

# 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 (Dutch treat) at 6:00 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

**WELCOME BACK:** After a one-year hiatus from the club, we are happy to announce that Bob and Linda Wolff have returned to the fold. You may remember that the Wolffs hail from Ormond Beach and drive a 2007 Atomic Orange Convertible. Happy you are back!

**NOVEMBER DOTR:** Last month the club ate breakfast outside. This month we have another chance to eat outside for lunch - not many places up north can do that in November. Hopefully the weather will continue to be beautiful as we dine at the Dolphin View Restaurant in New Smyrna Beach. Let's meet at Sunshine Park Mall at 11:00 a.m. for a drive down to the river to lunch with the dolphins.



**CLUB DATE:** Our club has a date to try something new at the Marion County Corvette Show on Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. No longer will we be headed to Silver Springs as we have in the past. This year, the Ocala club has made arrangements with "Big Daddy" Don Garlits to hold its show at the Garlits Museum of Drag Racing. This should make an interesting diversion from the norm. Since it is about an 80 mile trip, we need to get an early start to ensure a good spot and be registered by the 10:00 a.m. cutoff time. This is a club event, so hopefully we will have a great turnout. Meet at Kohl's at 7:00 a.m. (Kohl's is located on the right heading west on Dunlawton about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile after you pass under I-95.) It is directly behind McDonald's and Wendy's. So shine up the 'Vette, pack your chairs and your cooler, and let's head west.

**FREE SHOW AT JON HALL-** The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club in conjunction with Jon Hall Chevrolet is introducing the 2014 C7 Corvette at the Jon Hall Dealership on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free coffee, donuts, hot dogs, popcorn and sodas....free t-shirts to all registered Corvette Owners, music and entertainment and door prizes! Register by 11:00 the day of show. This is not a club event but come on out and check out the festivities. More info can be obtained by contacting Arne Ellgard at 386-562-4130 or online at [www.picorvetteclub.com](http://www.picorvetteclub.com).

### **CHRISTMAS BANQUET:**

Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Oceanside Country Club in Ormond Beach. Since it is a country club, a coat and tie is required for men, and dress or dressy pants outfit for the ladies. The dinner is \$35.00 per person (check made payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD, for short). Price includes warm rolls and butter, choice of one entrée, Chef's choice potato, seasonal vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available. Please be prepared to choose your entrée from the following choices: (1) Grilled Top Sirloin, (2) Grilled Mahi Mahi with a special dipping sauce, or (3) Chicken Marsala in a mushroom wine sauce.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

There will be a meeting on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Doyle's home in Port Orange. If anyone has an item you wish to have discussed, please let a Board Member know.

### **INTRODUCING...(drum roll, please)...**

**the 2014, C7 Corvette:** Our club had two, not one but two, chances already to see the new Corvette up close and personal in a private showing first at New Smyrna Beach Chevrolet on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the second at Jon Hall Chevrolet on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In dramatic fashion we arrived at NSB Chevy to find the car completely encased in a black cover embossed with stingrays all over it. We couldn't even tell what color the car was going to be. We were told the "unveiling" would take place at 6:00 p.m. and were ushered over to a catered spread of cheese, fresh fruit, a salmon loaf shaped into the form of a Corvette, hot stuffed mushrooms, chicken on a stick, and an unbelievable dessert tray, topped with a model of the C7. (Be sure to check out the photos in the Photo Gallery). Then at 6:00, the drum roll began, the cover was removed, and we cheered and clapped to a beautiful torch red coupe, all while being taped by Bright House for an ad for NSB Chevy. Immediately, the top was removed by one of the assistants and placed in the trunk, the hood was raised and Leslie Armstrong

had the enviable position of starting up the engine as we all took turns trying out the seating room in the new C7.

Our second chance to see this show-stopper was at Jon Hall Chevy. This time a black beauty sat in the showroom on display. Since this one had been sold, we did not get the chance to see under the hood, in the trunk or the interior, on the outside chance that it might get damaged. Two technicians who had driven a 2014 on a GM test track were available to answer any questions we may have had. We were then ushered into the meeting room lounge, where we dined on endless Domino's Pizza and soft drinks. Wow, many more "unveilings" and we might have trouble fitting into one of these new cars. We DO have some members who are thinking very seriously about purchasing one. Who in our club might be the first????

