

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.

THE PREZ SEZ.....

As Labor Day fast approaches, it usually signals the end of summer and return of our faithful snowbirds. While you were away in cooler climates, we had a very busy summer enjoying several activities ending with a very scrumptious and enjoyable Progressive Dinner. As you may know, fall signals the start of a very busy season. Besides our DOTR's, we also have car shows, two festive parties to attend, some interesting day trips, and the election of club officers. We all look forward to seeing your familiar faces, but please drive carefully as you make your way home.

On a side note, I wish to thank Sally, Evelyn and Jean for organizing the progressive dinner and making us feel welcomed in their homes. A thank you to the club members who brought a delicious item to complement the dinner.

John

HEADIN' SOUTH for another road trip:



Get the 'Vette ready and let's cruise down south to Titusville for our September DOTR. Usually when we head that way, we go to Dixie Crossroads,

but this time we are going to try something different. Shiloh's Restaurant, located on the shores of the Indian River Lagoon with a direct view of Kennedy Space Center, specializes in steak and seafood, but promises something for everyone. Reviews are excellent, including those of two of our members who have dined there often and recommend it highly. Let's meet at the Sunshine Park Mall in South Daytona at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 13th (the 2nd Sunday of the month due to Labor Day Weekend.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the Flagler Car Show this month: Even though "Corvettes at the Beach" will be held on Sunday, October 11th, the deadline for pre-registration is September 25th. Registration this year is unique, so pay attention. Pre-registration will cost \$35.00, and includes a t-shirt and the judged or display classes. Registration after the deadline date or day of show will be \$30 for display only and will not include the t-shirt. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 cars. Register online at www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com. Last year we had only six Corvettes participate, so let's improve on this number for 2015. (The bag of goodies is usually worth the registration fee.)

MORE TO COME: What a difference the pressure of competition makes. The Mini-golf game among friends was a great success. Nine members and one guest played the 18 holes at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach on a hot, muggy, August evening. Everyone seemed to play better than we did during the competition in April/May. Shows you what happens when the pressure is off!! And like any good game of golf, a trip to the Dairy Queen was a requirement. The group enjoyed themselves and plans to make it a monthly event. So, come join us on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach for a casual night out among friends. The official tangerine club shirts are not required. Corvettes are not required, but Corvette shirts are encouraged.



LOST LAGOON CAR SHOW: Sometimes the events that require the least amount of planning often turn out to be the best. This was the case with our impromptu attendance at a car show held at the Lost Lagoon Restaurant near the New Smyrna Beach airport. It was mentioned for the first time at the July meeting, and twenty-two members and one guest showed up in fourteen Corvettes, one Camaro, and one SSR on the following Sunday. Of course it didn't hurt that the two greatest motivators were involved: **FREE and FOOD**. Although the car show occurs only once a month, the Brunch is offered every Sunday. Everyone had their fill at the breakfast buffet, and, although some had to wait for refills on some of the items, the food kept coming. Rain was predicted, but, luckily, didn't arrive; and the massive oak trees provided much desired shade on a hot day. Attending were Bill G., Dan, Art, Richard and Pat with guest Rick in his 50th Anniversary coupe, Dave, Vin and Tracy, John and Sally, Steve T. in his Camaro, (which he sold to Richard), and Joanna, Bob and Linda, Bill and Evelyn, Jim and Ginny, Bob and Mickey, Ed and Jean, and Jack, the only door-prize winner, and Yvonne in their SSR. Although none of us were 50/50 winners, I believe everybody had a good time and most definitely enjoyed the buffet. Proceeds from the 50/50 go to St. Jude's Research Hospital. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE....OR for an office in the Corvette Club. The Nominations Committee is looking for a few good men

and/or women to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and (3) director positions, all of which are up for grabs. Since we have new members in the club, perhaps it's time for some "new blood in the boardroom." Please see Jim Quinn, Bob Fritz, Art Armstrong or Bill Geize and let them know you would like to throw your hat into the ring. If Donald Trump can do it, you can too!!

