

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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



## **DINING ON THE RUN FOR MAY:**

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Corvette Cruisers at La Fiesta Restaurant in Ormond Beach. Meet

around 10:30 a.m. on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Bealls in Ormond. Following our usual meet and greet in the parking lot, we will leave in time to be first in line for the Margaritas and the Mariachi music when the restaurant opens. After lunch, we may or may not take a cruise through the beautiful Loop (depending on how many margaritas were consumed.) OLE!!

**PUTT YOUR TROUBLES AWAY....** That used to be part of the jingle advertising the Putt Putt Golf courses from a few years ago. The phrase still rings true if you come out with the gang for the second half of the tournament. You'll forget all your troubles when you concentrate on getting that little ball into that little hole in 2 or 3 strokes (or 5 or 6 perhaps). (See the review of the first night of competition later on in this Newsletter). The schedule for May begins

on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pirates Island golf course on the corner of A1A and Dunlawton Ave. On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we travel to Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach on A1A at Cardinal, and finish up with Hawaiian Falls in Daytona Beach Shores on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. (Rain dates may extend the season.) Meet at the course to begin play at 7:00 p.m. Remember that even if you haven't played any other games, you are always welcome to join in. Ice cream afterwards!!

**CLUBBIN' AT THE CLUBHOUSE:** April's Dining on the Run was a treat to visit our old haunt and to see our friends Glenn and Pat at the Clubhouse Restaurant at the Daytona Beach Golf Club. Following a short scenic cruise via the beachside led by John Doria and Sally, Ed D., Jean, Ed A., Amy, Bill, Bonita, Art, Leslie, Jim, and Ginny enjoyed the omelets, the fresh-squeezed orange juice and the breakfast bar offered by the Clubhouse. (Pat even remembered how Art used to order his hamburger when we had our meetings there – medium well with pickle relish – and that was 2 years ago this

month! Unbelievable!!) We particularly enjoyed visiting with Bob and Sadie Compton, former members of the Corvette Cruisers, who joined us for breakfast. Both are looking good, doing well, and keeping busy. (Photos by John D.)

**PICNIC WRAP-UP (pun intended):** Mother Nature has not been kind to the Corvette Cruisers lately. Perhaps the old “Corvette Curse” is rearing its ugly head in the form of weather. (Remember the trip to Cap’s on the Water in St. Augustine???) Sandwiched between an 85 degree Friday and a close to 80 degree Sunday, our annual picnic took place on a chilly, blustery Saturday with a high of 67. Many were trying to “wrap up” to stay warm. However, a little cold weather didn’t deter some good eating by Jim and Ginny, Bill and Bonita, John and Alice, Ray and Sandra, Dave, Steve and Anita, Mike, Lars and Carole, Chuck, Frank and Leanne, John and Sally, John R., Ed and Amy, Warren, Richard, Jack and Yvonne, and Ed and Jean thanks to Dustin’s Bar-B-Q and Publix. The picnic always offers a good chance to get to know one another on a less restricted basis than our meeting. Good food and good conversation were the order of the day. (But a little warmer weather sure wouldn’t have hurt.) (Photos by Richard and John D.)

**BYE-BYE TO DOO WOP:** Sadly, the Doo Wop Concert/Corvette Cruisers Car Display, scheduled for June 22 at the Daytona Playhouse, has been cancelled. No reason was given by the Playhouse, but if they reschedule it for a future date, they will keep us in mind. We are going to have to wait a while to go grooving to the oldies. Shucks!

**DO YOU KNOW WHO’S WHO IN THE CLUB FROM THE BACK END?**  
(Some are obvious, some not so much. How many can you guess?)



## MEMBER NEWS:

**Birthdays for May**...In the bullpen we have Ginny Quinn on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bonita Richardson on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Lars Connelly on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Dave Huber on the 8<sup>th</sup>, all born under the sign of Taurus the Bull.

**Forty-six Years Together**.... that's what Ed and Jean Doyle will be celebrating this month. Do ya think it will last?

**Get Well Wishes** to Shirley Gerstel who is recovering from some serious health issues. Shirley spent 5 days in the hospital, but thankfully, she is doing well and recovering nicely.

