

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

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Our monthly meetings are held at T.G.I. Fridays located on the corner of Granada Avenue and A1A in Ormond Beach, on the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00. **REMEMBER THE NEW MEETING PLACE OF FRIDAY'S**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: The club officially welcomes new members Skip and Joan Crowder and Ron and Betty Strauss. Skip and Joan were members in 2004 and decided to rejoin our club. They are the owners of a Commemorative Edition Z06 in LeMans Blue and live in Ormond Beach. Ron and Betty attended several meetings and functions in April and May, but Ron had some serious health issues over the summer. We are happy to see them again and report that Ron is as good as new. The Strauss' own a '73 Yellow convertible and a '02 Magnetic Red coupe. They also live in Ormond Beach. Welcome to all!

GET READY, GET SET: Hope you will GO to one of the Corvette Cruisers favorite places to do what we do best –EAT! On November 6, we will gather at 10:45 a.m. at the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona for our annual trip to Boston's Fish House in New Smyrna Beach. Mmmm, can't you just taste that fried shrimp? If you liked Betty's last month, you will LOVE Boston's. According to the Armstrong's, it is the closest one can get to authentic New England seafood.

ELECTION UPDATE: Since there was only one nominee for each office, the slate of officers for the upcoming 2012-2013 year was accepted by

acclamation. They are, President Jim Quinn; Vice President, Arthur Armstrong; Treasurer, Alice Luther; Secretary, Jean Doyle; Directors, John Doria, Ed Doyle, and Dave Huber.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Jim and Ginny Quinn will host the Board of Directors Meeting at their home on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm. If you have an issue you wish to have addressed, let a board member know or come to the meeting. All members are welcome; just let the hosts know you plan to come. The new Board will be in attendance.

SILVER SPRINGS CORVETTE SHOW: Meet at Beall's in Ormond Beach at 7:00 a.m. for the convoy to Ocala. Shine up the 'Vette, pack some lawn chairs, and hope for nice weather.

DUES WERE DUE. . . in October, but if you haven't yet paid, please do so soon. Your \$75 covers such things as our Website, this Newsletter, liability insurance and some of our social events.

BETTY'S IS A HIT: Six Corvettes, 14 members (Jim, Ginny, Joan, Skip, George, Carol, Dave, Maya, John D., Sally, Art, Leslie, Jean, and Ed)

and 2 guests (Bob and Linda Wolf) made the trip to Betty's on a gorgeous fall morning for a darn good seafood lunch. With the beautiful view and the delightful weather, the food was almost secondary, but was definitely enjoyed by all. Dave Huber showed off his new 2006 Victory Red coupe, having progressed from a C4 to a C5, and now a C6. Dave, will you be the first in the club to own a C7? (Bet it will be red!)

SPEAKING OF THE C7: Contrary to popular belief, the design of the C7 remains a deep, dark secret. This is according to Corvette Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter, who says that no matter how many drawings, pictures, or conceptions claim to be the real thing, they are not! So, until the Corvette team wants the public to know what the 2014 C7 will look like, we will have to keep our seatbelts on and wait it out – at least until the spring of 2013 when the official unveiling will take place.

MORE CORVETTE NEWS: Ed reported that the total production for 2011 Corvettes was 13,596, of which 7,994 or 59% was the Grand Sport model. And again, the #1 color – Black!

REVIEW OF T.G.I. FRIDAY'S: Based on an exit poll of those attending the first meeting at Friday's, the reaction was a good one, even after a little snafu with the gratuity. Food was good, service was good, and above all, we could actually hear our president conduct the meeting, and that was also good.

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY: That was surely the wish of the Flagler County Corvette Club for Sunday, October 9th. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had her way and their annual show was cancelled due to high winds, and rain---lots and lots of rain. The show has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 4th, and if you haven't pre-registered, you have until November 18th to save \$5 on the registration fee.

LASAGNA "THROWDOWN": Who makes the best lasagna in the club? We will soon find out at the Quinn's on December 3rd. Will we need Bobby Flay from the Food Network to decide the winner? Mark your calendars.

TURKEY RUN CAR SHOW... takes place at the Speedway during Thanksgiving weekend, November 24-27. So if you are looking for something to do to walk off some of those calories, go out to the speedway to see all the "sweet rides." (This is not a club event.)

CORVETTE COLOR CAPERS: Did you ever wonder where Corvette gets some of its color names? Maybe a "red" or "yellow" or "green" or "blue" is good enough for you, but back in the early '70's the trend for naming colors leaned much more toward the exotic. There was Mille Miglia Red in '71-'75; War Bonnet Yellow in '71-'72; Brands Hatch Green in '71; and Bridgehampton Blue and Mulsanne Blue in '70-'71. Did you know there have been 32 different blues (not counting aqua, turquoise or the metallics)? And in 1966 and 1967, there were 3 separate blues offered in each year, none of which had the same name. Daytona played prominently in the color naming process with Daytona Yellow, Daytona Blue and Daytona Sunset Orange. In 1977, there was a Chartreuse, but only one was produced. (Maybe we can guess why!☺) And in 1955 Harvest Gold made its debut (perhaps to match your refrigerator or stove?). So, do you know the "official" color of your Corvette?

CELEBRATIONS: Happy November Birthday to the following: Jean Doyle on the 12th, Frank Fedele on the 13th and John Luther on the 26th. November was not a very popular month for weddings with club members as there were no anniversaries. (Correction on last month's anniversary of George & Carol Ruland - they've been married 48 years, not 47 as reported.)

\$\$\$ WINNER: It pays to attend our meetings - just ask Maya Branden who won a cool \$25 in the 50-50 drawing.

NEW OWNERSHIP: The Ormond Beach Steakhouse has new owners, but that will not affect our Christmas Party set for the 13th. According to Ray and Sandy Gatz, the food is as good, and maybe even better, than before the sale. We'll meet at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: A report on the Halloween party at the Crowder's, along with the photos, will be covered in the December issue of this Newsletter. Stay tuned....

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: The Mako Shark Show car was designed as a concept car in 1961 under the direction of GM Design head Bill Mitchell. A widespread story has it that Mitchell ordered his team to paint the car the distinctive blue-gray shade to match an actual shortfin mako shark mounted on the wall in his office. After numerous attempts to match the fish's color scheme failed, the team "kidnapped" the fish one night, painted it to match their best efforts on the car, and returned it to the office wall. Mitchell never realized the difference and was genuinely pleased with his team's duplication of Mother Nature's handiwork. Mitchell died never knowing the true story.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!