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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 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

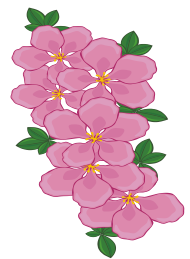
TOM GIBBS CORVETTE, CAMARO, AND SSR DISPLAY will take place on Saturday, March 1st, from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Tom Gibbs Chevy Dealership in Flagler County (on Rt. 100). Remember, **THIS IS A FREE EVENT** (no registration fee), so plan to come and show the SSR group that we can win the best participation award this year. (They won in 2013.) We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Bealls in Ormond Beach for the trek up I-95. Door prizes, 50's and 60's music, and food (served by a local club for a donation) will be available. Shine up the 'Vette(s), throw in some lawn chairs, and let's have a good time.

DOTR FOR MARCH: The Main Street Grill in downtown DeLand is the place we will go for our Dining on the Run for March. No longer offering a Sunday Buffet, this restaurant now boasts a new

Sunday Brunch, offering several new breakfast and lunch menu items served until 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the Days Inn parking lot on ISB (on the right just west of the I-95 overpass) at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 2nd. This is the same location we met for the trip to Emmy's in DeLand. (Wow, two days in a row - will we be sick of each other by then?)

SPRING FLOWERS IN BLOOM:

Hopefully, the azaleas will be in bloom as we take a Corvette cruise to the Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka, FL. These beautiful gardens are spectacular even if the azaleas are not in bloom. Let's meet at 9:00 a.m. at Beall's in Ormond on Sunday, March 16th and weave our way through the scenic drive to Palatka. Stop at Subway, or pack a pb 'n' j



sandwich. We plan to stop at the picnic area in the park and enjoy lunch before attempting some of the trails (if you wish). If you choose to hike, wear some comfortable walking shoes. Throw a couple of lawn chairs in your trunk in case we need to double up in the picnic area. It will be nice to enjoy a meal where we can get up, walk around, and visit with one another in a more relaxed atmosphere, and enjoy Mother Nature at her finest. (Keep your fingers crossed for a beautiful Florida day.) The cost to enter the park is \$5.00 per car.

HOME, HOME ON THE RANCH:



Thirty-one members made their way to the Spring Garden Ranch in DeLeon Springs on a drizzly Saturday for lunch (or perhaps breakfast). The weather prognosticators missed it again as it was predicted to be warm and sunny! Although originally reservations were made for 20, the wait staff was caught a little off guard by the larger crowd. But they hurriedly put together the extra tables and we were quickly seated. Sadly, due to the unpredictable weather, the trainers had worked the race horses on the track, which is visible from the restaurant, before we arrived. The menu

consisted of items with a "horse" theme, such as the Winner's Club, the Photo Finish Reuben, and the Ranch Burger. But by far the most ordered item on the menu seemed to be the Kentucky Hot Brown, named after the famous Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, whose chef developed the concoction back in 1926. Everyone who had this delicacy seemed to rave about it. Only goes to show you great things come from Kentucky --- fast horses, good Bourbon, and beautiful Corvettes, (and, oh yeah, your Newsletter editors, too). Following lunch, which took a little longer than expected, the majority proceeded to the stables where we were entertained with an encore presentation by Sky, the big Clydesdale Philly, and her Russian trainer. The staff at the Stable was full of information about Clydesdales in particular and the Ranch in general. We then visited some of the horses who call the Spring Garden Ranch home year around --- horses that have been abandoned, abused or neglected. Making the trip were Skip and Joan Crowder, Dave Huber, Jack Keimber, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Steve and Anita Slaton, John Reis, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, Harry and Carolyn Horchler, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, Lars and Carole Connelly, Bob and Mickey Fritz, John and Alice Luther, Ray and Sandy Gatz, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, and Ed and Jean Doyle. Many thanks to

Joan Crowder, our social chair, for planning this enjoyable (and educational) experience. (Photos by John R., Bill, and John D.)

LOSS OF VIRGINITY: During the above-mentioned DOTR to Spring Garden Ranch, Ken Crick's 50th Anniversary Red Convertible was driven in the rain for the first time since he purchased it new in 2003. Ken, take it from other Corvette owners, it only hurts for a little while.



