

# 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.

## Editor’s Note:



As most of you know, Ed has been in the hospital for 28 days and counting. So, if this Newsletter seems a bit choppy or discombobulated (my favorite word), please note that it was written in snippets, squeezed in between trips to the hospital, before early morning ventures to the hospital and at night after returning. I haven’t attended some events, so the reviews might be a little brief. Please bear with me. The important stuff is in here. Hopefully, things at the Doyle residence will return to some semblance of normalcy before the next Newsletter is due. Thank you for your patience and your kind words of encouragement.

## COMING UP



**DOTR:** Our March Dining on the Run will be a trip up the coast to St. Augustine to **Aunt Kate’s** where guests can dine on local seafood favorites in a charming riverside setting that has been there for over 100 years. Remember that St. Augustine is the oldest city in America, so this old restaurant fits right in with the local color and has

a lot of history to back it up. We will leave from Bealls in Ormond at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The address for Aunt Kate’s is 612 Euclid Avenue, St. Augustine. It might be wise to put the address in your GPS as there is a little tricky area to navigate. The last time we went, we had three couples miss the turn and had to do some backtracking. One couple never found us. Mother Nature, please cooperate so we can sit on the deck.

### **TOUR AND LUNCH IN OCALA:**

On Friday, March 10, we will take Rt 40 for the hour and a half drive to the National Parts Depot Car Collection in Ocala. Here, we will view a collection of over 200 low mileage, mostly original, classic cars and vintage cameras. Owner Rick Schmidt is scheduled to provide us with a guided tour at 10:00 a.m., so we will be leaving from Bealls in Ormond at 8:15 am. After the tour, a cool little restaurant called “Ivy on the Square” has a 1 p.m. reservation in our name. Club shirts are optional.

**DINNER NIGHT OUT:** Are you tired of pizza? Is it time for a change from Giuseppe’s? Let’s make a change and eat some Bar-B-Que at 4 Rivers on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This

place will get your taste buds jumping. The restaurant is located at One Daytona across from the Speedway and next door to Rock Bottom Brewery. Let's meet at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Club shirts are not required.

### **CONFLICT, MAYBE???**

The annual Spring Turkey Run takes place at the Speedway on March 24-26. Cost is \$50 to attend the three-day event and take your car to the infield. A club parking pass can be obtained from John Doria for \$6.00 payable to John. This event is cash only, payable upon entry.

The conflict comes into the mix when the Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, and Chevy-Powered cars scheduled their show on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Turkey Run. The Gibbs show asks for a donation of \$5.00 for Breast Cancer Awareness. If you plan to go, meet at Bealls in Ormond at 7:45 a.m.

Some are going to the Turkey Run, some are going to Tom Gibbs...the choice is yours.

## **REVIEWS**



### **FEBRUARY DOTR:**

Twenty-one people showed up for a Sunday brunch at Outriggers in New Smyrna Beach, but only three Corvettes came to the party. Every day leading up to this day was sunny and warm, with zero chance of rain. Sunday arrives, a dreary, chilly day with a 71% chance of rain, precluded our desire to drive our Vettes, and to eat on the lovely deck overlooking the water. But aside from the weather, we all had a good time choosing from a variety of menu choices. Gone, however, are the Moco Loco (two eggs over a hamburger smothered in gravy) and the Fat Elvis (a waffle with peanut butter, bananas, and candied

bacon) available when the club dined here in 2014. But one thing has remained and that's the famous Outriggers Bloody Mary with the beer chaser. Jean would give it an A+. Check out the photos in the Gallery for a peek. Braving the weather were Pat and Aliah, Alan and Loudette (in a Corvette), Bob and Debbie, Arnie and AJ, Bill and Bonita (in a Corvette), Keith and Cindy, Gary and Cindy, Julius (in a Corvette), Jean, Ron Doria, our newest member, and John and Sally, with their houseguests Don and Patty Grey from Ohio. Jean took an unscientific poll about the Super Bowl – 11 for the Eagles, 3 for the Chiefs, and the rest had no preference including one who said, "Who's Playing?"

### **PIZZA PARTY:**

It's hard to say a lot more about Giuseppe's than what has already been said in previous reviews. Corvette Cruisers love the place and know that the pizza will always be hot, and the beer will always be cold. What more can one ask? Although I was not there that night to enjoy the good food, know I was thinking about it and wishing we were there. I heard through the grapevine that 28 members and 2 guests attended, including John and Rose Pona, Steve and Anita Slaton, Brenda Johnson and Julius Frittelli, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Randy and Peggy Sweeney, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Khalid Akarri, Jim Bauer, Del and Patty Fot, Patrick and Aliah Walls, Arni Ligi, Bob Dutcher, John Bayliss and Susan McCracken, Bob and Linda Wolff, along with future Corvette owners Blake and Kinzie Mussard, who brought along Papa John and Gigi (Sally) Doria.

