

Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

The Talepipe Newsletter



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President: Jim Quinn, Vice President: Art Armstrong, Secretary: Jean Doyle, Treasurer: Alice Luther,
Directors: John Doria, Ed Doyle, David Huber
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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.

OCTOBER DOTR: How does Breakfast at the Beach sound? Our October Dining on the Run will take place on Sunday, October 6th at Racing's North Turn in Ponce Inlet. Let's meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona for the short cruise down A1A. Hopefully, it will be a glorious Florida fall day so we can eat on the deck overlooking the Atlantic.

VETTES AT THE BEACH: We mentioned "Breakfast at the Beach" above, now it's time for "Vettes at the Beach," the annual Corvette Show sponsored by the Flagler County Corvette Club. This will be our first club car show event of the fall season. Hopefully everyone pre-registered, but if you didn't, you can register the day of the show. We will meet at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 13th

at our usual place at Bealls in Ormond Beach to caravan up to Flagler Beach. We have had good participation in the past, so let's keep our streak alive....perhaps even winning the club participation award (which pays \$200).

OCTOBER IS MONEY MONTH (repeated from last month's Newsletter because I don't know how to say it any other way): Start gathering yours together as October is the month Club Dues are due. REMEMBER that you must pay by the October meeting (October 15th) to be in good standing with the club. Prospective members on the waiting list will be notified following this meeting if any membership slots exist. If you won't be here for the October meeting, send your check in the amount of \$60.00 to Alice Luther. (Find Alice's address in the Members Only section of our Website.) Make sure it arrives by the 15th so you can be counted in the membership.

HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHT: Will you be a zombie, a ghost, a witch, a mummy, or another frightful figure? Will you be a pirate, a cowboy, or a cartoon character? On Saturday, October 26th, you will have your chance to become your alter-ego at Skip and Joan Crowder's Halloween Bash at their home in Ormond Beach. The festivities begin at the witching hour of 7:00 p.m., so be thinking of who you will become. Lots of fun and lots of food are the order of the night.

Bring drinks for yourself
And a snack to share,
No matter who you will be
We want to see you there!



DEADLINE LOOMING: October 16th is the deadline for preregistration for the Marion County Corvette Show at the Don Garlits Drag Racing Museum in Ocala. (The date of the show is Nov 16th.) Registration forms can be found online at www.ocalacorvettes.com or from Jim Quinn at our monthly meeting. Meet the early deadline and save an extra \$5 bucks. We have won the participation award at this show in the past, so let's do it again.

REMINDER -- DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR CAR PHOTO: Richard Wetherby and his calendar committee have asked that everyone send in a photo

of their car for the 2014 calendar. The photo may be of the car(s) by itself or may include its owners with the car. Email your photo in jpeg format to richard.wetherby@gmail.com by Oct. 6th. The calendar will not be complete without your picture.

BLUE --- THE NEW "IN" COLOR FOR CORVETTES? at least that is how it appeared at the September DOTR. Eight Corvettes, six of which were blue, trekked to Crescent City to enjoy lunch on the lake at the 3 Bananas Restaurant. An absolutely gorgeous day, with 86 degree temperature, low humidity, and a smattering of white fluffy clouds made the trip even more enjoyable as we cruised through farmland and fern fields we seldom get to see in our coastal environment. Jim and Ginny Quinn in their BLUE '06, Art and Leslie Armstrong in their BLUE '01, Richard Wetherby and friend Pat in their BLUE '92, Skip and Joan Crowder in their BLUE '04, John Reis in his BLUE '10, and Harry and Carolyn Horchler in their BLUE '08, joined oddballs David Huber in his RED '06, and Ed and Jean Doyle in their RED '10 for some good eatin' on the banks of Crescent Lake. The weather was so nice, we opted to dine on the outside deck. Good service along with good food in a very tropical setting made this DOTR a memorable one. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

SO NAPA WAS SO GOOD YET SO DISAPPOINTING....disappointing in the fact that so few members took advantage of our Dinner Night Out and this fine restaurant. John and Alice Luther, Dave and Maya Branden, John Reis, Ed and Jean Doyle, Skip and Joan Crowder, Sally Clutter, John Doria, and Lars and Carole Connelly enjoyed the excellent fare that So Napa had to offer. One member even remarked that the Fish and Chips she ordered was some of the best she has ever had. The Salmon was excellent as were the Flatbreads, the Steaks, the Salads and the warm crusty bread with the olive oil, vinegar, and mashed garlic dip. Topped off by a huge piece of cheesecake, celebrating Ed Doyle's birthday, which, when passed around, left everyone with a sweet taste before departing the restaurant. Following the meal, several visited the unique shop of Kembali, housed in the shared location of the restaurant, with its one-of-a-kind furnishings and decor. The rains came down just as we were ending what turned out to be a very enjoyable evening for all those attending. Hopefully, next time we have a Dinner Night Out, it will be attended by more members. (Photos will appear in the Gallery next month.)

