

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at the Club House Restaurant located at the Daytona Beach Municipal Golf Course the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Corvette Reunion: A good showing for our club at Jack Wilson's Second Annual Corvette Reunion. A pre-event Continental Breakfast was served at the Luther's in Palm Coast. Then the club motored up US 1 to St. Augustine for the show. Our club had a prime location along the front of the dealerships used car lot, a nice grassy area and not on the hot asphalt. The weather was hot and sunny but every now and then a cloud would cover the sun and allow some relief from the heat. Free hamburgers and hot dogs and cool drinks were provided and Chuck with his box of snacks made sure no one went hungry. Club members won a few of the door prizes and John Reis was the big winner of the 50/50. The show ended with a tour of the area and through down town St. Augustine with a police escort to provide a traffic light free drives.

Breakfast on the Run: Sunday following the St. Augustine show the club met again for BOTR. This time we did a first time visit to Julian's for their Sunday Brunch Buffet. The Armstrong's, Konopsky's and Quinn's met at our usual place and Leslie and Art led us on a beautiful drive along a route that we had not gone before. This led us to the Loop and on to the restaurant where we met up with the O'Leary's and Carol Ruland. The meal was very good and many of us went back for seconds and thirds and fourths. We'll have to keep this one on the list to visit again.

Next month we will meet again to take a trip to Titusville to eat at Dixie Crossroads. We plan to meet June 4th at 10:00 in the parking lot of the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona. From there we will travel down US 1 to Titusville and Dixie Crossroads. After we eat we will travel home by way of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. This is a great trip with good food and beautiful scenery.

New Duds for the Club: The new club shirts are fantastic. Everyone is in agreement, the selection committee did a great job of coming up with a fantastic shirt. Chuck got them back from the shirt shop just in time for the unveiling at the St. Augustine show. What a statement we made. Many of the other clubs told us how great they were and how they made us stand out in the crowd.



Member: National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). Please visit their web site (www.corvettesnccc.org). Florida Region web site at (www.ncccsouth.com).

Website Update: A couple of variations for our website have been circulating around and the response has been positive. Jim and the webmaster have pretty much come up with the final design. If you want to take a look go to www.corvettecruisersdaytona.com. Costs have been real reasonable at \$60 for our domain name and host site. The webmaster is only charging \$200 for the set up and to keep it updated for one year with the latest club information. There is a place on the home page that you can click on and bring up the latest issue of the Talepipe Newsletter. Very shortly we hope to have a password protected link to club information for members only. There you will find our membership roster with contact information for club members.

Time to Tee Up: The Corvette Cruisers Annual Mini Golf Tourney has begun. First round was Friday May 19th at the Mystic Harbor Miniature Golf located behind the Go Kart Track on Nova Road in Port Orange. We tee off at 7:30. Then on May 23rd round 2 at Pirate's Cove on A1A in Ormond. Schedules have been emailed to members. If you have not received it check with Jim and he will see that you get your own individual copy free of charge. Leslie has won this tourney for the last three years. She has started out this year with the low game in the first round. Let's see if she can make it four in a row.

Pot Luck Pool Party: Chuck and Shirley will be hosting another pot luck pool party. Everyone bring you swim suit and a towel and join the fun. It all begins May 27th at 3:00. Check with Shirley to let her know what food item you will be bringing.

Photo Scavenger Hunt: An up coming event planned for August. The hunt will be to find different things to have you Corvette photographed with. Each photo receives a certain number of points with bonus points for extra items in the photo. We will need Polaroid cameras for this. The Armstrong's and Quinn's have extra cameras for those who don't have one. There is a time frame to follow then everyone will meet to eat and show off the photos. Points are tabulated and the winner will receive a very nice prize.

Tour de' Forest: "Road Trip!" No positive date has been set for our run of over the river and thru the woods. Right now we plan to do it in September. This is what we've been waiting for. This will be a nice leisurely drive over some beautiful off the beaten path roads around the Ocala National Forest. This is about a 150 mile trip, if we don't get lost and have to find our way back on route. The trip will take about 4 hours of driving time plus any stops to admire the view and a stop for lunch.

Cruise Ins & Stuff: Some of the club members attended the Flagler Beach Corvette Club at the Woody's BBQ cruise in on Wednesday the 17th. Many of us drove away with door prizes. It's a fun event with lots of friendly Corvette owners.

Destination Daytona is holding a cruise in and show every third Saturday starting on May 20th from 1 to 6 pm. Some members are talking about checking it out. Destination Daytona is the new Harley Davidson dealership located on US 1 at the I-95 interchange in Ormond Beach.

June 10th is the 30th Annual Titusville Corvette Club Concours for Charity. Check out their web site at www.titusvillecorvetteclub.com for more information. The show is being held at Eckler's.

Club Charity: The gift cards were delivered to the Children's Home Society. Jim dropped them off at the front desk on Friday. Lisa, his contact there, was not in at the time. But within a few hours he received a phone call from her thanking the club for their generous donation. The cards will allow their teenage clients to purchase needed items that they chose making the purchase more personal.

Another charity or needy cause needs to be determined for our assistance. If you know of a group or cause please let President Tim know so he can bring it before the club at our next meeting.

Slick: John Luther has 24 quarts of Havoline motor oil he would like to sell. He's asking only \$1.00 each for the 20 W 50 weight oil. If you are in need this is a great bargain. Give him a call.

