

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past two months the Newsletter was on a vacation schedule. There wasn't much news to report as our members enjoyed the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. But those days are over as you will see by the length of this month's Newsletter. We are entering the fall and this means the club will become busier and busier. Please plan to get busier and busier along with us and attend some, if not all, of the following events. We need your participation!!

SEPTEMBER DOTR: The Port Orange Fraternal Order of Eagles will host our September Dining on the Run for breakfast on Sunday, September 7th. Jim Quinn is a member and has used his influence to allow us non-Eagles to partake in what has been described as



a wonderful meal at the club hall on US 1. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Sunshine Park Mall on US 1 in South Daytona to take the short drive to the Eagles. **THIS IS A CASH ONLY** facility so be sure to fill up your wallet as you fill up your gas tank.

EVER WONDER WHAT ACTUAL HORSEPOWER YOUR CORVETTE WILL TURN? Now is your chance to find out. Plan to come out to Brothers Performance in DeLand for an exclusive day for our club only. Coffee will be provided along with some souvenirs and the use of the dyno machine (if you wish) for up to 10 of our cars, free of charge. Brothers will also provide a video of our cars' performances. (View a sample video of an Orlando Corvette Club at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=b0ajRpXebzE>) Ladies are certainly welcome to attend,

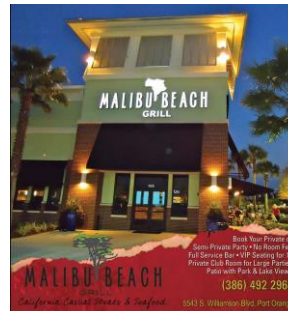
but since this is more of a "technical" type of day, it might just be better suited to a "guy's day out." Wear some type of Corvette shirt (or your club shirt if you wish, but it's not mandatory) and meet in the Kohl's parking lot on Taylor Road in Port Orange at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 6. Better take a lunch and a cooler as there are no eating places close by the shop.

BOD MEETING: The Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8th at the home of Skip and Joan Crowder. If you have an issue you want the Board to discuss, please let a board member know before the meeting. Board Meetings are always open to the membership, but if you plan to attend, please let Skip or Joan know ahead of time.

FINAL REMINDER about the Villages Trip: Reservations must be made by September 15th to get the discount on the overnight stay at the Waterfront Inn. Information can be found in the August edition of the Newsletter. Remember that you can access any edition of the Newsletter from 2006 to the present from our website at www.CorvetteCruisersDaytona.com.

FLAGLER COUNTY CORVETTE SHOW COMING UP: Although the actual show is not until October, pre-registration must be made prior to September 26 to get the reduced price of \$35. Registration at the show is \$45. Those pre-registered will receive one event shirt, and the first 100 will receive a dash plaque. The registration form can be found at <http://flaglercountycorvetteclub.com>. For those of you who do not have web access, forms will be available at the September meeting. This is our first car show club event of the fall, so let's have a good turnout as we have had in the past.

TIME TO EAT... AGAIN: Monday evening, September 22 is the date for our next Dinner Night Out. This time we will dine at the Malibu Beach Grill located in the Port Orange Pavilion near the fountain (off Williamson Road, a short distance north of Dunlawton/Taylor. Look for the light green building with the second floor shutters as seen in the photo). Here we will discover a stylish, relaxing ambience described as California Casual with California fresh creative cuisine all for a very reasonable price. Meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Club shirts are NOT required.



