

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.

Coming Up

DINING ON THE RUN:

Heading north to Palatka to have lunch at Corky Bell's will be the order of the day for **Sunday, May 7th**. This restaurant has been one of the club's favorites, not only for the good food and fun atmosphere, but also for the pleasant drive to get there. We will leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 10:15 a.m. Keep your fingers crossed for a pretty day to dine on the deck at the water's edge.

CAR SHOW:

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club's annual Corvette show will be held at One Daytona on **Saturday, May 13th**. If you are planning to enter your Corvette in the show, (you must have pre-registered), meet in the Volusia Mall parking lot behind Cheddars at 7:30 a.m. The early hour is to obtain a parking spot all together. The show is limited to 185 cars.

If you are not entering your car, plan to go to support our members and to see some mighty fine Corvettes.

FUN RUN:

Go West, Corvette Cruisers, Go West. That's what the plan is for **Sunday, May 21st** for the annual FUN RUN, brought to us by the careful planning of Jamie and Ken Hawes.

Let's meet in the parking lot of Bed, Bath and Beyond and Total Wine on International Speedway Blvd. at 9:00 a.m. for registration and the first activity. Cost will be \$5.00 per person (which undoubtedly will be returned to you by way of prizes). After following a set of instructions, gathering pieces of information along the way, and demonstrating your skills at some fun games at each stop, we will end up for lunch at Brian's Bar-B-Que in DeLand, where our points will be totaled, and the winners announced. Lots of prizes and lots of fun are in store. Plan to be there and keep your fingers crossed for nice weather, as this is a rain or shine event.



Welcome....

..... to the newest members of the Corvette Cruisers, Wayne and Diane MacLeod. Wayne and Diane make their home in Flagler Beach for part of the year. The other part is spent in Massachusetts. The MacLeods drive a beautiful 2006 LeMans Blue convertible. Be sure to introduce yourselves to Wayne and Diane (when they return) and give them a Corvette Cruiser welcome.

Reviews

DOTR AT OSTEENS

Heard it through the grapevine that breakfast at Osteens was a hit with the Corvette Crowd. Twenty-two people attended, and while the food was good, the service was exceptional. In a matter of 45 minutes everyone in the group was seated, fed and cashed out. Now THAT is what I call service!!

TURKEY RUN/TOM GIBBS SHOW

There was a conflict this year that the Saturday Turkey Run and the Tom Gibbs Corvette, Camaro, SSR Display fell on the same day. So, some attended both, but most chose one over the other. All in all, there were about 8 or 9 at the Gibbs Show and about the same at the Turkey Run. I do know that Gary Swanson came home from the Turkey Run with a 2006 Monte Carlo SS. See what you can get for the price of a ticket?

MINI-GOLF TOURNAMENT



Opening night at the golf course found nine members polishing up their skills. The earlier time on a beautiful sunny day allowed for a

“warmer” round of the 18 holes at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach. All agreed that sweating a little was much better than freezing as we have done in the past with a later start time. It also allowed for a more leisurely and unhurried ice cream stop. The winner for the night with the lowest score of 43 was Julius Frittelli. A few holes-in-one were scattered about proving that we all were a little rusty at Mini-Golf. A yummy finale was a trip to Cherry Hill Ice Cream Café, where our golf frustrations turned into sheer pleasure.

Round 2 had a participation number of fifteen on a very windy day at Congo River. The jasmine was in full bloom, causing a few of us to sneeze our way through the course. Maybe it was the wind or the jasmine, or perhaps the fact that Jeff, Jean Doyle’s son, played that Jean ended up with the low score of the night with a 42. However, with 2 holes-in-one, her score should have been a lot lower. A repeat trip to Cherry Hill made the game worthwhile.

Round 3 again looked rainy but never materialized and ended up being a perfect night to hit the course. Fourteen played this round at Pirates Island in Port Orange. A tie resulted between Randy Sweeney and John Doria, who both shot a 39. A big story of the night was that between the 14 players, 24 holes-in-one were shot. Wow, is that an easy course or are we just getting better???

This time, Culver’s put a sweet end to the night with their creamy custard.



Board Meeting Results

Back to Ormond Beach on the hard course at Pirates Cove for Round 4. Seventeen turned out for this game. The course definitely proved to be more difficult as the average score was around 50 for the group...with a few balls in the bushes and several knocked in the rocks. However, Randy Sweeney showed us all how to do it with a 43. Celebrating Randy's win meant another trip to Cherry Hill for a sweet treat. Joining us for the game and for ice cream were prospective members Bill and Joan Rowe of Ormond Beach.

Rounds 5 and 6 will be reviewed next month, when the winner will be announced, and the Golden Club will be presented.

ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE PICNIC

Mother nature has sure been on our side with more beautiful weather for the picnic. Only 27 members were there to enjoy the festivities and the good food from Dustin's. I use the word "only" because out of 54 members, that is only half attending a FREE lunch. Of course, we know many of you had valid excuses, but where were the rest of you? A lot of food was ordered, and luckily, Jamie took the leftovers to her church group. Getting to visit and roam around, (something you can't always do at a meeting or a DOTR), gave us all a chance to mingle and get to know each other. It was so very good to see Liz and Edie back at a Corvette function. Liz is very close to making a full recovery after fighting a hard battle. Jamie provided some fun and entertainment, (perhaps a preamble to the FUN RUN), with a combination card game/Bingo. Aliah Wall was the last one standing and thus the winner of the game. Those attending were Khalid Akkari, Edie and Liz Byrne, John and Sally Doria, Jean Doyle, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Del and Patty Fot, Julius Frittelli and Brenda Johnson, Jamie Hawes, Keith and Cindy Hardin, Arnie Ligi and AJ Marquardt, Bill Neway, John and Rose Pona, Bill Simmons, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Patrick and Aliah Wall, and Bob and Linda Wolff.

The Board of Directors met to discuss the finding of the By-Laws committee. Other than cleaning up some incidentals, the committee wanted to expand the membership to 32 (or a possibility of 64 people), increased from the 30 memberships at the present time. Some discussion points were that we have several on the waiting list, and six or seven couples, who are presently members, do not participate. When brought up at the general meeting, discussion involved the difficulty of finding a suitable location for the Christmas party where all 64 members "might" attend. Other points from those against the expansion were that we kept our membership rolls small for a reason, having increased from 25 to 30 in the past. We are moving away from being a small club. It's difficult to have a get-together at the homes of members with such a large group. Following the discussion, a vote was taken and passed that the memberships will be increased to 32.

Overnight trips, weekend trips...everybody wants to go somewhere, but nobody takes the initiative to plan one out. Requests have been made to repeat our popular "Sun Rise, Sun Set" trip across the state, or perhaps trek up to Savannah or even to the Corvette Assembly plant (the birthplace of most of your 'Vettes) and the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. All sound great ---WE JUST NEED A COMMITTEE TO PLAN IT OUT. Think about it...we had great fun at Amelia Island, and our trip across the state from Daytona Beach Shores to Punta Gorda was perfect. Let's go somewhere!

By way of committees, thanks to Bob and Linda Wolff for volunteering to head up the Christmas Party location hunt. Mario's is good, but the

elbow-to-elbow cramped quarters just might mean it's time for a change.

This & That

HAPPY DAYS:

April Birthdays and Anniversaries were inadvertently left off of the April Newsletter, so belated birthday wishes go to

- 7th Gary Swanson
- 19th Mary Mullennix
- 21st Bill Simmons
- 28th A J Marquardt

And Happy April Anniversary to Ken and Jamie Hawes and Bud and Mary Mullinnex.

May birthdays are as follows:

- 5th Bonita Richardson
- 19th Peggy Sweeney
- 29th Bob Wolff
- 30th Susan Veatch

NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY

Patrick and Aliah Wall welcomed their long-awaited 2023 Red Mist Convertible to the family. Both Pat and Aliah agreed, it was worth the wait. They are very happy with their choice, and it's a real beauty!

GOOD-BYE TO ONE OF OUR C-1'S.

Bud and Mary sold their beautiful '58 Panama Yellow Corvette. We all know Bud to be a true "car guy" and has had a variety of cars. But in his own words, (paraphrased, of course), he is just getting too old and too tired and has to stop all this car swapping. Lucky for us, he plans on keeping his '14 Arctic White Coupe...for now.

GOOD-BYE TO OUR SNOWBIRDS:



Our snowbirds are about to fly the coop, some of which have already departed for the cooler regions of the north. Bud and Mary have returned to Michigan; our

newest members, Wayne and Diane MacLeod, have returned to Massachusetts; Randy and Peggy Sweeney will be heading up to New York; John Bayliss and Susan McCracken will return to West Virginia; and Keith and Cindy Hardin will return to Colorado for a few months. Safe travels to all, as we anxiously await your return to paradise.

50/50 DRAWING

For the first time in a long time, the 50/50 money was won by me (Jean) for \$38.50. Thank you, one and all, for buying the tickets. But just as a reminder, the other half of the winnings go to a charity selected by the membership in November, so it's a win/win bet you are making, and you just might walk away with a little change in your pocket---just like me.

DOES ANYBODY KNOW THIS GUY?



FOR SALE

Set of 19 and 20 inch silver painted wheels that came new on my 2019 Stingray. They have about 2500 miles on them and are in like-new condition. They do not have the stock centers or the TPM's with them. I used them on my new wheels. Asking \$400. Gary Swanson, 716-450-3311

Corvette Capers

By Gary Swanson

A couple of months ago, Cindy and I were visited by a distant cousin and his wife from Michigan whom we had never met. Bill is a very interesting guy, having spent much of his working life as an engineer working for GM. As he was looking at my Corvette, and the Stingray emblem on the fender, he was reminded that he had an emblem just like it that was given to him as a memento from GM. He said he would send it to me to add to my model car and memorabilia collection.

A few weeks later the package arrived, and I was blown away when I opened up the extensive packaging. It turns out that Bill was part of the group that set up the display introducing the new C7 Corvette at the Detroit Auto Show. There were 2014 of these keepsakes produced, and some of them were given to the workers at the show. They are all numbered, and include the opening day of the show, 1-13-13. The packaging is almost as impressive as the piece itself. Also included were a thumb drive describing the car and a small brochure. A very cool piece of C7 history, Bill could tell by looking around my garage that I would appreciate it. I'm so glad he was willing to part with it.



Happy
Mother's
Day!

