

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.

A Message From our President

If you attended the August club meeting, Jim Quinn alluded to the 25th annual National Corvette Caravan slated for Labor Day weekend in 2019. I understand that it is 2 years away, but the planning started well over a year ago. While Jim reminisced about his experience on a club trip to Bowling Green for the 50-year celebration of the Corvette and the wonderful memories it invoked, I looked around and realized that most of us had never participated in a caravan of this magnitude. Last July, when we met with two other clubs at the Mellow Mushroom and saw the

parking lot filled with 75 Corvettes, we were overwhelmed. Just imagine some 300+ Vettes driving from Florida to the Corvette Museum. If you don't already know, Daytona Beach is the kickoff city and Daytona International Speedway is the host for this journey slated for the last week in August, 2019. Think about it...right in our own backyard. Jean has added a link on our website (lower left side on Home Page) providing information that all roads will lead to Bowling Green. Just imagine the sights and sounds of 300+ Corvettes leaving from the Speedway heading North and joining up with thousands of Corvettes in Kentucky. Let's be a part of this history.

John

Coming Up

A SOUTHERN TABLE.....we Southerners



(Anita, Steve, Ed and Jean) know that a typical Southern table might have grits, collard greens, cornbread, soup beans,

fried green tomatoes and Southern fried chicken on it. However, the Southern Table in Bunnell might have a different idea when it comes to southern eating. Let's find out when we venture there for lunch on Sunday, September 10th for our September DOTR. (Note, this is the 2nd Sunday of the month, as the first is during the Labor Day weekend.) Hey y'all, let's leave from Bealls in Ormond at 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...TO US!! By now,



you should know that next month (October), the Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona will celebrate

twenty-five years since its inception in October, 1992. Please plan to join us to help celebrate this milestone at a potluck dinner on October 7, 2017, at the Trails North 40 Clubhouse in Ormond Beach. See Jamie Hawes or Ginny Quinn to sign up to

bring an appetizer, a salad, or a side dish. The club will provide the main course and the dessert. Directions to the clubhouse will be in next month's Newsletter, but please get the date on your calendar NOW. All kinds of goodies and surprises are planned, and the event won't be complete unless YOU are there.

ELECTION FOR 2018: Looks like we are going to have an old-fashioned election!! Several members have expressed an interest in running for office. It's still not too late for you. The election committee (Jim, Liz, and Jamie) will be seeking members who wish to be nominated for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 director positions. The vote will involve a secret ballot by every member, and the winner(s) will be declared by popular vote (the electoral college will not be involved.) Even though not an elected position, the Newsletter editor can be up for grabs as well. Let your voice be heard. Remember that the pen is mightier than the sword!!

Reviews

OSTEENS DINER: It was a beautiful day to take a drive and Highway 415 is, in itself, a beautiful drive to take. The morning dew sparkled on the lush greenery bordering the road as twelve Corvettes

made their way to the little diner in Osteen. This is a favorite spot with the locals as the place was already rocking. Cars and pick-ups overflowed the parking area when we arrived. Luckily, we were all able to find parking spots, though not together. Our tangerine club shirts brightened up the place as we quickly filled two large tables in the dining area. The food was very good and the service was exceptionally fast as it seemed within minutes our food was in front of us. The breakfast menu was extensive, so everyone surely found just what they wanted. (Include in that a half-eaten waffle with blueberries and a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to celebrate a special day for Richard, Liz, and Edie. Where are candles when you need them??) This little diner has been cooking up meals since 1998 and not much has changed since then. The original owner is still involved with the day to day operations, though no longer as an owner. Enjoying this Saturday morning experiment were Ken and Jamie, Bob and Linda, Rick and Sheila, Rick D., Richard, Liz, Edie, John D., Bill G., Jim and Ginny, Art and Leslie, Bill and Bonita, and Ed and Jean. Interesting enough, the Corvette Club last dined here in 2009, also in August. Not sure why it has taken us 8 years to get



back there, but Osteens deserves a "Thumbs Up."

DINNER NIGHT OUT: Due to the timing of our Dinner Night Out (AFTER the

website deadline), the review will appear in next month's Newsletter.

This & That

Hey guys and gals, it's not too early to start thinking about your Halloween costume. Bob and Linda Wolff have agreed to host again this year, and judging from last year, they DO KNOW how to throw a party. So, put on your thinking cap and tap that alter ego of yours. The party is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. Specific information will be in the October Newsletter.



Happy Birthday to our members born in September: Joanna Oswald on the 2nd, Karen Niswander on the 3rd, Linda Wolff on the 14th, Trish Ardler on the 18th and Shirley Gerstel and Ed Doyle share the 23rd.