RESTAURANT REVIEW: Seven Corvettes with thirteen members were on hand for the August DOTR. Led by Leslie and Art, and followed by Carolyn and Harry, Jean and Ed, Ginny and Jim, Trish and Ken, Maya and Dave, and Richard, we wound our way through the lush foliage of The Loop in route to Betty's Café on A1A in Ormond-By-the-Sea. There we were joined by Sally and John who were returning from a camping trip to St. Augustine. The gorgeous view of the ocean put almost everybody in the mood for seafood - shrimp, lobster, clams, scallops and haddock were some of the orders placed. Besides the food, another highlight of the lunch was a sexy rendition of the '60's hit song, "Happy, Happy Birthday, Baby," sung by the wait staff to Richard, who was celebrating his birthday on this day. Good food and Good fun - Corvette Cruisers know how it's done. Betty's will remain one of our favorite restaurants. (Photos by Jean)

YOOHOO, WHERE ARE YOU? The club has issued an "All-Points Bulletin" for some of our members, whom we haven't seen in quite a while. I won't name names, but you know who you are. We miss you! Please come join us at an upcoming Corvette event, a DOTR, or at least a meeting, just so we know you are still around.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS: It won't



be too long before our thoughts turn to the holidays, and one important part of the

holidays is our annual Christmas party. Although the Board is keeping the location under wrap (pun intended) until the final details are worked out, we think the club will be very pleased not only with the location, but with the food and the atmosphere as well. Be prepared to pay a little more, but hey, it's once a year and aren't we worth it? Tuesday, December 9th, is the date, so circle it on your calendar, computer or smart phone.

GET READY, GET SET.....for a night of

entertainment at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on November 7th, 8th, and 9th.

"Fascinating Rhythm," a musical performance in the Broadway tradition by



the Kopy Kats will feature our own Sandra Gatz as part of the cast. Cost is only \$15 and is sure to make for an enjoyable evening. Perhaps we might make this a club social event???

UPCOMING EVENTS: A little peek into the future reveals the upcoming events for the remainder of the year:

- Oct 4th - GM Show in Silver springs (possibility)
- Oct 5th - DOTR (Lunch) at 3 Bananas in Crescent City
- Oct 11th - Wings and Waves Air Show at the beach.
- Oct 12th - Flagler Corvette Show
- Oct 18-19 - Overnighter to The Villages
- Oct 25th - Halloween Party
- Nov 2nd - DOTR (Breakfast) Outriggers in NSB
- Nov 15th - Marian Co. Corvette Show in Ocala (possibility)
- Dec 9th - Club Christmas Party

You can see we have a very busy timeline in the next few months. You can always check out what's happening with the Corvette Cruisers on the club calendar that can be accessed from the Home Page on our website.

OCTOBER IS MONEY MONTH: Start



gathering yours together as October is the month Club Dues are due. REMEMBER that you must have your dues

paid in full by the end of the day on October 31st to remain in good standing. If you have not paid by this date, it is assumed you have relinquished your spot and those on the waiting list will be notified that a membership slot is available. Dues for the 2014-2015 year will be set at the September Board Meeting, and members will be notified at

the monthly meeting and in next month's Newsletter.

MEMBER UPDATE: Many of you have been asking about Carole Connelly, so with Carole's permission, I



will provide everyone an update on her condition. Carole was diagnosed with a rare and incurable disease known as Amyloidosis that attacks the muscles encasing the heart. Several attempts were made by Carole to enter clinical trials to test medications for this disease. She also made application for a heart transplant, which was suggested by her cardiologist. Unfortunately, Carole was not able to meet the strict criteria for either. She and Lars have since moved into an independent living facility just outside of Atlanta. With family nearby and the excellent care of her Atlanta doctors, Carole has resigned herself to the hand she was dealt and puts her complete trust in her faith. The Connellys hope to get back to Florida sometime soon to see everyone, but congestive heart failure, also a condition Carole is enduring, dictates her physical strength to make the trip. Please keep Carole in your thoughts and prayers.

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September is another busy month for birthdays. Celebrating with another

candle on the cake will be Joanna Oswald (and Mark Harmon from NCIS) on the 2nd, Yvonne Mandley (and Raquel Welch) on the 5th, Ray Gatz (and Governor Chris Christie) on the 6th, Linda Wolff (and Clayton Moore, the original "Lone Ranger") on the 14th, Trish Ardler (and Sophia Loren) on the 18th, and Shirley Gerstel (and Mickey Rooney) and Ed Doyle (and Bruce Springsteen) all on the 23rd. Happy Birthday to all of you and your celebrity counterparts. Notice any similarities?

