

# 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

### **DINING ON THE RUN (DOTR) for breakfast:**

We are going to keep Spring in mind when we have breakfast at a tiny little restaurant in Flagler Beach called the Hi Tulip Cafe. Club members last dined here in April of 2021 during a drenching downpour, so maybe we will get lucky this time and be able to eat on their outdoor patio. It's always a nice drive to Flagler up A1A, and the Hi Tulip breakfast menu has some unique items on it. Let's leave, bright and early, from Beall's in Ormond, Sunday, October 2 at 8:15 am. Club shirts, please.



Register and pay (credit card) online at <https://www.funsunandtravel.com/GroupRegistrations/view/106912>. Please do not send your payment to John or our treasurer Bill Simmons. Full payment (depending on your room selection) is to be paid by November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **CAR SHOW IN FLAGLER:**

The Flagler County Corvette Club is having their annual Corvette show on Sunday, October 9. You must have already preregistered to be judged. Those in the show will leave from Beall's in Ormond at 7:30 a.m. If you are not entering your car in the show, perhaps you will support those in the club that are. The show is being held at the Tom Gibbs Chevrolet dealership on Rt. 100 in Flagler from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The show is free to spectators, so stop by and look at lots of really sharp Corvettes and support our members.

### **CRUISERS GO CRUISING:**

A deposit of \$50.00 for the Jan 16-20 Royal Caribbean cruise must be paid to Julie Pierce (cruise coordinator) by October 6 to hold your spot. John Doria sent out information about this cruise on September 15 to all members via email.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!**



Did you know that the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona is 30 years old this October? IT'S TRUE!! We were established this month in 1992,

so why not celebrate in a way that everybody seems to like – a pizza party!  
On Tuesday, October 11, meet at 5:30 at Giuseppe's Steel City Pizza, 3658 S. Nova Road in Port Orange. We'll make a lot of noise and eat a lot of pizza. See you there to celebrate. Club shirts optional.



### CHERRY (Charity) PICKING:

Sometime this month you will receive an email from our Secretary, Jamie Hawes, requesting your vote of two out of four charities to receive a donation from the club. These donations are made possible by your purchase of the 50/50 drawing at each meeting. The four choices will be:

- 1) The Lighthouse Presbyterian Church Food Bank in Ormond Beach
- 2) The Vietnam Veterans Ladies Auxiliary in Port Orange
- 3) Turie T. Smalls Elementary School in Daytona Beach.
- 4) Meals on Wheels through the Council of Aging in Daytona Beach

More information on each will be coming from Jamie. Watch for it and please make your two choices.

### MINIATURE GOLF, ANYONE?

Several members are planning to play a round of mini golf on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will play at Pirates Cove on the corner of Cardinal Drive and A1A in Ormond Beach. Meet at the course at 6:00 p.m. for a "just-for-fun" game. Any Corvette shirt will do. An email will be sent if the game is canceled for rain.



### CLOSING OUT THE YEAR:

1. DOTR – November 6 to Dixie Crossroads in Titusville
2. Turkey Run November 24-27
3. New Smyrna Beach Chevy – December 3 (Toys for Tots Car Show)
4. Christmas Banquet – December 12, Mario's in Ormond Beach

Each will be explained more fully in upcoming Newsletters, but you can mark them on your calendars now.

# Welcome...

.....To our newest members, John and Tina Ericsson, who drive a sweet 1965 Glen Green convertible. The Ericssons make their home in Margaritaville, having moved there from the Spruce Creek Fly-In. John recently had a knee replaced and notes that our August meeting was his first time out since the surgery. We love your priorities, John. Members, please introduce yourself to John and Tina and welcome them to our club.

# Reviews

James Schefter once wrote a book called "All Corvettes are Red," and that just about described the Corvettes that made their way to Sparky's in Astor, FL. Seven out of ten 'Vettes making the lunch trek were red, along with one blue, one yellow and one white. Nineteen members filled the tiny restaurant to near capacity, adding a lot

of noisy chatter. Sparky's might best be described as your typical "greasy spoon" restaurant. Lots of grease was served with most dishes, although servings were plentiful and reasonably priced. The menu was huge for such a small restaurant, with something available for everyone. Check out the photo of the Halo Burger in the Gallery. No, that is not an egg, but melted cheese over the burger.... ALL over the burger!

Lucky to be enjoying the bright sunshine, exactly twenty-one years from one of the darkest days in American history (9/11), were John and Rose Pona, Bob and Linda Wolff, Del and Patty Fot, John and Sally Doria, Bob and Debbie Dutcher, Alan and Loudette Segal, Gary and Cindy Swanson, A J Marquard, Arnie Ligi, Patrick Wall, and Ed and Jean Doyle.

