

# 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 5:30 PM, and stay for the meeting, which begins at 7:00.

**LAST DOTR OF 2014:** Are you ready for a laidback, casual, dining experience before the rush of the holidays takes over? Then the November Dining on the Run is just the place for you. Outriggers on the North Causeway in New Smyrna Beach will be the location for our final DOTR for 2014. Weather permitting, we will dine on the deck overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and the pristine boats docked at the Marina. Their unique menu items (and their happy hour) have made Outriggers a hit with the locals. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Sunshine Park Mall on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in South Daytona and we will cruise on down the road.



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:

November 4<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. A lot of local races will be determined at this election as well as the race for Governor and three very important amendments. If you don't think your vote counts, consider the following examples:

- \* In 1800, Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one vote in the

House of Representatives after a tie in the Electoral College.

- \* In 1962, the Governors of Maine, Rhode Island, and North Dakota were elected by an average of one vote per precinct.
- \* In 2012, by choosing not to cast a vote, House Speaker William O'Brien of Concord NH allowed a bill to be passed that would decriminalize possession of up to a half-ounce of marijuana. The bill, HB 1526, cleared the House by a 162-161 vote.

So do your civic duty and get out there and VOTE. Only then have you earned the right to gripe and complain.

**VETERANS DAY**, a holiday that honors the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces, is celebrated on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This date signifies the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month when major



hostilities ended in World War I. To the following veterans in the Corvette Cruisers, our very own "Vets with Vettes," we salute you and thank you for your service to our country:

Arthur Armstrong  
Frank Fedele  
Harry Horchler  
David Huber  
Chuck Konopsky  
John Luther  
Michael Mills  
John Reis  
Robert Wolff

**BOD MEETING:** The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of John Doria. The budget will be set and the locations for our Sunday Dining on the Run will be determined. If you have an item you wish to place on the agenda, or a restaurant suggestion for a DOTR, please let a board member know. All meetings are open to all members, so if you plan to attend, please let John know you are coming. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**HO, HO, HOLIDAY PARTY:** Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at the the Halifax Plantation in Ormond Beach. Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 and dinner will be served



between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Expect a scrumptious dinner from one of the club's favorite restaurants, and delightful decorations to surely put you in the holiday spirit.

The cost is \$39.00 per person (\$78.00 per couple) Make your check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD, for short), and give it to Richard Wetherby or mail it to him at 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, 32114. Please have your money and your selection turned in by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Price includes your choice of entrée from the list below, a salad with choice of two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, appropriate starchy vegetable, warm baked rolls with butter, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. A cocktail waitress will be available in the dining room for our convenience, compliments of the club. Entertainment by our president will be free of charge, and, who knows, even Santa Claus may make an appearance.

**Please choose your entrée from one of the following:**

- (1) Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing
- (2) Chicken Cordon Bleu
- (3) Roast Prime Rib of Beef

RSVP your meal selection to Leslie at [bluebya2001@bellsouth.net](mailto:bluebya2001@bellsouth.net) or phone her at 386-615-7684. Since Halifax Plantation is similar to a country club, a coat and tie is suggested for men, and dress or dressy pants outfit is suggested for the ladies.

Remember, as we do every year, to share the benefits we have enjoyed over the year with someone a little less fortunate. Please bring with you a non-perishable food item (or two, or three) that will be donated to the Urban Ministries Food Bank.

Though the cost this year is a little higher than last year, the Board of Directors believes that everyone will find it well worth the price. And, hey, aren't we worth it??

### **A LOOK BACK AT THREE BANANAS:**



The first real hint of fall with a 75° temperature, a bright blue sky with white puffy clouds, sunshine

galore, and fifteen beautiful Corvettes zipping through the Florida countryside pretty much describes the October Dining on the Run to Three Bananas Restaurant in Crescent City. The day could only be described as picture perfect by Dave, Maya, Ken, Trish, Skip, Joan, Bill, Bonita, Bob W., Linda, Jim, Ginny, Harry, Carolyn, Mike, John D., Sally, Herb, Shirley, Richard, Marsha, Bob F., Mickey, Art, Leslie, Ed, and Jean. Joining our group were two guests, Bill Geize in his C7 black on black Z51 coupe, and Dan Niswander in his silver C5 convertible. After a good meal on the deck overlooking Crescent Lake, several opted to walk out on the dock to enjoy the lake up close and take some silly photos with some unusual items on the restaurant grounds. (Be sure to check them out in the Photo Gallery.) It was truly a fun time to have so many members participate.

(Photos by Richard, John D., Jean and Linda Wolff)

**VETTES AT THE BEACH:** A lot of Corvette Clubs decided to make Flagler Beach their Sunday afternoon destination for the annual Flagler County "Vettes at the Beach" Corvette Show. Unfortunately, our club wasn't one of them as only six Corvettes made the trip up I-95 and over the bridge to the beach. This number was down dramatically from the twelve Corvettes at last year's show. However, Richard, John Reis, John Doria, joined by Sally later in the day, Ed and Jean, Bob W., and Bill and Bonita were able to find

one of the few shady spots on the grounds to put up camp on this hot, steamy, October day in Florida. Thank heavens for the breeze from the ocean. Richard was our only winner in the door prize category when he was able to pick up a handy little organizer - a great tool for any treasurer. The "goodie" bag handed out by the Flagler Club was a prize in itself, chocked full of some very nice items. With so many beautiful cars in every color imaginable and in the categories of stock, customized, and modified, the judges had a difficult job, nitpicking the smallest details - just ask Bob Wolff or John Reis. And while we didn't win any participation award, we did manage to walk away with some nice awards, even with the small number of cars. John Doria took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his category with his '71, and Ed and Jean Doyle took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their category with their '10 Grand Sport improving from 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2013. Guess all that shining and polishing and shining and polishing does pay off after all. (Photos by Richard and John D.)