So, What Aggravates You the Most on the Road?

/ Hagerty Collector Network

To put an end to the more than 30 million Americans expected to hit the road this Memorial Day weekend, Hagerty Collector Network polled its members to uncover America's "Top 10 Driving Pet Peeves." The results revealed some surprising, yet common "sins" of the road every driver should know as the summer travel season officially begins!

To end the guessing, here are the Top 10 Pet Peeves of the Road, in order of their "irritation index":

1. Distracted drivers talking on cell phones (Motor Mouths)

Americans love to multi-task so it comes as no surprise that drivers drifting into other lanes while dialing, downloading, texting or just good old fashioned phone chatter, makes Motor Mouths the survey's number one pet peeve.

2. Slow drivers in the fast lane (Turtle Racers) It doesn't matter to these Turtle Racers that the average traffic flow is 15-20 mph faster than they are traveling; they just "cruise" at their own pace!

3. Pushy drivers who tailgate (Piggybackers) Unless you're at Daytona racing Dale Jr. for the lead, there's no reason to climb up another driver's bumper. Piggybackers should leave the bump-drafting to NASCAR.

4. Drivers who weave through traffic to gain one or two car lengths (Wacky Weavers) These Wacky Weavers employ what's known as "cut and thrust" motoring techniques, chopping off fellow motorists, changing lanes with abandon – all in an effort to roll up to the next red light 10 seconds before you do.

5. Obnoxious drivers who speed up to keep you from changing lanes (Gap Snatchers) It's a mystery why these Gap Snatchers, who can clearly see fellow drivers' signals to change lanes, find it necessary to keep other drivers "in their place."

6. Hasty drivers who change lanes without signaling (Space Invaders) Over the years, auto manufacturers have refined the operations of that little stalk that extends from every vehicle's steering column (turn signal duh). Space Invaders obviously haven't caught on to this radical, cutting-edge technology yet.

7. Road Rage (Road Ragers) We've all experienced Road Ragers. These offenders obviously will not stop until you respond to their "need to communicate" which comes in many forms including "sign language" (flipping of the middle finger), the "shout out" (using words that no good Samaritan should say), as well as the ever-popular "Honk-a-holic" (no description needed!)

8. Motorcyclists who race down the middle of a lane, between cars (Speed Racers) This is the kind of behavior that gives some motorcyclists a bad rap. Not surprisingly, some of these Speed Racers end up high-sided, face down on the pavement, but not before they've left a new contour on your favorite ride or nearly given you cardiac arrest as they speed in between vehicles.

9. Women applying makeup and men shaving (Driving Divas)

Don't these Driving Divas have indoor plumbing? Please, spare the rest of us and handle personal grooming habits at home.

10. Drivers who leave their turn signal on for miles (Morse Coders) Now let's be fair. Perhaps these Morse Coders are part of the SETI project, their turn signals beaming out across the galaxies in search of other life forms – or not.

We also had many respondents who came up with their own pet peeve prankster names. Here is a list of them:

Clueless Cruisers: People who drive like they just bought the road, and haven't a clue that anyone else might be using it.

The Egoist: The road is his, so get out of his way or just deal with it.

Fake Outs: People who, while stopped at a red light, don't have their indicator on but once the light turns green, they hang out in the middle of the intersection waiting to turn left – with you stuck behind them.

Flame Throwers: People throwing lit cigarettes out the window when they are done with them.

Four-Way Fatheads: Those drivers at four-way stop intersections that quickly push ahead before you have (within your rights) completed a turn within, or have exited the intersection.

Inattentives: Persons who wander back and forth or can't seem to maintain a constant speed, gradually slowing down until you try to pass, then suddenly waking up and accelerating.

Leap Froggers: Drivers that pull onto shoulders or entrance ramps to leap frog ahead of their place in stopped traffic.

Monkey-See, Monkey Do's: Drivers that will only drive at the speed of the car next to them.

Reluctant Rampers: People who enter the expressway so slow that that they endanger other drivers.

Road Readers: People who read the newspaper or a book while driving.

And one particularly funny one: Tighten the nut behind the wheel! Thank you to everyone who wrote in and helped us end the guessing.

Chevrolet Dealer Technical Service Bulletin:

Subject: HVAC Controls Intermittently Inoperative or Improperly Responding (Reset HVAC Controller)

Number: #03-01-39-004 - (04/14/2003)

Models: 1997-2003 Chevrolet Corvette

Condition:

Some customers may comment that the HVAC controller may have become intermittently inoperative or erratic in operation. In most all cases, the HVAC controller will function normally when the vehicle is examined by the technician. Additional comments may include a variance in the air temperature from driver to passenger side air vents.

Cause:

The customer may be turning the temperature knob from warm to cool or from cool to warm very rapidly. Under certain conditions, if the temperature knob is rotated very quickly, it may exceed the ability of the HVAC controller to interpret the desired action.

Correction:

Cycling the key to the off position will power off the HVAC controller and reset it, restoring normal function to the HVAC system on the next vehicle start. Instruct the customer that this is a normal function of the unit and that no repairs are necessary.

Warranty:

You may want to provide the customer with a copy of this bulletin so that if the condition occurs in the future, the customer will not need to return to the dealership.



Breakfast at the Luther's



Chuck's cars (notice the one on the roof)



Show shot

John's '57 ready to go to the show

