, drives a sharp 1992 Quasar Blue coupe. Welcome to Richard and his friend, Susan Hooper, who are now official Corvette Cruisers!

GOOD NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT: Joan Crowder has agreed to become the Social Activities Chairperson for our club. Joan will be planning some area sightseeing trips as well as some overnights. Everyone has places they want to see and things they would like to do, and now we have someone who will put it all together. There is a wealth of interesting places to visit right in our own back yard, so let's give Joan our support, and watch the Newsletter for some upcoming adventures.

BOTR FOR JUNE: Everyone was happy to find good food and a great atmosphere when we dined at Bahama Breeze (499 E. Altamonte Drive in Altamonte Springs) last August. By popular demand, we are returning there on

Sunday, June 3rd for our BOTR. Let's meet in the Target parking lot on Dunlawton (next to Lowe's in Port Orange) at 10:00 a.m. for a leisurely drive via the scenic route. Corvettes LOVE scenic routes.

TIME TO EAT AGAIN: By the time your food digests from the Bahama Breeze, it'll be time to do it all over again. Twice a year, the club plans a "Dinner Night Out" and this time it will take place on Tuesday, June 12th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Grotto (125 Basin Street in Daytona Beach) next to the Halifax Marina off Beach Street. (Club shirts are not required.) This is a pretty cool place right on the Halifax River, and those who have dined there have given rave reviews about their entrees.

RELAX, SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE: With the heavy activity of April and May behind us, the Corvette Cruisers should enjoy a bit of a reprieve as we enter the hot summer months ahead. Before we slow down completely, let's take a look at the events that kept us rocking this spring.

✳ First and foremost, the "Treasure Sale" with the South Daytona Recreation

Department was a lot of work, but turned out to be a big success. Thanks to the help of Skip and Joan, Jim and Ginny, Ed and Jean, and Maya and Dave, we were able to get all the “treasures” priced and sorted and ready for transport. Early Saturday morning (really early), these same folks were joined by Art and Leslie, Chuck, John and Alice, and newest member Richard, proceeded to unload, set up, display, and sell, sell, sell the many items donated by our generous members. Their hard work netted a profit of \$350. These funds were turned over to the South Daytona Summer Youth Program to provide scholarships for some of the needy youth in the area. (Photos by Richard)

✿ Next was the Mini-Golf Tournament that turned out, as always, to be lots of fun. Those who participated this year were Bob and Linda Wolff, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Skip and Joan Crowder, Art and Leslie Armstrong, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Warren Brasch and Jackie Karagoshian, Lars and Carole Connelly, Ed and Jean Doyle, and Dave Huber and Maya Branden. Some comments overheard during the heat of competition were, “Where is the hole?” “Oops, I hit it too hard.” “Oops, not hard enough.” “Your ball is stuck in the fence.” “Your ball is under that bush.” “It went right in – a hole in one.” “Please knock mine in.” “Oh no!!” “Dang!” “Darn” and “#\$%!!” Need we say more? Results were as follows from those competing in the best 4 of 6 games:

Low Total: Leslie Armstrong with 163 followed by Art Armstrong with 166

High Total: Tie between Warren Brasch and Joan Crowder with a 196

Low Game: Art Armstrong with a 33 followed by a tie between Jim and Leslie with a 40

High Game: Warren Brasch with a 62 followed by Joan Crowder with a 58

Most Holes-In-One: Skip Crowder with 9 followed by Art Armstrong with 8

Leslie is again the champion with her low overall total score and continues to maintain control of the coveted “Club Club.” Those that weren’t in the running vowed to do better next year, and EVERYONE certainly enjoyed the ice cream stops after each game. (Photos by Lars)

✿ The Art of the Automobile began at 7:45 a.m. in the Walgreens parking lot with Frank and Leanne Fedele, Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, John Doria and Sally Clutter, John and Alice Luther, Skip Crowder, Richard Wetherby, Dave Huber, Ed and Jean Doyle, and Art and Leslie Armstrong. After a short drive to join other Corvettes for a Corvette procession to Beach Street, we were directed to park on the grassy knoll between the street and the Halifax River. What a beautiful spot and a beautiful day – a nice breeze from the water and shade from a big tree. Mike Mills dropped by later as did Joan Crowder, Maya Branden, and Herb and Shirley Gerston. Our good luck at car shows continues as John Doria won a bright green 27” bicycle from Regions Bank. There was truly a lot to see at this premier auto show. Hopefully, it will return for #3 next year. The tons of pictures in the Photo Gallery will give you a good idea if you were unable to attend. (Photos by John D. and Richard)

✿ BOTR for May was at Peach Valley in Ormond Beach, a perennial favorite of the Corvette Cruisers. The Wolffs, the Armstrongs, Sally and John, Richard and Susan, Mike, the DoYLES, the Luthers, the Comptons, the Gatzes, and Dave and

Maya feasted on the scrumptious spread always featured at Peach Valley. Following breakfast, the beautiful day beckoned a trip up the coast and through The Loop before we called it a day.

