

# Corvette Cruisers of Greater Daytona The "Talepipe" Newsletter



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Our monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (through June, 2021) at the Hidden Lakes Golf Club, 35 Fairgreen Ave., New Smyrna Beach. If this location changes, it will be noted in the body of the Newsletter. We invite you to dine with us (Dutch treat) at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Coming Up

**DOTR FOR JUNE:** June is a beautiful time to drive up the coast, not quite as far as last month's trip to St. Augustine, however. This time we stop in Flagler Beach to lunch at the Beach Front Grille, offering a tasty array of hearty menu items from popular appetizers, burgers, fresh seafood, creative salads, and delicious desserts. Let's leave from Beall's in Ormond Beach at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for a nice drive and a good lunch.

**PIZZA AND A BEER** (maybe an Iron City Beer?): That should sound pretty good on a hot summer evening in June, right? Let's meet at

Guiseppi's Steel City Pizza, 3658 S. Nova Road, in Port Orange on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This will be our first Dinner Night



Out since February, 2020, when we dined at the Garlic. If it's not raining, please drive your 'Vette so we can fill up their parking lot with a little pizzazz. We might have to blindfold John so he is not subjected to all the Steeler stuff in Guiseppi's. Orange club shirts are not required.

### **CARS & COFFEE AT WAWA:**

On Saturday, June 19, why not get up early and join your fellow club members at the WAWA on Route 44 in New Smyrna Beach? The show lasts from 8:30 -10:30 a.m., so get there about 8:15. Coffee and doughnuts are available for a donation or you might wish to enjoy a sit-down breakfast at C's Waffles.

### **WE ARE MOVING....in JULY**

You have been reading in prior Newsletters that the Corvette Cruisers have been on the lookout for a more centrally-located place to have our monthly meeting. Well, after months of looking, we have found a wonderful location that will meet out needs. The Red Lobster on ISB in Daytona Beach offers a private room at no charge, plenty of parking, reasonably-priced food, availability on the same date of the month, and a central location.

Because of widespread staffing problems, moving to this location was a bit iffy, but the manager has confirmed that he will have available staff for our first meeting there in JULY. Presently, our club has an agreement with Hidden Lakes to host our meetings through June, **so the June meeting will still be held at Hidden Lakes.** This notice serves as a “heads up” for the future so you can plan ahead.

# Reviews

**BOARD MEETING UPDATE:** The Board of Directors met on Sunday, May 2, at the home of Jamie Hawes in Ormond Beach. Several items were discussed, among them first and



foremost was the location of the meeting (discussed above). Also, the Dining on the Run destinations were decided and can be found on the Club Calendar (from the Home

Page). The Christmas Party was discussed as was getting back to our Dinner Night Out routine. Club shirts have been a problem due to the uncommon color, and the unavailability of previous shirts. We may have to go with a brighter shade of orange. Monthly car shows will be determined at our monthly meetings. Looking ahead, the club is planning on an overnighter to Amelia Island, in place of the DOTR for November. A Fun Run is also on the horizon and planned for October. Bill Geize and Ed Doyle will serve on the Elections Committee for the upcoming election in November. If you know of someone who would like to serve in a board capacity, or if you would like to step up, please let Bill or Ed know. Another member will be

appointed to serve on the committee from the membership. All positions are available.

**DOTR HEADS NORTH:** What a nice day for a cruise up to St. Augustine! Who could complain about a drive along the Atlantic to the Conch House Restaurant/Marina with blue skies and perfect temperatures? Joining in were Sally, John D., Rose, John P., Julius, Bill S., Bill G., Bill N., Evelyn, Ken, Jaime, Cindy, Gary, Edie, Liz, Pat and Aliah. Nine Corvettes and one Jeep of various colors proceeded in formation,



at least until the first stop light. We reformed as soon as we could safely do so and on our way we went. Joining us along the way were several squadrons of BIRD's (Pelicans) protecting us from above. Many groups of onlookers gave “thumbs up” as we passed with military execution transiting by. Arriving at the restaurant our leader decided to do a parade lap around the hotel drop off area. That was by design, right John? But the guests and locals nearby appreciated it anyway. From what I heard the food, location and service were deemed excellent. Several folks had the fried shrimp platters and proclaimed them to be on equal par to one of our favorites, but unfortunately closed restaurants, Betty's A1A Café. Others had the catch of the day, lobster mac and cheese and one of their signature dishes Shrimp Anastasia. All in all, it wouldn't be a surprise if we make a return visit in the future. 👍

Side note, when returning on I-95 there was a Sheriff's car, Flagler or St John's County, ticketing someone on the northbound side. He may be particularly acute to Corvettes as it was a Mustang. Just Sayin!

Reported and recorded by Bill Geize

## MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT ENDS:

(finally!)

The annual golf tournament is now in the history books for 2021. A total of eighteen players participated; however, only fourteen played enough games (4) to be considered in the competition for the coveted “Golden Club.” But before the results are announced, let’s take a look at the final three games.

**Round 5** took place at Congo River with eight players. Low score for the night was Pat Wall (our newest member) with a 43. No one had more than one hole-in-one, although five players claim that distinction. .

**Round 6:** Twelve players ventured out to Pirates Island in Port Orange for what should have been the final round, but for one rain-canceled game. John Doria had the low score for the night with a 42. (All that playing at Hidden Lakes may have paid off.) Six players tied with one hole-in-one each. The evening ended on a high note when most players headed to Culver’s for a night-cap.

