

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.

"CRUZUN"..... ON A SUNDAY

AFTERNOON: Okay folks, it's time to take the old Vette on a little cruise and blow the cobwebs out of those pipes. On Sunday, **October 5th**, we will meet at Bealls in Ormond Beach at 10:15 a.m. to take the beautiful drive to Crescent City (about 50 miles) to 3 Bananas Restaurant. This trip was scheduled by popular demand after the great reviews it got when we dined there in September of 2013. Check out the Photo Gallery in 2013 to refresh your memory. It's a uniquely tropical restaurant located on the banks of Crescent Lake in Putnam County. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can again dine on the deck.

WINGS AND WAVES: Although not specifically a club event, the Wings and Waves air



show put on by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is not to be missed. Mark **October 11th** on your calendar, come early, and look for club members on the beach in the area in front of the Bandshell. Bring a chair, sunscreen, and some cold drinks. The show starts at 11:00 a.m., but the key (especially for parking) is to GET THERE EARLY.

CORVETTES AT THE BEACH: Pack your lawn chairs and your coolers for the Flagler County "Corvettes at the Beach" show on Sunday **October 12th**. Let's meet at Bealls in Ormond Beach at 8:15 a.m. for the trip up I-95 to Flagler Beach.

HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHT:

Will you be a zombie, a ghost, a witch, or another frightful figure? Or might you be a



pirate, a clown, or a cartoon/TV character? Well, on Saturday, **October 25th** you will have the opportunity to be anyone or anything you want to be at Bob and Mickey Fritz's Halloween Bash at their new home in Palm Coast. What better way to break in a new house than to haunt it? The festivities will begin at the witching hour of 7:00 p.m., so be thinking about who or what you will become. Lots of fun and lots of food are the order of the night. One major rule applies however: **You must come in costume.**

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



(Directions to the Fritzes home at 3 Sedgwick Trail, Palm Coast: Head North on I 95. Take Exit 273 onto US 1 North. After 7.5 miles, turn right onto Seminole Woods Blvd. for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Citation Pkwy for about 4/10ths of a mile. Turn right onto Sesame Blvd. After about a half mile, turn left onto Sedgwick Trail. (The Fritzes' home is on the left.)

DECISION 2014: Next month we all go to the poles to vote for various offices around our state; however, **THIS** month you are asked to vote on a very important issue for our club. When you purchased

tickets for the 50/50 drawing this year, you were contributing to a worthy cause.....we just didn't know **WHICH** worthy cause. Now is your chance to help decide. You will receive an email (or paper ballot for those who do not have internet access) describing three local and very worthwhile charities. Please make your selection known to Jean either by phone, email, or text on her cell phone. The charity receiving the most votes will be announced at the Christmas Party.

BOD MEETING: The Board of Directors met at the home of Skip and Joan Crowder on September 8th. Dave Huber was appointed as a Director to fill the unexpired term of Alice Luther. Richard will continue to be V.P. as well as Treasurer. The budget was set for the 2015 year. Dues will remain at \$60.

SPEAKING OF DUES: October 31st is the deadline for payment of your 2015 dues. Anyone who does not pay by this date will open up a slot for those on the waiting list. **Please pay by check only.**



Make it out to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (CCGD if you write too large) for \$60.00 and mail it to Richard Wetherby, 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, 32114, or give it to him at the meeting. Checks will be deposited the first business day in

November. Don't be late --- do it now so you won't forget.

SEPTEMBER DINING ON THE RUN

REVISITED: Black skies loomed on the horizon and area thunderstorms threatened as six Vettes and two non-Vettes met at the Sunshine Park Mall. Raindrops began to fall as we made our way down US 1 to the Port Orange Fraternal Order of Eagles for their Sunday morning breakfast. Just as we entered the parking lot preparing to exit our cars, a torrential downpour dumped buckets on us and our clean, shiny, freshly-washed cars. Who among us inspired the wrath of Mother Nature, we'll never know. Seventeen of us, including Jim and Ginny, Art and Leslie, Bob and Mickey, Joanna Oswald, Skip and Joan, John D. and Sally, Ken and Trish, Harry and Carolyn, and Ed and Jean, in our mostly-wet, brightly-colored tangerine club shirts certainly did not go unnoticed by the diners, as we poured into the dining hall. Breakfast was down-home cooking at its finest with all the usual breakfast items offered, and above all, did not break the bank. Not many places offer a complete breakfast for 5 bucks. Thanks, Jim, for allowing us to sponge off your membership. May the Eagles soar!

(Photos by John D.)

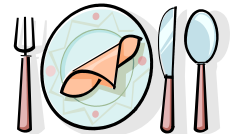
VROOM, VROOM, VROOMthat was the sound of the Corvettes whose owners

took advantage of the invitation from Brothers Performance in DeLand to visit their shop and dyno the cars. John D., Ed, Skip and Dave enjoyed the time spent at the shop, each being pleasantly surprised at the horsepower and torque their cars produced. Richard joined in the fun, but only as a spectator. Brothers' Performance is presently geared toward the Mustang and other Ford products but is trying to expand their shop to include Corvette products. The staff at Brothers was a very professional and friendly group of guys and made the "playdate" a lot of fun.