**CORVETTE TRIVIA:** With all the hoopla over the C7, a question came up from one of our members about how long the previous Corvette Generations have lasted. Since no two are the same number of years, here is your answer:

- C1 - 1953-'62 (10 yrs.)
- C2 - 1963-'67 (5 yrs.)
- C3 - 1968-'82 (15 yrs.)
- C4 - 1984-'96 (13 yrs.)
- C5 - 1997-'04 (8 yrs.)
- C6 - 2005-'13 (9 yrs.)
- C7 - 2014 to anybody's guess

**DOTR REVIEW:** Although your Newsletter editor was not at the October breakfast at Racing's North Turn, she did get a report from others who were there. The weather was good enough to dine on the deck, although the group did opt for the covered deck --- just in case. John and Alice, Richard and Pat, Skip and Joan, Jack and Yvonne, and John and Sally took the drive to Ponce Inlet to enjoy some ocean views and breezes as they dined on a variety of breakfast goodies, from specialty Crepes and Frittatas to the usual Bacon and Eggs. The reviews, with the exception of the cornflake-covered French toast, sounded pretty good. The view, according to some, was one of the best parts of the meal.

**FLAGLER SHOW BEHIND US:** What a beautiful day it was to sit in the shade and be among some of the most beautiful cars in the world!! That's just what we did on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Jim and Ginny Quinn, Herb and Shirley Gerstel, John Doria and Sally Clutter, Ed and Jean Doyle, Joanna Oswald, John Reis, Frank and Leanne Fedele, and Art and Leslie Armstrong caravanned to Flagler Beach for the Flagler County Corvette Club "Corvettes at the Beach" car show. There we were met by John Luther, Jack Keimber and Yvonne Mandley, and Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier along with their friends Rick and Gloria, owners of a 2003 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary model. Past member Bob

Wolff stopped by to say hello and visit for a while. Shirley Gerstel was the only one lucky enough to win a door prize, which turned out to be a t-shirt for Herb. Ed and Jean Doyle won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the C6 class for 2010-2013 models for their 2010 torch red Grand Sport Convertible. The Citrus County Corvette Club won the \$200 for best participation with 18 cars. All in all it was a great day just to socialize, eat (of course), and enjoy a beautiful day. Thank you, Flagler Co. Corvette Club, for a very good show (and the 3 bags of "free stuff.")

#### NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

Happy Birthday Wishes to Scorpions Amy Anderson on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Jean Doyle on the 12<sup>h</sup>, Frank Fedele on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and to Sagittarians John Luther\* on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Harry Horchler on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

\*A little bird told me that John Luther will be celebrating 80 trips around the sun. Congratulations, John! May we all be in as good of shape as you are when we reach that magic number.

50-50 winner: Jean Doyle won the drawing at the October meeting after a very long dry spell. Twenty-six bucks makes for a great birthday present. (Although Ed says it was really HIS ticket that won.)

Congratulations to Mike Mills as we welcome a new member to our Corvette family. Mike surprised us all when he attended the C7 showing at Jon Hall with a sleek Black 2006 Coupe. Bye-bye 2004 Millennium Yellow.

**ELECTIONS:** Well it looks as though we have our officers for 2013-2014. In a surprise move, Dave Huber removed his name from consideration as a Director, citing his inability to be available due to his frequent traveling. Art had agreed to accept the nomination made by Joanna Oswald at the September meeting. With no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed slate of officers by acclamation. Our new (and some old) officers are as follows:

President - John Doria  
V. President - Richard Wetherby  
Secretary - Jean Doyle  
Treasurer - Alice Luther  
Directors: Art Armstrong  
Skip Crowder  
Jim Quinn

The new Board looks forward to an exciting and fun-filled two years ahead.

**TO OUR VETERANS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.** (Don't forget your donations to the Veterans Assistance Coalition. Look in the October Newsletter for

information on how to say thanks to a struggling returning veteran.)

**MORE CORVETTE NEWS:** Ed reports that the Corvette plant is again open for tours after a 13 month shut-down due to the retooling for the C7's. However, a tour through the plant now will cost you seven bucks unless you are a current or retired employee of GM or an active member of the military. (It used to be free to everyone.) Production is now near their target goal of 160 a day, so the dealers are now receiving more frequent shipments.

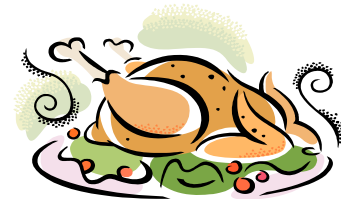
**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The bewitching hour for the Halloween Party at the Crowders' home occurred AFTER the Newsletter had to be turned in to the WebMaster for publication. Watch for the details and photos in the December issue.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH:** To get us in the spirit of going to the Museum of Drag Racing, what could be more appropriate than to showcase a Corvette Drag Car. Corvettes are frequently found in all classes ranging from Stock to Pro-Modified. The C2 'Vette in this photo runs in the Pro Modified class in National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Drag Racing. Cars in this class can run the quarter mile

in under 6 seconds and up to 250 mph. We will be seeing a lot of drag racing memorabilia (and Big Daddy himself) at the Ocala Show.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**



One of the beautiful things about the Thanksgiving holiday is that it gives us a specific time to reflect on and be thankful for all the wonderful blessings we all enjoy.