Shirley Gerstel has a double reason to celebrate in September, not only with her birthday, but she and Herb will celebrate **62 years** together. WOW!! Also celebrating this month are Pat and Sandy Cassella and Bob and Mickey Fritz. Congratulations to all.



"Corvettes at the Beach," the annual Flagler County Car Show, will take place on Sunday, October 8th. Though not a club event this year, several have indicated an interest in attending. Registration must be postmarked by September 16th for judged classes. Cost is \$35.00. Get the form at www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com .

The big money winner from the 50/50 drawing at the August meeting was Joanna Oswald, who took home the tidy sum of \$32.00.

Lots of car shows are in the area. If someone plans to attend one, send out an email so anyone who wishes to attend will know that you are going. It's always more fun to have a group. If anyone wishes to post a car show on our club calendar, please let Jean know.

I heard it through the grapevine....



Well wishes and a speedy recovery to Tina Cantrell, who recently underwent back surgery immediately following cataract surgery. We hope to see you soon fit as new..

Ken and Jamie Hawes are venturing out west to take advantage of our beautiful National Park system. Safe travels.

Bonita is again in Colorado, while Bill is playing the bachelor at home.

Last month it was reported that Bob Wolff was training for his 500-mile bike trip in the NC mountains. Well, let's just say Bob came in last. (He actually canceled his plans to compete this year.)

Dave and Maya are traveling to Barcelona, Spain; getting there by plane and returning via a cruise... a pretty nice combination. Praying that you weren't involved in the Barcelona terror attack.

Sally and John are off to New Hampshire for a little trip to the homeland --- John's homeland, that is.

The Armstrongs spent some time visiting Leslie's family in her Sweet Home Alabama, where the skies are so blue. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

Great to see Steve and Anita at the August meeting.

Bob and Linda Wolff are planning a trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Corvette Chatter

It's a very slow month for Corvette news. With the closing of the assembly line for the three-month shutdown, very little news is being circulated. More information (and photos) as to the progress of the renovation of the plant will be released at

the Labor Day weekend festivities at eh Museum.

SOME OBSERVATIONS on the plant closing according to the Corvette Blogger.....
....The final 2018 Corvette to be built on what we will now refer to as the Corvette factory's "old assembly line" was a 2018 Non-Z51 Corvette Stingray Coupe in Torch Red. The dismantling of the assembly line began immediately after the Stingray was driven off the line. Much of the existing assembly line process dates back to 1997 and the C-5 Corvette, although some components go back to the founding of the former Chrysler air conditioning plant when it started building Corvettes in the early 1980s. The assembly line will be rerouted to move the exterior panel assembly areas closer to the new paint shop, as well as moving it toward the end of the line to lessen the potential for damage and increase build quality. Another aspect of the new assembly line once it restarts will be to slow it down, from 18 cars per hour to 12 cars so the workers will have a little more time per car to ensure quality. Most plant employees will return to work around October 9th where they will begin training; however, new 2018 Corvettes will not resume production until the end of October or first week in November. We are also reminded of the quality assurance (QA) process that the new Stingrays went through back in 2013, and we believe that once the plant starts production, there will be a series of extensive quality tests on

the 2018 Corvettes that come off the new assembly line. That could mean the first 2018 Corvettes off the "new assembly line" won't begin showing up to dealers until the end of November or early December. The upgrades, along with the start-up and integration of the new paint facility, mark the beginning of some exciting times for Corvette owners. While much speculation revolves around the future of the Corvette, know that once the plant restarts later, the changes should further unlock the potential of the men and women who build our dream cars and the focus on quality will impact today's Corvette almost immediately.

Hopefully, there will be more Corvette news next month.

From the Archives



The year was 2015 - the event was a DOTR to Corky Bell's in Palatka. Do we look like we are viewing a 3-D movie? Lots of familiar faces in this one. Look close, can you find yourself? Somebody forgot their tangerine club shirt.....just sayin'.

The Fun Corner

A Few Thoughts from "The Cynical Philosopher" Thanks to Sheila Minor for sharing:

- ◆ I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.
- ◆ When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.
- ◆ A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.
- ◆ Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- ◆ America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.
- ◆ Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?
- ◆ Money talks...but all mine ever says is bye
- ◆ I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"
- ◆ Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!

◆ The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before looking like a mental patient.

◆ Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

◆ The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

Photo of the Month

(as seen on the Home Page)

At the July meeting, John Doria mentioned that a Facebook group known as Simply Corvettes was planning a cruise from Hanksters in South Daytona to Rogers Corvettes in Maitland. Had you gone, you would have witnessed the start-up of the rare ZL-1 Roger has in his showroom, along with his two other rare L-88's. If you didn't have the chance to go, we have the next best thing. The photo of the month is Roger's ZL-1, but click on the link below for a video of the event. Enjoy.

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2017/08/09/video-start-rare-big-block-corvettes-started-rogers-corvette-center/>