DINNER NIGHT OUT REVIEW: The rains followed the Corvette Club members again on their recent trip to DeLand for German night at Emmy's. Emmy herself greeted us at the door and ushered us into a small room at the rear of this old, rustic establishment. Cloth napkins with paper placemats, plastic tablecloths and tumblers, and slippery, slanted chairs did not overshadow this delight of German cuisine. A sampler of three salads and a large bowl of tasty vegetable soup and some homemade crusty bread preceded the enormous portions of the entrees ordered by our members. Eisbein (sauerkraut and pork shank) was enough for two meals, and the veal Wiener Schnitzel overlapped the plates on which it was served. Speaking from one German who is not necessarily a fan of German food - it was GOOD! The sound of the

rain beating hard on the metal roof continued as we dined, and was only upstaged by our lively chatter. Lucky for us, the rain let up as we began to disperse with our tummies full and our to-go boxes in hand. As the old saying goes, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do," likewise, when at a German restaurant, order the German food. Don't expect that Italian, Chinese, or even American fare will be as good as the specialty. Hint, hint! 😊 Gaining at least three pounds each from all that food were John and Alice Luther, Mike Mills, John Reis, Ken Crick and Trish Ardler, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Ed and Jean Doyle, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Jim and Ginny Quinn, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Chuck Konopsky, Ray and Sandy Gatz, Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, and Dave Huber and Maya Branden (a true expert on German food). (Photos by John Reis)

MEMBER NEWS:

Well wishes go to Linda Wolff, who has received a brand new knee thanks to the marvels of modern medicine. Past P.E. teachers bounce back quickly, so we know Linda will be back to jumping rope before long.

Well wishes also go to Alice Luther, who has been having some knee troubles lately as well. Hubby John should be a good

source of information on what needs to be done. Get better soon.

Hip, hip, (hooray) for Harry Horchler, who received a brand new hip on Feb. 25th. Harry is an old hand at this surgery since he already had the other hip replaced. A speedy recovery to you.

Birthday wishes go to our March babies, Sally Clutter on the 15th, Leslie Armstrong on the 29th and Jim Quinn and Steve Slaton share the 30th. You're not getting older, just better!

The 50/50 winner for February was visiting guest, Louis Cantafio, who finally broke the winning streak of Joanna Oswald, with a take-home of \$28.00. Turns out Louis was truly our "guest."

A note about the 50/50 proceeds - the half collected by the club throughout the year will be donated to a local charity, decided by the Board of Directors in November after suggestions from our members. The amount and the recipient will be announced at our annual Christmas party.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sharpen up that golf swing...the Mini-Golf tournament is coming soon. April 22 is the date we begin our search for the best (and worst) golfer in our midst. The schedule can be found under Upcoming Events on the Home Page. Plan to play - it's a fun event, plus we eat ice cream afterwards. Also, the annual club Bar-B-Q picnic will be held

on April 26 at Reed Canal Park in South Daytona. Mark these two dates on your calendar.

LOOKING WAY AHEAD: You've heard about The Villages, the unique community development that boasts over 50,000 golf carts and a Corvette Club of over 300 members, haven't you? Well you will get to see The Villages up close and personal when our Corvette Club plans an overnighter there on October 17-18. A very special rate of \$112.00 to stay at the beautiful Waterfront Inn on Friday night has been arranged by Joan, our social director. Please be thinking ahead if you would like to go, as we will need to reserve our rooms in advance. The Corvette Club of the Villages will be displaying their cars at their annual show on Saturday, the 18th. If their Corvettes look anything like their golf carts, we are in for a real treat!

CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED: Certainly, by now, every Corvette owner knows about the tragedy that befell the Corvette Museum, when a sinkhole swallowed up eight priceless specimens that included:

- 1993 ZR-1 Spyder,
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil"
- 1962 Black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary

2001 Mallett Hammer Z06

2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette.

But did you know that General Motors has pledged to cover full restorations of all eight cars even though only two were owned by them?

And do you know that the new manager at the Corvette Plant named only a couple of days before the tragedy, has pledged a personal donation to aid the recovery?

And do you know that the car on the bottom of the heap was a 2001 Mallett Hammer Conversion Z06 donated by a couple to the Museum *just six weeks* before the collapse?

And do you know that the hole is estimated to be some 60 ft. deep, with the cars stopping at different levels?

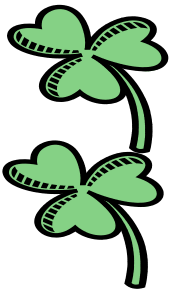
And do you know that reconstruction has already begun with a meeting comprised of 5 from the construction management team, 4 from the Geo Tech engineering firm, 2 from a civil engineering firm, 2 from Western Kentucky University for Cave Studies, 1 from an environmental engineering firm, 1 from the insurance company, 3 consultants retained by the insurance company, and 3 from the National Corvette Museum? Sounds like the rebuilding is in pretty good hands.

As far as we know, our Corvette Club brick and Jim Quinn's commemorative brick are still intact. ☺

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): The "Before" and the "After" shots depict the true heartbreak of the recent sinkhole at the Corvette Museum. Seeing the cars in their pristine, museum-quality appearance, then in the aftermath of the tragedy makes it all the more real. Not a pretty sight!!

An Irish Blessing

May your blessings outnumber
The Shamrocks that grow
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.



Happy St. Paddy's Day!!

*Due to an early deadline, the report and pictures of the Quinn's Race Party will be in next month's Newsletter.