☀ The Club Picnic was also in this busy mix, but since it was covered in last month's Newsletter, it won't be rehashed.

Suffice it to say, the latter part of April and the first part of May have been nothing short of a whirlwind.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT: It is with heavy hearts that we report the sudden, unexpected death of member George Ruland from a heart attack. Only four months after the passing of his wife Carol, (Ginny Quinn's sister), George was relaxing on a trip to the Caribbean when this tragedy occurred. The club, especially those who knew George well, mourns this terrible loss.

SPIRIT OF DAYTONA WINS FIRST FOR CORVETTE DAYTONA PROTOTYPE:



Richard Westbrook and Antonio Garcia gave Spirit of Daytona and the new Corvette DP their first wins in the Grand-Am Rolex series.

After more than seven years of trying, everything came together for Spirit of Daytona in a near-perfect day at Barber Motorsports Park. The two drivers combined to lead all but 19 of the 103

laps to win the Porsche 250 in the No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Corvette DP – the first Daytona Prototype victory for the team and the first victory for the new car in GRAND-AM Rolex Series competition. Garcia was leading by 32 seconds when a late-race caution period set up a three-lap sprint to the finish. It was no problem for the Spanish driver, who beat Alex Gurney to the checkered flag by 2.326 seconds.

“The car felt great all weekend, particularly in race trim,” said Westbrook, who followed up his first career pole with his first triumph in the series. He paced the opening 33 circuits.

“The most important thing was to bring home the first victory for the Corvette DP,” said Garcia, who led twice for 51 of the 103 circuits. His only prior Rolex Series victory was in the 2009 Rolex 24 At Daytona.

NEWS FROM THE CORVETTE FRONT: May 3rd was the last production date for the 2012's and May 7th was the first production date for the 2013's; however the 2013 will have a shortened run lasting only about 9 months through February of 2013. Production ceases and retooling begins for the new generation C-7. Plant tours will be discontinued after September of 2012.

MORE NEWS ABOUT CORVETTE:

CORVETTE TO PACE INDY



The 2013 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 is set to pace this year's Indy 500 - a great way to mark the end of a generation. The 60th Anniversary trimmed ZR1 will be driven by Food Network

celebrity Guy Fieri, and according to Chevrolet, replica pace cars will not be available for public sale.

A TIP ON TIPS: Always check your receipt when the club eats out as a group. Sometimes the gratuity is automatically added and other times it is not. Many times out members have unknowingly double-tipped, and sometimes, the poor server was left without anything as some “assumed” it had been added. So just check.

A REMINDER FROM OUR PRESIDENT: If you are planning to join the group for a Breakfast or Lunch On the Run, please meet at the designated meeting place OR let someone in the group know you are meeting us at the restaurant. As with any group, someone always calls in the number as a reservation, so if you aren't at the meeting spot and no one knows you're coming, the restaurant may not have room for you.

A LITTLE EARLY, BUT.... Because we now have a limit on our membership, it is imperative that present members meet the deadline for paying dues, which according to our By-Laws, is by the end of the October meeting. This will determine our available spots for any possible prospective members who may be on a waiting list.

MILESTONES: Happy birthday to Leanne Fedele on the 13th and Mike Mills on the 17th. June is the month for brides and the Corvette Cruisers certainly have their share. Lars and Carole Connelly, Frank and Leanne Fedele, Tim and Lois O'Leary, Skip and Joan Crowder, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Bob and Linda Wolff all said their “I Do's” during the month of June. Congratulations to all.

50/50 WINNER: Jean Doyle was the winner of \$18 at the May meeting. It PAYS to attend the monthly meetings.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the home page): In 1956, the Corvette received a new body style, authored by Bob Cadaret. Strange as it may seem today, designing the '56 was not a sought after assignment by Chevrolet designers. Previous Corvettes had sold poorly and dealers hated it. The logic of the day was that working on a car that people would buy was the smarter move. History would disagree, as the 1956 Corvette styling is regarded as one of the best looking cars ever.

REMEMBER, if you have any ideas for a Photo of the Month, of, or relating to, America's Sportscar, please send it to jeandoyle@cfl.rr.com for consideration.