## This & That

### CANCER SUCKS

Although October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, let's remember all the many types of cancer that plague our society. Treatment has come a long way, but there is a long way yet to go. Pray for a cure for all those afflicted.



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to the Corvette Cruisers... thirty years old and still going strong. Also celebrating this month are Art Armstrong on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tracy Giglio on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Rose Pona on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and John Ericsson on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### MONEY WINNER:

It's been a long time, maybe the first time, since Sally Doria has won the 50/50 drawing. She broke

her streak by picking up a nice \$36 at the September meeting.

### BIKES WILL BE BACK:

Biketoberfest is the 13-16<sup>th</sup>, so watch for the bikes. If you ride one, be careful. If you drive your Corvette during this time, be VERY careful. No one wins in a motorcycle-Corvette crash.

### 1992 TRIVIA:

The year the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona was born, the LT1 was first introduced in the C4 Corvette and the one-millionth Corvette, a white convertible, rolled off the line. Bright red edged out white by about 350 as the most popular color in 1992. We were singing along with Whitney Houston with "I Will Always Love You," who had the #1 hit in October of that year, and we were seeing "Batman Returns" at the box office. Some things haven't changed much in 30 years. Batman is still hanging around.

### SHIRT ORDER:

Make sure John Doria has your size for the free royal blue shirts provided by New Smyrna Beach Chevy.

## Corvette News

### TUNE IN:

If you are a Corvette Enthusiast for the C8, or just a Corvette fan in general, you can find a heap of information at "Coffee with Conti" on the YouTube channel. If you can get past his Type-A personality, Rick Conti can keep you in the loop of things you didn't know about the C8, the status of the Z06 production and all things Corvette. He is a salesman at an Ohio Chevy

dealership and has a huge fan base. (We don't have a C8, but Ed watches it faithfully, and I even find myself tuning in.) You can watch him usually twice a week, Sundays and Tuesdays. Give him a try. You might learn a thing or two, and Corvette enthusiasm is never in short supply with Rick.

### TOURS ARE BACK:

The tours at the Corvette plant are coming back. Since closing to the public in 2017, first for the expansion of the facility and a new paint room; then for the "secret" retooling for the C8; and finally, with the onset of the Covid pandemic, it has been a long anxious wait for the plant tours to get underway. A tentative date has been scheduled sometime in November. From one who has been through the plant, it is a great experience. Pair it up with a trip to the National Corvette Museum, and a 50-mile jaunt to Nashville, and you have the perfect weekend get-a-way.

### BEST IN SHOW:

During the Detroit Auto Show's media days, hometown newspaper *The Detroit News* sent nearly 100 readers to the show with the goal of picking their favorite vehicles in several different categories. In a sea of trucks, SUVs, and a slew of new electric vehicles, it was the 2023 Corvette Z06 that readers picked as "Best in Show" for the 2022 event.

But the awards for Chevrolet's new supercar didn't stop there. Recognizing the C8 Z06's new status for performance with the most powerful naturally-aspirated V8 engine that revs to 8600 RPMs, its unique carbon fiber aero, and visible carbon fiber wheels that sheds 41-lbs of unsprung weight, the *Detroit News* jurists also named the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 as the car to own "If Money Were No Object."

# Fun Corner

A Police Officer pulls over a guy doing 90 mph in his new Corvette. The exchange went as follows:

**Officer:** May I see your license?

**Driver:** Don't have one. It was suspended after my 5<sup>th</sup> DUI.

**Officer:** May I see the registration?

**Driver:** It's not my car. I stole it, but I think I saw the registration in the glove box when I put my gun in there.

**Officer:** You have a gun in the glove box?

**Driver:** Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot that guy and stuffed his body in the trunk.

**Officer:** You have a BODY in your trunk?

**Driver:** Yes sir.

Hearing this, the Officer calls his Captain for back-up and the car was soon surrounded.

**Captain:** Sir, may I see your license?

**Driver:** Sure, here it is.

**Captain:** Whose car is this?

**Driver:** Well, it's mine of course. Here is the registration.

**Captain:** Can you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there is a gun in it?

**Driver:** Gun? What Gun? There was no gun

**Captain:** Please open your trunk as I was told you said there is a body in it.

**Driver:** I said what? No body was found

**Captain:** I don't understand. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box and a dead body in the trunk.

**Driver:** Yeah -- And I'll bet the lying SOB told you I was speeding, too.!

Courtesy of Bob Wolff