CRUISERS GO CRUISING: November will be here soon and plans are being made to cruise the St. John's River and enjoy a fabulous Sunday lunch aboard an authentic paddle wheeler. Because the price is determined by the number of those in the group, Jean will be requesting a deposit of \$25.00 per person by the end of September if you plan to go. Your deposit will be refunded if the cruise is canceled. Cost will be around \$45 - \$50 per person, but remember that a dinner receiving rave reviews online and a 3-hour river cruise are included. This adventure will take place on November 1st and will be our November Dining on the Run. It's about time the Cruisers did some real cruisin'.

DOTR REVIEW OF ALFIES IN ORMOND: The Neways, Bill Geize, the Fritzes, the Quinns, Richard Wetherby and Pat Rosier, Dave Huber and Maya Brendan, the Doyles, Harry Horchler, and guests Rick and Gloria met at Bealls for the trek up A1A to Alfies for breakfast. Harry lead the way as all eight Corvettes (and one Camaro) made it there at

the same time, through all the Sunday morning traffic and all the lights on Granada. Breakfast received a "thumbs up" from the group, although one promise of "fresh" strawberries for pancakes was a little too much like strawberry pie filling. The menu was extensive, portions were great and service was good. What's it all about, Alfie? -- We found out --- it's about good eating. (Photos by Richard and Jean)

COMING UP: October 31st is the deadline for dues to be paid to reserve your spot in the club. Right now we have 3 confirmed on the official waiting list and 2 very interested parties. Dues will remain \$60 and can be paid any time before Oct. 31st. Make check payable to Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona (or CCGD, for short) and give it or mail it to Richard Wetherby, 158 Sea Pines Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.



PROGRESSIVELY PROGRESSIVE!! That's just what we were on Saturday, August 22, when 27 members hopped to three different homes for three different dinner courses. Dan and Karen Niswander, Bob and Mickey Fritz, Steve Terrell, Joanna Oswald, Jim and Ginny Quinn, Art and Leslie Armstrong, John and Sally Doria, Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill Geize, Dave Huber, Maya Brendan, Harry Horchler, Bob and Linda Wolff, Bill and Evelyn Neway, Mike Mills, Richard Wetherby, Pat Rosier, and Ed and Jean Doyle lined 15 Corvettes along a neighborhood street in Port Orange to the delight of neighbors and passers-by alike. After a shocking surprise from one of our members (see SHOCKER

under "This & That" below), the progressive dinner began at the Doyle's home where we teased our appetites with some fabulous appetizers brought by several of the guests. The Sangria proved a hit as it was drained dry before the crowd moved up the street to the Doria's home for salads, bread, soup, eggplant parmigiana (made with John's homegrown eggplant), lasagna, and lots of Chianti to wash it all down. After dinner, everyone hopped into their Corvettes and "progressed" to the final stage of the eveningdessert at the Neway's home. Cookies, cupcakes, peanut butter pie, key lime pie, cannolis, turtles --- and a little NASCAR racing from the Bristol race on a 75" television screen.....what a way to finish off the night!! Okay, Ormond Beach residents, it's your turn when the next one is planned. (Photos by Richard, John, and Evelyn)

STILL LOOKING: Okay, people, where are your biographical sketches? This project won't be complete until you get yours included on this password-protected site. Send them to Jean ASAP. Five more have been added since last month.

THIS & THAT

Congratulations to Bob Wolff on his "official" retirement on August 6th. No more commuting to Miami - and just when the price of gas finally drops.

Congratulations also to Vin and Tracy Giglio who welcomed a new addition to their family - a 2005 Machine Silver Coupe, which still

shares space in the garage with the 1974 Laser Red Coupe.

Good to see Harry Horchler up and about after his recent back surgery. Ya can't keep a good man down.

Ya can't always keep a Corvette top down either. Just ask Mike Mills who recently lost his going about 75 mph on I-75. Mike has quite a story to tell. He has officially become a member of the FRC (Flying Roof Club).