**Round 4:** The final game was a make-up round that was postponed because of rain. Because it looked a little rainy on the make-up night, one would have thought it was a meeting of a Subaru Club instead of a Corvette Club. Three Subarus, a truck, and only one Corvette appeared in the parking lot of the Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach. Eight players who were looking to improve enough to drop a higher score game appeared for this final round. Bill Smmons had low score of 44 with Jean coming in second with a 46. (Second place is mentioned only because it’s the lowest score Jean has ever had and felt it worthy of publicity. 😊 LOL.) However, the most unique shot of the entire tournament had to go to Ed Doyle for the following:



Those of you who know the course, might remember that your ball must climb a very steep embankment, go under the netting, then drop down onto the green. As luck would have it, the ball stopped at the very top of the steep incline only to remain under the net. There is clearance above the net, so it’s not like the ball was wedged. This was a shot that couldn’t be repeated in a hundred years. Another view below...notice the red ball:



And now for the Results: (drum roll, please): Holes-in-one were scattered among the players, and among the games...one here and one there. But the total of most holes-in-one in 5 games goes to Bill Geize with 5. Honorable mention is that Bonita Richrdson had a total of 5 in only 3 games but because Bonita only played a total of 3 games, she was not considered in the competition.

And now for the finishers:

4<sup>th</sup> place: Gary Swanson and Bill Geize; (tie)

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Cindy Swanson;

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Pat Wall and Julius Frittelli (tie)

1<sup>st</sup> place: the winner of the “Golden Club” and the 2021 Champion is John Doria.

## **PONCE INLET CORVETTE SHOW:**

A record number of Corvettes turned out for the annual Ponce Inlet Corvette show at One Daytona, and Mother Nature couldn't have been kinder...an A+ day for sure! Participation total for the event was over 230 Corvettes.. This was evident since the entire area, including the grassy knolls, was covered in Corvettes – all years, all colors, bling or no bling, it was there.

The three Johns; John Doria, John Pona and John Doyle (Ed) entered their cars for judging, and Bill Geize entered in the People's Choice division. Only John Doria brought home a trophy, winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the C8 category. Congratulations, John. I think the judges were blown away by that Rapid Blue that stood out among the many colors. John D. and John P. won a door prize of an engine additive, and Bill G. won a Corvette poster. Edie and Liz, Bill and Evelyn Neway, and Sally joined the group for a great lunch at 4Rivers Bar-B-Q. Later we ran into Pat and Aliah Wall and Richard Wetherby (former member) and his son. Rumor has it that Gary Swanson was at the show, but nobody other than Gary can verify it.

Unfortunately for us, we didn't have a winner in the 50/50 drawing which made someone \$1,100 richer. (A club from Georgia won the 50/50 drawing and also took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in their class – talk about luck!!). All in all, it was a gorgeous day to be out in the sun, an especially good day for John Doria, and a great day for the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club, who put on one heck of a show.

Take a minute to view two sets of photos in the Gallery; one of our usual shots, the other of some vanity plates observed at the show. See if you can decipher what the owner had in mind.. Some are no-brainers, and others,,,,,hummmm.

# **This & That**

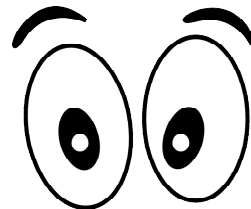
**BIRTHDAYS:** Lots of celebrations this month – Happy Birthday to Vin Giglio on the 14<sup>th</sup>, George Weissgerber on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Julius Frittelli on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Patty Fot on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Ken Hawes on the 30<sup>th</sup>. May your celebrations never end.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** More celebrations are in store for Vin and Tracy Giglio, Bill Simmons and Bonita Richardson, and Bob and Linda Wolff. Happy Anniversary and Congratulations!



**50/50 WINNER:** The drawing for May made John Pona a little richer when he could stick and extra \$30 bucks in his pocket. If my memory serves me, I believe the Ponas won the 50/50 at the last meeting. Somebody is livin' right!!

**HAVE YOU LOOKED LATELY?** We all hate to admit it, but our looks have changed over the years. Some gained a few pounds, some lost a few, some hair color has changed, some hair has disappeared, a few more wrinkles have popped up. Take a minute to check out your photo in the “Who's Who in the Corvette Cruisers” accessed from the big blue box on the Home page. This is used to help new members learn who we are and, well, if we don't look anything like our picture, it may be time to update. You may provide me with a photo of your choice, or you can have me take one of you, but let's get those photos updated.



**SPECIAL THANKS** to Liz and Edie Byrne who have been acting as the proofreaders for the monthly Newsletter. They are able to find any misspellings, incorrect spacing, an extra coma here or there, and a skipped word or two that the editor overlooked. Thank you for your sharp eye. It is much appreciated.

# 'Vette Etc.

## CORVETTE TO PACE THE INDIANAPOLIS 500

May 30, 2021, at the 105th Indianapolis 500, a 2021 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Hardtop Convertible will lead the 33-car field to the green flag. This 2021 Corvette will be the first convertible to pace the Indy 500 since 2008.



## THE CORVETTE PRAYER

My Corvette is my Shepherd,  
I shall go fast.  
It maketh me burn out on black pavements.  
It leadeth me down wide-open highways.  
It leads me on the path of gut-wrenching  
quickness.  
Yea, though I drive through the valley of rice,

I shall fear no turbo  
For the torque art with me,  
Thy rod and thy piston  
They comfort me.  
Thou preparest a smooth track before me.  
Thou hast anointed my bearings with oil.  
My car has an abundance of power.  
Surely traction and victory shall follow me  
All the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Chevy V-8  
Forever..... Amen

-- Anonymous  
(taken from the windshield of a  
Corvette at a Car Show.)



If you don't look back at your car after  
you park it, you own the wrong car.



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To all the Fathers and  
Grandfathers out there:

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!