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP: Joan Crowder, our social chair, has been busy planning some outings for the months ahead. Some thoughts include a November visit to Winter Park, a quaint

historic town northeast of Orlando, to check out the Christmas decorations and enjoy either lunch or dinner at one of their interesting restaurants; an overnight excursion to the Villages, the much talked about "city within the city" in North-Central Florida; a spring picnic at the new ocean-front park in Ormond Beach; and a lunch at Spring Garden Ranch in Deland for a visit to the horse track. These are some tentative plans for upcoming events. As always, if you have some suggestions for future outings (and remember, they do not have to be Corvette related), please let Joan know.

ELECTIONS ARE HERE: October is the month for electing our new Officers and Directors for the upcoming two-year term of 2014-2015. Nominations from the floor were made at the September meeting for Art Armstrong for position as Director and for President. Art declined the offer for the Presidency citing too much time constraints with his busy work schedule. He decided to wait until the October meeting to indicate whether or not he will accept the nomination to be placed on the ballot for a Director position. Others may be nominated for all positions at the October meeting, so it is very important that members attend the October meeting so that your voice can be heard. Right now the proposed slate is:

President - John Doria

V. Pres. - Richard Wetherby
Secretary - Jean Doyle
Treasurer - Alice Luther
Directors - Jim Quinn (past pres.
serves)
Skip Crowder
David Huber

NOTES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

Birthdays for October include Arthur Armstrong on the 3rd, Warren Brasch on the 20th, Lois O'Leary on the 25th, and Mickey Fritz in the 26th. Have an extra piece of birthday cake on your special day!!

Happy Anniversary to John and Alice Luther for 50+ years of wedded bliss.

50-50 winner: Joanna Oswald was the money winner of \$19.00 in the drawing at the September meeting. Joanna was the July winner as well. Lucky, lucky, lucky.

Thoughts and prayers are with Maya Branden for her daughter's recovery as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer. Maya has been with her daughter in Pittsburgh to provide her with the support only a mom can give. We wish her daughter well.

Returning Snowbirds: We are happy to have Lars and Carole Connelly back with us after their summer stay in Highlands NC and Atlanta GA.

CORVETTE NEWS: FINALLY, the new C-7's are en route to the showrooms. Both New Smyrna Chevrolet and Jon Hall Chevrolet now have some new models on their showroom floor, and both have invited us to view them at their dealerships - September 27th at New Smyrna and October 2 at Jon Hall. Watch your email for more information.

Imagine the excitement for Rick Hendrick on Friday, September 20th, when he took delivery of the first production 2014 Corvette Stingray that he had purchased for \$1.1 million way back in January at the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Arizona. **But, get this---**when GM presented him with VIN 0001, they surprised everyone, including Hendrick, by presenting him with yet another new Corvette, VIN 0002. Both cars have a sticker price of about \$75,000, which means they are fully loaded. Both cars, the first one black with black interior and the second one red with red interior, will be added to his ever-growing collection of 150 special 'Vettes. Later this year, he will take delivery of the first production convertible he purchased for \$1 million in April at Barrett-Jackson in Palm Beach. It must be nice to be Rick Hendrick!!

SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION:



Next month we celebrate Veterans Day, and what could be more pertinent than to help

our veterans get reestablished back into society with a little extra help from all of us. If you were at the September meeting, you heard Art Armstrong talk about the need for "gently-used" items through the Veterans Assistance Coalition (VAC), an organization that provides housing needs to veterans to make an empty apartment into a home. Items needed include Bed-setups, sheets, blankets, dresser/chest, night stands, pots and pans, coffee pots, eating utensils, dishes, table and chairs, barstools, microwave, towels, couch/love seat, chairs, coffee table, end tables, tv's and tv stands. You may contact VAC at 386-214-3372 or email Jim Kreinest at rt8vac@gmail.com for information or to arrange for pickup. Donations may be sent to VAC, PO Box 1527, Ormond Beach, FL 32175. VAC is a non-profit Charity and tax exempt. **When you call, please indicate you are a member of the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona.**

According to Art, the work they do for our veterans is fantastic. If you have any questions you can also contact Art. Let's give our vets the help they deserve by donating that chair in the corner you always trip over, that table that never matched your décor, those bed linens you have no place to store, or those pots and pans you no longer use because you no longer cook. Hey, we could become the "Vettes for Vets." Please help.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Feel like you can't afford a new C-7? Here's the answer. This sleek replica of the real thing can be bought for a pittance of the price of a 2014 Stingray. You may not have the same interior room of the main version, but what fun you could have tooling around your neighborhood.

We all need a little laugh now and then.