

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

AND AWAY WE GO

Those participating in the overnigher to Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island will leave from Bealls in Ormond Beach at 8:00 a.m on Sunday, November 7th. Eighteen members are going on this adventure. Don't forget that we are headed "up north", so be prepared for possibly colder weather. No need to pack your club shirts. **Time changes the morning we leave, so don't be late!**



DOTR

Because of the trip mentioned above, there is no official DOTR planned for the month of November, however.....↓

CARS AND COFFEE

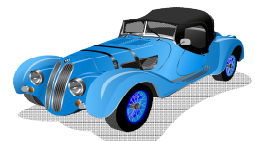
Since there is no Dining on the Run this month, club members agreed at the October meeting to

have breakfast at C's Waffles on Saturday, November 20th in conjunction with the Cars and Coffee Cruise-in at the Wawa. Bring your shined-up car and your appetite to the Wawa on State Road 44 in New Smyrna Beach at 8:30 a.m. Show lasts until 10:30. (The Wawa is located at the intersection of Mission Rd on one side and Wallace St. on the other side of SR 44.in New Smyrna Beach.)



TURKEY RUN

Although not an official club event, we like to mention the fact that one of the largest hot rod events in the country is in our own back yard at the Daytona International Speedway Thanksgiving weekend, November 25-28. What a great way to walk off all those calories you consumed on turkey day! If you would like to park your Corvette inside the speedway, you may purchase a parking pass from John Doria for \$7. You will still need to purchase your ticket to the 4-day event at www.turkeyrun.com. Your Corvette allows you to park inside, so get a pass from John and look for the club sign in the area next to Lake Loyd.



CHRISTMAS IS UPON US



It's hard to believe that we are talking about Christmas, but here we are. Where did the year go? Our Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, December 6th at Mario's, 521 S. Yonge St. in Ormond Beach.

Cocktail hour will begin at 5, with dinner at 6 pm. This year you will order your choice at the restaurant from one of the following main courses:

Chicken Marsala
Lasagna
Shrimp Scampi
Chicken Parmesan

Entrees will be served with a fresh salad, warm bread with butter, and your choice of endless coffee, tea, or soda. Dessert will be provided by the club. Tabs may be started or pay-as-you-go for all bar drinks. The cost is \$30 per person and includes tax and tip. **Payment will need to be made by check to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD) by November 30th to ensure your reservation.** Send check to Bill Simmons, 2305 Yule Tree Lane, Edgewater, FL 32141. This is our last event of the year, so let's make it a good one. Our Christmas party is for Members Only.

* Remember also, as we do every year, to share the benefits you have enjoyed over this past year with someone a little less fortunate. Please bring with you a nonperishable food item (or two, or three) that will be donated to a local food bank. Let's make this our generous reflection of a year where many experienced undue hardships as a result of the pandemic.

REMINDER: The Red Lobster has a Rewards program. Visit the Apple App store or Google Play store and download "My Red Lobster Rewards." Then you can scan the QR code from

your receipt to receive points that can be turned into a free drink, free dessert, or free appetizer, depending on the number of points acquired. If you are attending the meetings each month (and we certainly hope you do), you might as well start racking up points to get a nice little treat every so often. (If you still have your receipt from last month with the QR code on it, scan it to start collecting points.)

Welcome

We are so happy to introduce you to the newest members of our Corvette Cruiser family:



Alan Segal is a local attorney who lives in Daytona Beach. Alan drives a sweet 2006 LeMans Blue coupe. He enjoys working on cars in his spare time and has other 'Vettes that are "works in progress."



Keith and Cindy Hardin, who traded in the cold winters in Colorado Springs for our warm sunshine, are enjoying retirement in Lattitudes Margaritaville. Keith and Cindy drive a beautiful Rapid Blue 2021 Coupe.



Welcome **Back** to Tom and Sandie Bonnett, who were members of our club in 2018-2019. They married and moved away, but we are so happy they returned to rejoin the Corvette Cruisers. Tom and Sandie now have a C-8 2021 Torch Red Coupe and reside in Palm Coast.

Lest We Forget

Reviews

November 11 is Veteran Day



We salute our Corvette Club veterans and thank them for their service. We are the land of the free BECAUSE of the brave:

ARMY

Arthur Armstrong
Julius Frittelli
Bob Wolff

ARMY RESERVES

John Pona

AIR FORCE

Ken Hawes
Bud Mullennix
Gary Swanson
Tom Bonnett

NAVY

Bill Geize

COAST GUARD

Barry Luckenbach

NATIONAL GUARD

Arthur Armstrong

*Alan Segal served in the Israeli Army. Israel, as we know, is an ally of the US, so we thank Alan as well.