**A Richer Member**: This time it's Bill Simmons who was the winner of \$22 in the 50/50 drawing at the April meeting. I guess that is just about enough to cover the gas from Edgewater to a few Club events.

**A New Addition**: Chuck Konopsky welcomed a new addition to his home garage. A brand new, 2013 Crystal Red Grand Sport Coupe has replaced Chuck's uniquely painted red and black 2006. Chuck now has the latest model Corvette in our club. Who will be the first to call the new C-7 his/her own? (See "Corvette News from Ed" in this Newsletter about placing your order.)

**Boo Hoo**: This is the time of year we must say goodbye to some of our snowbirds. Ed and Amy Anderson have gone back to their home in Connecticut. They plan to return sometime in November. Steve and Anita Slaton will be heading back to Kentucky this month. They will return in October. Lars and



Carole Connelly will be returning to Highlands NC via Palm Beach, Vero Beach, Atlanta, and perhaps the Villages (not in any particular order.) They will return periodically throughout the summer. Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson will be hanging around until June before they say their goodbyes and head to Colorado. The Corvette Cruisers will miss all of you. Stay cool this summer and return to us safely.

**Hope You're Feeling Better Note**...to Carolyn Horchler, who has been undergoing some rough patches in her recovery.

**A Little Birdie Told Me**... that after 52 years of accident-free riding, Jack Kiember had a recent mishap with his Harley. Aside from a couple bumps, bruises, and a slight limp, we are happy to report Jack is A-OK.

**19 Days on the Sea!** Dave Huber and Maya Branden will be cruising across the Atlantic to Europe on a one-way 19-day trip aboard a Princess Cruise Ship. Once there, they plan to tour several European countries in a rented VW. How much fun does that sound? Bon Voyage, Dave and Maya!!

**What's Going On....** with our members? If you know some newsy tidbits, please pass them on to Jean. After all, a Newsletter is supposed to bring you the news, right?

**GOLF REVIEW**: The first round of golf was pretty uneventful UNLESS you count the fact that John Doria's '71 refused to start in the parking lot of the golf course and he had to summon a tow truck, UNLESS you count the fact that Warren Brasch lost his ball on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole and had to get another one from the office, and UNLESS you count the fact

that Sandy Gatz ended up IN the water trying to retrieve Richard Wetherby's ball, which she knocked in with her ball. Ho-hum, just another normal evening in the (mis)adventures of the Corvette Cruisers during the annual Mini Golf tournament. Playing the first round at Congo River were Jim and Ginny Quinn, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Ray and Sandy Gatz, Ed and Jean Doyle, Richard Wetherby, Warren Brasch, John Doria and Sally Clutter (until the tow truck came.) We'd like to see some more playing this year. Come on out and join us for the next rounds. In the lead after one game is Art with a 42, the most holes-in-one belongs to Ed with 2, and the high score of the night (a nice way of saying LOSER) goes to Sandy and Jean who tied with a 51. Things will surely change after a round or two, so stay tuned. The reviews of the other courses and the final results will appear in next month's Newsletter. (Photos by Jean)

should arrive before The Bash Event at the National Corvette Museum, which kicks off April 25<sup>th</sup>. The second is finalization of engine and car specs including EPA fuel economy ratings, official horsepower and torque ratings and the Stingray's curb weight. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the information will be known.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** "Vettes Rock" should be the title of this month's Photo of the Month. Made up of 19 black, 20 white, 39 red, and 3 silver Corvettes, this photo just goes to show you that Corvettes and guitars both make beautiful music.



**CORVETTE NEWS FROM ED:** To make the launch of the 2014 Stingray as efficient as possible, Chevrolet will limit the number of dealers that can sell the new models. Only 900 dealers, (who represent 80% of total Corvette sales in 2012), out of more than 3,000 locations nationwide will receive the new Corvette. Some of the requirements to receive the initial allocation include having sold at least four Corvettes in 2012, and having a Stingray technician specialist who has gone through a special, costly training session. Once demand begins to subside, allocations could open up to more dealers.

The official Ordering Guide listing all the features and options for the new C-7 was made available mid-April. However, there are two more relevant pieces of information that have not yet been released by General Motors. First is the official pricing which

**Happy Mother's Day**  
to all the Moms in the Club. Take a ride in your Corvette to celebrate the day.