Happy Anniversary to Ed and Amy Anderson, Bob and Mickey Fritz, and Herb and Shirley Gerstel (59 years!!!) May you share many more years ahead.

A special note to Frank and Leanne Fedele, who celebrated their GOLDEN anniversary in June. Although their anniversary was announced in the June Newsletter, it was not noted that it was such a special event. Happy 50 years together to a lovely couple.

Richard Wetherby is \$18.50 richer after winning the 50/50 drawing at the August meeting. Be sure you don't put that in one of the club's accounts,

Get Well Soon wishes go to Warren Brasch, who had been hospitalized recently with pneumonia and is now in rehab until he gets his strength back. Warren, be sure to do what the doctor says!!

CORVETTE CHATTER:

* Here's an interesting fact about the early Corvette emblem. The original front emblem and horn button were designed to show a checkered flag crossed with an American flag. The design was changed when it was discovered that using an American flag on a commercial product is illegal.



The American flag was changed to a flag showing the Chevrolet "bow-tie" emblem and a French fleur-de-lis symbol, reflective of the French origin of the Chevrolet name.

* The sinkhole that swallowed up eight Corvettes at the National Corvette Museum will be partially filled in with plans for a bridge built over the top of a 25' x 45' section about 30' deep as a tourist attraction. While the sinkhole was destructive, it has led to a large increase in attendance at the museum.

* And, speaking of increased attendance, another new addition just across the highway is sure to bring more visitors. The National Corvette Museum embarked on one of the most exciting and significant expansion projects in the history of the Museum when on June 28, 2013, it broke ground on a 184 acre Motorsports Park. The Grand Opening will coincide with the 20th Reunion of the

Museum held his year on Labor Day weekend. The \$20 million, dual-track attraction will provide motorsports enthusiasts with a new favorite destination. The two circuits, "East" and "West" can be combined into multiple configurations ranging from a high speed loop of 1.96 miles to an extended 3.15 mile technical course. The teams at Corvette Racing and others advised the Museum on the layout, incorporating features from the most challenging track, the Le Mans circuit. The facility welcomes all makes and models of cars as well as motorcycles to try out the track. A link to the NCM Motorsports Park website has been added to our homepage. Check it out to see what all is available, and the next time you venture to the Corvette Museum, test your driving skills on this new track (for a price, of course)..

* A new feature of the 2015 - C7 is the Valet Mode with Performance Data Recorder. When you hand your keys over to a valet, you can rest assured that your valuables will be secured and your baby will be under the watchful eyes of the Data Recorder. Once it's engaged with a simple 4 digit code, it will record speed, engine RPM, gear positions and G-force. The video can be viewed instantly on the car's 8-inch color touchscreen or downloaded to be viewed later. No longer can that valet, or your children or grandkids, squeal your tires or take it on a joyride without your finding out about it.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH (as seen on the Home Page): Let's step back to 1981 for a brief moment. That's when George Tally, then in his late 30's, reported his 1979 Corvette had been stolen just three miles from the GM headquarters in Detroit. Over the years, Tally had given up on ever seeing his car again. But on June 13 of this year, George got an unexpected call from AAA telling him his Corvette was alive and well, and found in Mississippi. It had 47,000 miles on it and was ready for him to pick up. George, now 71, had no idea how he would manage to get the car. Then, here comes Mark Reuss, Vice President for GM product development, who offered to have GM ship the car to Detroit. "George's story brought a smile to my face," said Reuss, "As a longtime Corvette owner myself, I know the passion the car inspires. I also knew that car belonged home in Detroit with its rightful owner, and we could make it happen." The smile on Tally's face says it all as he is reunited with his first love. It's always nice to know that a company as huge as General Motors really has a heart.

Have a nice fall