PIZZA NIGHT OUT

An impromptu night out turned into a fun time with lots of people and LOTS of pizzas.

Several chose to drive their Corvettes adding a touch of class to the



Giuseppe's parking lot outside. Inside, however, thirteen large pizzas graced the table for twenty-one hungry club members. Every pizza variety from pineapple to kale to anchovies, and everything in between, was devoured that evening. Alan Segal, who officially became a club member at this event, was the only one there who didn't like pizza (can you imagine), but enjoyed getting to meet some of our members. When Giuseppe's offers a large pizza, it IS LARGE, so many to-go boxes left the dining area that night. Enjoying the get-together AND the pizza were Bud and Mary Mullennix, Edie and Liz Byrne, Alan Segal (who ate soup), Patrick and Aliah Wall, George and Penny Weissgerber, Bill and Bonita Simmons, Gary and Cindy Swanson, Ed and Jean Doyle, John and Rose Pona, Julius Frittelli, Brenda Johnson, and Steve and Anita Slaton. Our photographer, Bill Simmons, has many times voiced the fact that since he is taking pictures, he is never IN the pictures. So, three times I made a point of taking a picture with Bill in it, and three times he was not anywhere around, thus, this picture of Bill.



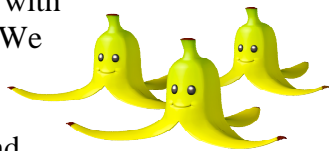
(I did, however, manage to finally capture him as seen in the Gallery.) Sometimes, last minute, unscheduled gatherings are the best.

DOTR TO 3 BANANAS

Florida has been blessed with truly beautiful weather. We managed to escape the fires in California, the flooding in Louisiana, and the hurricanes that took a right turn in the Atlantic (knock on wood – one more month). This nice weather continued as 20 members took off to Crescent City for a pleasant drive to 3 Bananas Restaurant; eight Corvettes, (Gary and Cindy, John and Rose, Patrick and Aliah, Alan, Ed and Jean, Liz and Edie, Bill S. and Bonita, and Ken and Jamie); two Corvette Jeeps (Bob and Linda, and Bill N. and Evelyn); and one Corvette F-150 (Bill G.). We were seated on the deck with a good view of the water, which was great considering the perfect temperature and bright blue sky. But it was unfortunate that we didn't get to see all the crazy signage and funky wall décor inside. Bonita got the last of the Prime Rib sandwich special, offered every Saturday, but wasn't terribly overjoyed by it. Everyone else seemed pleased with their orders – the full rack of ribs looked especially yummy.

After lunch, we all ventured out the back door to the dock for some photo ops. (See them in the Photo Gallery). Several of us who had been to 3 Bananas before with the club (in 2014 and 2017) noticed a lot of the lawn additions had been removed, like the boat, the lips on the trees, the huge beach chair. Perhaps a hurricane or two forced the removal. Still standing on the grounds is one of the oldest white cypress trees in Florida, estimated to be between 618-645 years old, according to a note on the menu, and verified by an online search.

* An interesting footnote about this trip – when Bill Geize first joined the club, he brought his recently purchased black 2014 (our first close-up-



look at a C7) to his first DOTR, which happened to be at 3 Bananas. Jump ahead seven years to 2021, and Bill, who sold his final Corvette, (a 2019 Sebring Orange coupe) is attending his last DOTR, which happens to be at 3 Bananas. Just a coincidence or some kind of hidden message? HmMMM

