

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona

## The Talepipe Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held at D. B. Pickles, located at 400 S. Nova Road Ormond Beach, the third Tuesday of each month. We invite you to dine with us starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting starting at 7:00.

### **IS THERE A CORVETTE CLUB CURSE??**

From the June Newsletter, we remember the story of Al and Linda Blake and their trusty (?) '89. About half-way to Ocala for the May BOTR, the car wouldn't start and ended up needing a new fuel pump. Thank heavens for AAA and a tow back to town. BUT, what many of us didn't know, is that on the way home from the Club picnic on May 21, that contrary little beast (the car, not Al) decided that it would only go as far as Beville Road. So after another wait for AAA and another tow, Al and Linda were on their way, finding that, this time, it was the fuel injectors. End of Story? NO WAY! After an enjoyable trip to Jacksonville for the July BOTR to Whitey's Fish Camp and a great lunch, we all waited for Al to fire up the engine and pull out of the parking lot, assured that everyone would get home soundly, but the gremlins struck again. Al and Linda experienced a blowout on I-95 doing 70 mph. Luckily, everyone was fine. Result: another AAA tow, 4 new tires and a new battery just in case. This editor would be willing to bet that Al and Linda have AAA on speed dial.

**QUICK CHANGE FOR AUGUST BOTR:** The Breakfast on the Run for August was originally planned for Toni and Joe's Patio in New Smyrna Beach, but after a practice run, a change was made to go to Aunt Catfish's for their Sunday Brunch instead. Fourteen members met at the Sunshine Park Mall for the 5-minute trip to the

restaurant. Upon returning to the parking lot on very full stomachs, Ray and Sandra Gatz found a note on their windshield. Fortunately, a young couple witnessed their new SUV being hit by a big van, whose unconcerned driver proceeded into the restaurant. (The Gatz's didn't drive their '71 since it didn't have air conditioning – thank heavens! What would the van have done to the 'vette?) Has the Corvette Club Curse struck again?

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Daytona International Speedway in conjunction with Florida's Blood Center is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Not only is this your chance to commemorate the disaster of 9/11 with your blood donation, but you will also receive a FREE admission ticket to the Nationwide Subway Jalapeno 250 for next July, a free t-shirt, lots of free food, and you do it all from the Daytona 500@ Club in the infield. Go to [www.FloridasBloodCenters.org/speedway911](http://www.FloridasBloodCenters.org/speedway911) to make an appointment or just go to the track on the 10th to give the gift of life.

**ROGERS CORVETTE CENTER TRIP:** Sixteen members, with guests Skip and Joan Crowder, in eleven "vettes enjoyed a beautiful Saturday afternoon looking over the personal collection and enormous showroom of Rogers Corvettes in Maitland. Roger Judski, owner, houses nearly

100 Corvettes on the property, and several rare prized "not for sale" possessions, including a '66 Big Tank Coupe (only 1 of 66), two '67 L88 Coupes (2 of 20), a '68 L88 Coupe (1 of 80), and a '69 ZL1 Coupe (1 of 2). Refer to the Picture of the Month for the only other documented ZL1 coupe in existence. Several club members may have been bitten by the trading bug, so stay tuned for updates. Before heading home, we enjoyed a little Caribbean flair for lunch at the Bahama Breeze restaurant in Altamonte Springs. Be sure to check out the photos in the Photo Gallery.

**BOTR FOR SEPTEMBER:** For our Breakfast on the Run, we will head to New Smyrna Beach to Jason's Corner, which has received many good reviews on the internet, i.e. "eggs benedict to die for". Meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sunshine Park Mall.

**CORVETTE NEWS:** The Corvette Museum was abuzz on 7/26/11 when NASCAR Team owner Rick Hendrick took delivery of 3 new Corvettes! In addition to a 2011 Inferno Orange Carbon Edition (VIN 001), a 2011 Black Carbon Edition, (the *only* black one produced), and a 2012 Centennial Edition Z06 (VIN 100), he brought 3 from his own collection to display in the museum. Gee, it must be nice to be so rich!!

**AN INVITATION EXTENDED:** King Bowen, from the Flagler Corvette Club has invited the Corvette Cruisers to a picnic and tour of his home and garage on September 25<sup>th</sup>. King has an outstanding collection of all things Corvette. Plans will be finalized by the next meeting. Plan to be there.

**CAR SHOW NEWS:** With the coming of Fall, so, also, is the coming of area car shows: The Flagler Club Car Show will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration before 9/23 is \$25. An application may be obtained from their website at [www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com](http://www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com)

The Silver Springs Car Show is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$30 prior to 10/30. See any officer for a registration form.

**SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS:** Birthday wishes go out to Yvonne Mandley on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Ray Gatz on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Ed Doyle on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Anniversary to Al and Linda Blake on 40+ years.

**KAILYNNE QUARTIER MEMORIAL RIDE:** Although it is primarily for motorcycles, any type of vehicle is welcome to join the ride from South Daytona, through New Smyrna Beach, to Deland, then to Destination Daytona and back to South Daytona for a BBQ at the Piggotte Center. Donation is \$20 per person and proceeds go to the Lions Club to prevent childhood blindness through early detection and treatment. The ride is fully escorted by the local police, takes a couple of hours, and is lots of fun. Some of our club members have participated in the past 3 years. Registration is 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the South Daytona Police Department, 1672 Ridgewood Ave.

**AND THE WINNER IS....** Dave Huber, who won sixteen bucks in the 50/50 drawing at our last meeting. You must be present to win.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH (seen on the Home page):** Only two Corvette ZL1's were produced by General Motors in 1969. One of them we saw at Rogers Corvette Center in Maitland. The Picture of the Month is of the OTHER ZL1. It was owned and raced by a PA State Trooper until he parked it in 1972. In 1989, he was encouraged to take it to Corvettes of Carlisle, but thanks to a mouse that built his home in one of the cylinders, the engine wouldn't turn over. The "rest of the story" was featured in a past issue of Corvette Fever and can be read at [http://www.corvettefever.com/featuredvehicles/corp\\_0603\\_1969\\_chevy\\_corvette\\_zl1/index.html](http://www.corvettefever.com/featuredvehicles/corp_0603_1969_chevy_corvette_zl1/index.html)