(Photos by Richard)

DINNER NIGHT OUT:

Rain is becoming the word of the day for this Corvette Club. Our



Dinner Night Out began on a soggy Monday evening as we hurried into Malibu Beach Grill to escape a pretty hefty rain shower. Jim and Ginny Quinn, Sally Clutter and John Doria, Dave Huber and Maya Branden, Art and Leslie Armstrong, Bob and Linda Wolff, and Ed and Jean Doyle were surprised and happy to be joined by Lars and Carole Connelly, who had just driven in from Atlanta on a quick visit to their home in Port Orange. The food was excellent and the fellowship outstanding!! If you didn't make it, you missed a good meal and a good time. Luckily, when we left the restaurant, the rain had subsided and we were able to

make it to our cars before the rain made a return appearance. (Photos by John D.)

THIS & THAT, ETC. ETC.

Birthdays for October include Arthur Armstrong (and Rev. Al Sharpton) on the 3rd; Warren Brasch (and Snoop Dogg) on the 20th; and Mickey Fritz (and Hillary Clinton) on the 26th. Hope you and your well-known counterparts have a happy birthday and be thankful you are not all invited to the same party. ☺

Happy Anniversary to John and Alice Luther celebrating 53 years together. Congratulations!

Get well wishes go to Steve Slaton, Richard Wetherby, and Alice Luther, all of whom are recovering from eye surgeries. WOW, is there an epidemic?

A dramatic change has taken place in the Dave Huber garage. Dave quickly sold his 2006 Victory Red coupe when he spotted a 1988, C-4 Bright Red coupe for sale, reminiscent of the first Corvette he ever owned. Nostalgia sure wins some guys over. Must've brought back some GOOD memories.

Our Snowbirds will be flying in soon. Bill and Bonita are expected to return from Colorado the first week in October, Ed and Amy Anderson should be back

from Connecticut by the second week in October, and Steven and Anita plan to be back from Kentucky by the fourth week in October. We will be happy to have you back as we have missed you immensely.

CORVETTE CHATTER:

Update from last month: The Board of Directors at the National Corvette Museum voted to completely fill in the sinkhole instead of their original plans to preserve a portion of the hole for future guests to see what it was like. This decision was due to updated price quotes of over \$1 million, and the board felt the cost outweighed the benefit.

Chevy quietly raises price: Back in July the dealer prices for the 2015 Stingray were listed at base non-Z51 coupe starting at \$53,000 and the base non-Z51 convertible started at \$58,000. However, in early August, without any formal notice, Chevrolet quietly raised the MSRP by \$1,000. The new starting retail price for the base Stingray Coupe is now \$54,000 and the base Convertible will start at \$59,000. This makes the third increase since the introduction of the C7 one year ago this month. The delivery charge of \$995 is not included. The Z51 Coupe and convertible also experienced this \$1,000 increase as well. Sneaky, sneaky, sneaky!

Fun Fact: Did you know that 47% of Corvette owners hold college degreesthat's much higher than the national

average of 27% for all U.S. adults who hold college degrees.

Update on Newest Colors: The new shark gray exterior color is darker than blade silver, but lighter than the now defunct cyber gray. The new Daytona Sunrise Orange has yet to be seen. Could this mean trouble in the paint room? It wouldn't be the first time Corvette has had paint problems.

Zora Mid-Engine Corvette for 2017. **Yes, you read that right.** In 2017, the Corvette will introduce a mid-engine format, a passion long pursued by Zora Arkus-Duntov since the early years. Finally his dream will come true with the C8 Corvette Zora, or perhaps even the C7 Corvette ZR1. Of course, those in-the-know have long heard murmurs of a mid-engine 'Vette, and Chevy had even built several prototypes in the past. But General Motors has always entertained the idea with caution, knowing that it's an expensive change, and one that could potentially alienate a lot of the diehard loyalists. Apparently, Chevrolet has decided that America is finally ready. The new Zora-ZR1 supercar will sit at the top of the Corvette range, above the 650 hp Z06, and (for a time) stand alone in offering the mid-engine layout, likely sold alongside the current C7. It's expected to still maintain Chevrolet's beloved Small Block in some form, although specific powertrain details are a mystery. And while reports believe that the Zora will keep the aluminum space

frame currently seen in the C7 in some way, there are reasons to believe the Corvette C8 will introduce a new platform entirely. Though, at this moment, the shroud of mystery still surrounds the 2017 Corvette Zora ZR1, which only serves to pique our interest even more. After all, the news of a mid-engine American sports car is something we've not had since the Pontiac Fiero. But as the saying goes, good things come to those who wait, so we'll just have to wait it out.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Believe it or not, what you're looking at is a 1998 C5 Corvette. No really, it's in there somewhere. It's just hidden under all the custom body work, which was done to promote a custom metal fabrication company. Whether the new bodywork is to your taste or not, there is some appreciation to be had for the work involved in this project. All the new body panels are aluminum and were formed by hand, and based on the picture, the quality looks pretty darn good. The interior had a similar overhaul, with white leather seats and black and white contrasting stitching throughout. That retro-styled body might not scream performance, but a little extra might was added to the stock LS1 V8. The engine was fitted with a supercharger to help produce a potent 665 horsepower, which is more than enough to have a little fun. This may not be the first custom bodied Corvette you've ever seen, but it just might be one of the craziest.