FUN ON THE RUN

Picture perfect is the only way to describe the day selected for the club's Fun Run on Sunday, October 17th. Cooler temps, blue skies, and bright sun brought out 12 Corvettes for a trip into some uncharted territory on the backroads in and around the Ormond Beach/Palm Coast area, that tested our ability to follow directions. The morning started off with Dunkin Donuts and a ping pong toss at the registration point of Bank of America in Ormond Beach. Three flights of four cars each took off making their way to Pit Stop #2 for a dice roll, then on to Pit Stop #3 for a spin on the roulette wheel, all while experiencing some beautiful scenery in farm country. Correct answers for observations



questions found along the way, such as "What was sitting on the green tractor," and "What was the number of the fire station passed along the way," added extra points to the overall

score and made the copilot pay close attention. Pit Stop #4 was the bean bag toss at the Graham Swamp Conservation Area. The final stop, which involved some domino picking, led us to Sonny's BBQ in Palm Coast, as our



appetites began calling. Following lunch, Jamie awarded door prizes/gift cards to such places as Dunkin Donuts, Dollar Tree, Publix, and Red Lobster. Edie, who was the first number drawn received a bottle of McGuire's Quick Detailer, a must for any Corvette owner. When she randomly drew the next ticket from the jar, whose

number did she select...none other than her sister Liz. Other winners from the drawings were Del Fot, Bonita Richardson, Rose Pona, Patrick Wall, Gary Swanson and Patty Fot. When the scores were totaled from all the competitions, Del had the lowest score of 55, which is usually only a good thing in golf, but also a good thing in the Fun Run as last place paid \$5. Taking 3rd place (\$10) with a score of 83 was Edie Byrne, 2nd place (\$15) went to Patrick Wall with a score of 86, and 1st place (\$20) with a score of 88 went to Keith Hardin, who is on track to becoming our newest member. I would call that beginner's luck!! Congratulations to all the winners!

A huge thanks to Jamie and Ken for planning, organizing, preparing, designing, implementing, directing, tracking, copying, and mapping out to make this Fun Run a success and lots of fun. Thanks also to Jamie's brother Roger, sister-in-law Eileen, and friend Chris for their help in facilitating the games and contributing to the success of the day. Receiving the participation awards (in other words, the non-winners not mentioned elsewhere) were Art and Leslie Armstrong, Bill Simmons, Aliah Wall, John Pona, Alan Segal, and his friend Tesla, Cindy Hardin, John and Sally Doria, Cindy Swanson, and Ed and Jean Doyle.

This & That

MONEY GRAB

It happened again!! More times than not, our 50/50 drawing is won by a first-timer to the meeting. October was no exception when the drawing was won by a first-timer with a twist. Sandie Bonnet was at her first meeting as she

returned to the Corvette Cruisers. I'd say \$46 was a pretty nice "welcome back" present. Congrats!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



2nd Tom Bonnett
 12th Jean Doyle
 18th Penny Weissgerber
 21st Evelyn Neway
 30th Patrick Wall

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY:



George and Penny Weissgerber
 Congratulations!

CLUB SHIRTS:

Any member who wishes to order a club shirt in the new Campus Orange, let John Doria know. The cost is \$28 (plus \$5 if you wish to have your name on it). Make checks out to CCGD and give to Bill Simmons, our treasurer, or John.

LOCAL CAR SHOW:

Fall is the season that a lot of car shows start appearing in the area. One in our area is Cruisin' the Hill for School Supplies at Holly Hill City Hall on Ridgewood Avenue on November 6th from 10-2. There will be food, live music and drinks, lots of fun, and something to do on a Saturday in November.

Z06 GRAND TOUR:

New Smyrna Chevrolet is planning to introduce the new Z06 up close and personal in a showing at the dealership on Saturday, December 4th in conjunction with a Toys for Tots toy drive. More information on this at the November meeting.

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Z06 INTRODUCTION – OCTOBER 26 – DID YOU SEE IT?

Hey any of you C-7 guys and gals ever wonder why your tires pick up small rocks and other debris that imbed in the tread? The sound from inside the car is quite noisy and the rocks or pebbles, when removed, have been known to leave a small dimple. Would a harder rubber affect performance? Here is the answer from the Tech Nerd submitted by Liz and Edie Byrne:

It is entirely normal for very soft compound tires to pick up hard rocks and debris they run over, especially when the ambient air and road surface temperatures are high. Tires with a harder compound tread will naturally be much less likely to exhibit this behavior, but they will not have the same coefficient of friction (and thus the same handling capability) as comparably soft-compound tires as you approach the car limits of performance. This is irrelevant to most people who don't drive their cars on race tracks, because it is virtually impossible to probe your C-7's performance limits on public roads without running afoul of the law (or crashing). So, if you are okay with a reduction in your outer limit road holding, you may wish to buy all-season tires built with harder compound rubber. You can purchase run-flats with this kind of compound. An added benefit of all-season tires is that they will likely last longer than soft-compound, ultra-performance "summer" tires.

