

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.

BOTR FOR MARCH: Breakfast will be served at Mom's Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach on Sunday, March 4. **This is a CASH ONLY diner.** We will meet at Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona at 8:00 am. Don't be late - - - we wouldn't want to make Mom mad.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG (well almost, anyway): Spring means car shows, and just like daffodils, they start to pop up all over the place. A few upcoming club events are:

March 17: Cruise-in at the Fly-in: Wear your green (for St. Patrick's Day) and bring your Corvette to Spruce Creek Fly-In for the 2nd monthly cruise-in sponsored by the Downwind Restaurant from 4-8 pm. Free Admission.

March 24: Tom Gibbs Corvette and Camaro Display: Meet at Bealls in Ormond at 9 am. The show lasts from 10 am - 2 pm. No registration fee, lots of door prizes, food and beverages (for a donation), good music and a good time.

March 30-April 1: Daytona spring Turkey Run at the Speedway. Bring your 'vette, lawn

chairs and your lunch (if you wish), and look for the big gray tent with our logo. Hopefully, it will be in the same location as prior years, but watch for an email from Jim with the specifics. Cost is \$25 per car (for all 3 days) and registration forms should be sent in by Mar 15. Forms can be accessed at http://www.turkeyrun.com/registration_form

Always check the calendar on our website for other car events happening in our area.

ST. AUGUSTINE OR BUST: The February Breakfast/Brunch on the Run had the cruisers making a run north to St. Augustine to Aunt Kate's Restaurant on the advice of John and Sally. They did not disappoint! After a scenic drive up A1A to perk up our appetites, Leslie and Art, Mickey and Bob, Bonita and Bill, Carole and Lars, Joan and Skip, Jean and Ed, Sadie and Bob, and Maya and Dave followed Sally and John to this charming little cottage-style eatery overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. There we met up with Anita and Steve, and Alice and John and enjoyed the beautiful warm weather that called for dining on the outdoor deck. Ahhh, February in Florida!!! Great food and great friends are always a winning combination. (Photos by Lars, Bill and Bob)

CRUISERS WENT CRUISING: How many ways can you say FUN? The Armstrongs, Crowders, Doyles, Fritzes, and Slatons met onboard with Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson to enjoy a cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Monarch of the Seas on January 23-27. Not only did the group enjoy the wonderful food, beautiful weather, calm seas, and all the pampering a cruise provides, they also shared many laughs and great fun along the way. Check out a sampling of the photos in the gallery that will give you an idea of this true island paradise, including the grandeur of Atlantis. The next time a cruise is planned by the club, be sure you are signed up to go. You are guaranteed a GREAT time; just ask anyone who went on this one. (Photos by Mickey and Joan)

BURSTING AT THE SEEMS....that pretty much describes the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona. Presently we have 25 memberships (45 members). To keep our club from getting too large, the Board of Directors has decided to cap the membership at our present level. When any group gets too large, it is difficult to plan outings that can accommodate a large group, plus large groups tend to break down into smaller groups and the comradery breaks down. Spaces will open up as the membership changes.

RECENT CAR SHOW REVIEWS:

ATC Car Show, in conjunction with Daytona State College, was held on January 21. The Fedeles, Bob Fritz, John Doria and Sally Clutter attended the enjoyable event. John reported several Corvettes from the Flagler Club were in attendance. Although this was not a club event this year, it is expected to become one next year.

ROLEX 24 Hours at Daytona: This event was attended by the Comptons, Dave Huber, and Maya Brendan. Bob reports a highlight of the event was the opportunity to drive your 'vette on the Daytona track. After a brief safety training

session, about 90 Corvettes, mostly C5 and C6 took to the track in two groups for two laps. The cars were led out onto a damp track about 9am near the entrance to turn 4 of the oval. "We picked up speed and were moving pretty good around the track until we had to slow down to enter the infield at Turn 1, went through the east horseshoe, then the west horseshoe and back out on the track at Turn 2, then continued on for a second lap." Driving on the bank was allowed between Turn 4 and Turn 1. Sadie and Bob both agree that it was a memorable experience, even though an ambitious (or stupid) driver of a red C-5 in front of them spun the tires on Lap 1 but gets straightened out. Then on Lap 2 the same driver spun again, but this time was unable to straighten it out and WHACK – hit the metal safety barrier. (There's one in every crowd!)

As far as the race itself --- unfortunately, the Corvettes did not finish higher than a 5th place in the Daytona Prototype class. Oh well, maybe next year. Check out the photo gallery for some great pictures of the cars and one of Sadie with Corvette driver Ron Fellows. (Photos and info provided by Bob).

UPCOMING EVENTS – PLAN AHEAD FOR APRIL AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- **Mini golf Tournament** – Round 1 begins on April 20 at 7:00 pm at Pirates Cove on A1A in Orm. Bch. Plan to come – lots of fun.
- **Club Picnic** – April 21 at Reed Canal Park in South Daytona. Catered by Dustin's – free to all club members. Starts at 11:30.
- **Trash to Treasures Yard Sale** – April 28. Time TBA. Show off your 'Vette, get rid of your "treasures," and help out a charity all at once. This is our major charity event of the year and we really want to have a good turnout. Please plan to attend.

DAYTONA 500 PARTY AT THE QUINNS: The Armstrongs, Doyles, Slatons, Fritzes, Chuck, George, Bill and Bonita, and the Crowders enjoyed a fun time with the Quinns at their home for the annual Daytona 500 party. It's the next best thing to being there; as the Quinns live close enough to the track to see the Blimps, the Thunderbirds and the ending fireworks without the hassle of all the traffic. PLUS, we got to enjoy Jim's famous Sloppy Joes and a large array of other goodies -- kinda like being in the VIP section at the track. Unfortunately, as we all know, the race was rained out and postponed until Monday night, but that didn't stop the party and we all stayed dry. The draw for the winner was still made, and congratulations go to Art Armstrong who pulled the lucky name of Matt Kenseth, the 2012 winner. With all the postponements, who knew the Daytona 500 race would be a 3-day event? Bet the Quinns are happy we all didn't stay. What a fun time we had!! (Photos by Jim)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, and you, and you: Like February, March is a very popular month for birthdays. On the 1st is George Ruland, the 15th is Sally Clutter, the 29th is Leslie Armstrong, and the 30th is shared by Jim Quinn and Steve Slaton. Cel-e-brate good times, come on. 🎵🎵🎵!

50/50 WINNER: Bill Simmons had the lucky ticket in the 50/50 drawing at our most recent club meeting. Bill walked away with \$16.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): This is truly an ugly picture to feature as the Photo of the Month, but it is timely since the suspense and curiosity is already peaking about the new C7. Spy photographers have caught up with the 2014 Corvette as it was undergoing cold weather testing in Ontario, Canada, and this is a camouflaged picture of it. Instead of just pictures, you may view the video of what appears to be two C7 prototypes testing in the cold, with one segment of tape actually capturing the exhaust note coming from the engine. See this interesting video, forwarded by Al Blake, from the Corvette Blogger at <http://goo.gl/pg6wv> Another interesting tidbit in relation to the C7 is that the Corvette plant in Bowling Green is now displaying a sign that reads, "All plant tours will be discontinued beginning September 14 for an undisclosed period of time." It is assumed the plant will be retooling for the production of the new model.)