A speedy recovery wish goes out to Anita Slaton who had surgery the end of August. Get well soon so you and Steve can get back here to Florida.

The 50/50 drawing at the August meeting was won by Richard Wetherby. You ARE putting that \$23.50 in petty cash, aren't you?

Should you get stopped for speeding, why not try this novel explanation. Those of a certain age know this may very well be a legitimate excuse.



Those born in September under the sign of VIRGO are skilled and successful in their careers, very analytical, intelligent, and good decision-makers. Happy birthday to Joanna Oswald on the 2nd, Karen Niswander on the

3rd, Yvonne Mandley on the 5th, Linda Wolff on the 14th, and Trish Ardler on the 18th.

Those born in September under the sign of LIBRA are romantic, serene, keep calm at all times, may find it difficult to express themselves, but are reasonable and always thoughtful. Happy birthday to Ed Doyle and Shirley Gerstel, who both celebrate on the 23rd.

Anniversaries celebrated in September include Bob and Mickey Fritz, Pat and Sandy Cassella, and Herb and Shirley Gerstel, who have been married 60 YEARS and counting!

SHOCKER: Bill Geize pulled up to the progressive dinner in a brand-spanking new 2015 Laguna Blue Corvette. What a surprise! No one expected this from the man who previously owned a 2014 Black Z51. The writing may have been on the wall, however, when Bill ordered two BLUE Corvette tee-shirts several months ago. Or maybe he just wanted another trip to the Ron Fellows driving school. Hmmmmm. Either way, congratulations, Bill! It's a beauty!

Just a reminder: It's not too early to start thinking about your costume for the Halloween Party.

CORVETTE CHATTER

This is plum scary! Car hackers have struck again, this time stopping a Corvette in its tracks, then not letting it stop at all.

The vehicle, a 2013 Corvette, was fitted with a dongle by Metromile that plugs into a car's OBD2 port. A dongle is the little gizmo that lets an insurance company charge rates based on how a person drives. However, researchers at the University of California San Diego discovered several security flaws with it and developed a way to use it to control several of the Corvette's systems by simply sending it text messages.

They could operate the windshield wipers, and applied and deactivated the brakes at low speeds. Although the researchers only attacked one car under controlled circumstances, they claim they would have been able to do similar things to just about any vehicle using one of the dongles, including taking control of the steering and transmission.

The researchers notified Metromile about the flaw in June before they publicized it, and the company says that it's sent out a patch to fix it. However, the dongles, which were made by Mobile Devices of France, are used by other insurance providers and fleet management firms around the world, and the UCSD team says it has spotted thousands of still-vulnerable vehicles via the Internet. Mobile Devices has yet to comment.

Just think of the ramifications if your car is hacked? Perhaps you might think twice about placing a dongle on your Corvette, or any car, for that matter.

White is the Winner: Of all the exterior colors produced for the 2015 Corvette production year, Arctic White is the winner

with 6,471. The number produced and the remaining colors follow in descending order:

5,625 Torch Red
5,130 Shark Gray
5,128 Black
3,015 Laguna Blue
2,191 Crystal Red
2,065 Velocity Yellow
1,791 Blade Silver
1,417 Night Race Blue
1,417 Daytona Sunrise Orange

Looks like a color named after Daytona might again be in jeopardy in the near future.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Would the artist that rendered this C8 Corvette Zora ZR1 please step forward! Your rendering of the rumored mid-engine Corvette is one of the best yet. This rendering was posted on Facebook and a search on BUZZART has led nowhere, at least when it comes to automotive designs, so if you're out there, let us know!

The rendering of the C8 Corvette in the Photo of the Month is part of a trio of images, first showing the C7 Corvette Stingray and then evolving into what the next generation Corvette might look like in a mid-engine configuration.

There has been talk of Corvette going to a mid-engine design since the 1960s. And while the rumors and concepts have come and gone, for whatever reason, it seems like now is the perfect time to make the jump from concept to production a reality. What are your thoughts on this concept design?