### **THIS AND THAT:**

There are five club members who will be celebrating their birthday in the month of November. Since I have been naming celebrities who celebrate on the same day, I noticed such a diverse group this month, I decided to name two "stars" so you can see the strange combinations. As you read them, see where you think our members fit with the characteristics of their celebrity counterparts. Amy Anderson on the 11<sup>th</sup> with actor Leonardo DiCaprio and General George Patton; Jean Doyle on the 12<sup>th</sup> with Grace Kelly and Charles Manson; Frank Fedele on the

13<sup>th</sup> with author Robert Louis Stevenson and actress/comedienne Whoopi Goldberg; John Luther on the 26<sup>th</sup> with NASCAR driver and announcer Dale Jarrett and singer Tina Turner; and, Harry Horchler on the 27<sup>th</sup> with actor Bruce Lee and musician Jimi Hendrix. Those who believe in the astrological signs will have a tough time explaining this!

Leslie Armstrong just got a whole lot richer when she won \$25.00 in the 50/50 drawing at the October meeting. Remember to get your votes turned in to Jean as to where you wish the 50/50 money to be donated this year. The voting has been very close and, as you read earlier in this Newsletter, one vote can make the difference.



Sandy Gatz will be part of the cast for the Broadway presentation of "Fascinating Rhythm" at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$15 and is sure to be an entertaining evening. Let's give Sandy our support as she makes her "broadway" debut.

The bewitching hour for the Halloween Party at the Fritz's home occurred AFTER the deadline for publication of the Newsletter. Watch for the details and photos in the December issue.

We have another new Corvette in the club family - Bob and Mickey Fritz have purchased a 2006 Monterey Red Convertible to keep his 1969 company in the garage. Congratulations!

## CORVETTE CHATTER

◆ The Chief Engineer for Corvette has confirmed that over 5,000 pre-orders for the 2015 Z06 have already been received.

◆ General Motors released its testing data for the new 2015 Z06. When equipped with the new paddle shift 8-speed automatic, the new 650 hp Corvette Z06 with the Z07 performance package hits 60 mph in 2.95 seconds and reached the quarter-mile in 10.95 seconds. The Z06 with the Z07 pack and standard 7-speed manual transmission reaches 60 mph in 3.2 seconds and finished the quarter-mile in 11.2 seconds. The quarter mile trap speed is 127 mph for both. When did you ever think the automatic would outpace the manual?

◆ Now that the model year is over, here are some stats for the first year of the C7:

37,288	Corvettes built
21,105	Built with Z51 Perf. Pkg.
24,088	Built with auto. trans.
1,231	Delivered by NCM

The most popular color was Torch Red at 7,197, followed by Arctic White with 6,153 and Black with 5,929. The least favorite colors, at least in production numbers, were Night Race Blue with 1,827 and Lime Rock Green with 1,566.

◆ The first 2015 Z06 Stingray off the production line will head to the Barratt Jackson auction block to raise money for charity. You can bet that Rick Hendrick, NASCAR car owner and well-known car collector will be in the audience with a bidding paddle in hand.

◆ We already knew that the C7 was HOT. After all, the car has taken numerous industry awards and scorched the competition in various comparisons both on and off the track. But this one surely takes the prize.



Yep, it is (or was) a Corvette, and believe it or not, this car was listed for auction in the Geico Insurance Auto Auction Handbook. The listing says it began life as a black on black car, and technically, it still is. It's a charred black now rather than the glossy factory black. The Listing also points out that the car won't start and the odometer status simply says 'burnt.' The car is located in Baton Rouge LA and the ad mentions "this vehicle is not ready for sale." Not sure what Geico really expects to get from this sale, but if you have a little extra cash burning a hole in your pocket (no pun intended), you might be able to get this deep fried Stingray at a really good price.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page):** With all the attention given to the C7 these days, the C5 seems to have taken a back seat in the public eye. But not everyone has given up on the 5<sup>th</sup> generation. Take the owner of this C5 in Greece, who apparently had all the money and desire to

create the lightest version of his car that was humanly possible. And so he hired a Custom company to create all new body panels out of carbon fiber. The stock body panels from the factory weigh in at approximately 700 lbs. But after three months, and 800 hours of labor (and mega bucks), this custom C5 is about 300 lbs. lighter thanks to carbon fiber front and rear fascia, doors, quarter panels, hood, splitters, side skirts, wing mirrors, A and B pillars, and the roof. It seems that anything is possible when money is not an issue. No report on how this Corvette handles.



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

**Happy Thanksgiving**