### **CORVETTE APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Well, we don't know too much about Super Bowl outcomes, but we do know that we like to eat. There was no hesitation when the club was invited to New Smyrna Chevy to enjoy some Italian food catered by Don Giovanni's Restaurant in Port Orange. Chicken Parmesan, Pasta salad, tossed

salad with dressing, tea, lemonade, and of course Pizza were presented for our enjoyment, along with some cookies and brownies for dessert. Jeremy Kiel and his crew were on hand to discuss Chevys in general and Corvettes in particular. It seems we know about as much about Corvettes as we do Super Bowls. The 28 members and 5 guests were to split into groups of 4 or 5 for some Corvette trivia. Six groups were formed, and 20 questions, and a few bonus points thrown in, were presented by Jeremy. I didn't hear all the group names, only that my group named ourselves the "Know Nothings" since that was the way we felt when it came to Corvette knowledge. Surprisingly, the "Know Nothings" proved they knew more than the other groups and took home the prize for getting the most correct answers (10 out of 20). This group consisted of Steve and Anita Slaton, Bill and Bonita Simmons, and Jean Doyle. (Had Ed been with us, we certainly would have gotten at least 17 out of the 20, and yep, he knew Polo White was the name of the first Corvette). Each winner received a nice Corvette tote bag with some Corvette goodies inside. Comprising team 2 were Emery Simkkulak and Fran Alderson, Brenda Johnson and Julius Frittelli, and Gary and Cindy Swanson, Team 3 was made up by Patrick and Aliah Wall, Khalid Akkari, and prospective members Bob and Linda Cornyn; Team 4 had Patty Fot (without Del), John Bayliss and Susan McCracken (a small team that held their own), Team 5 consisted of Keith and Cindy Hardin, Arnie Ligi and AJ Marquardt, Team 5 was Bob and Debbie Dutcher and John and Rose Pona, and lastly Team 6 was made up of John and Sally Doria, with guests David James, and Don and Patty Grey from Ohio. A fun night for sure. A BIG thank you to Jeremy Kiel and his crew for his generosity in supplying the food and games and the prizes for the fun night out. P.S. It just happened to be John's birthday, (perhaps planned that way???) so the crowd sang as Jeremy presented him with a cupcake and a balloon.

**DAY OF THE DUALS CAR SHOW:**

Unfortunately, this show didn't get rave reviews this year. I think there were eight cars from our club there, but none of them were individually judged. The original organizer of this show passed away, so that might have been the reason things didn't go so smoothly. Perhaps next year will be better. It is a charitable event to raise money for Halifax Urban Ministries.

**WELCOME**



Let's give a Corvette welcome to Ron Doria who resides in DeLand, and no, he is not related to "you know who." Strangely enough, they both have Massachusetts connections, but none that they can find. Ron just received his 2023 Red Mist Z51 Convertible, and also has a 1993, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition stashed somewhere. Welcome, Ron Doria, to the Corvette Cruisers.

**THIS & THAT**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Debbie Dutcher
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jamie Hawes
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sally Doria
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ron Doria
- 24<sup>th</sup> Susan McCracken
- 30<sup>th</sup> Steve Slaton

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- Del and Patty Fot
- Jim and Kathleen Bauer

**APOLOGIES** to Randy and Peggy Sweeney, who were inadvertently left off the Feb. Anniversary list. Happy BELATED Anniversary.

**BIG MONEY WINNER:**

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was John Ericsson, who took home a nice little sum of about \$44. Congratulations! Remember all the remaining money from the 50/50 goes to a charity that will be chosen by the membership sometime in November. Thanks to all for your generosity in buying tickets.

**GET READY, GET SET**

Coming Up in April is our annual Mini Golf tournament. This is a chance to show your talents (or lack there-of) on a variety of courses, all of which are located on A1A. Plan to play. Look at the club calendar to get a preview of the dates. There are 6 rounds. You only need to play 4 to be in the competition, but it's fun to play all six. It's a nice chance to get out with the other club members when eating is not the primary reason....although ice cream may be involved.



## An Irish Blessing

May your pockets be heavy,  
And your heart be light.  
May good luck pursue you  
Each morning and night



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

*Everybody's Irish on March 17th*