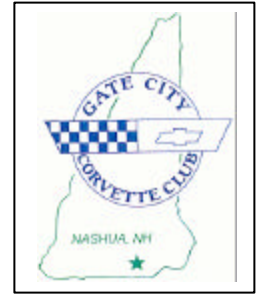




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First Word

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Here's hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Well, a new year has arrived, and I sit here writing my first newsletter. As the club's new President, I can tell you that I'm honored to have won the election. It was a very close race. (Thanks Larry for your vote of confidence.)

It is January 25th and the temperature is -6 at my home and I'm already wondering when spring is to arrive. For which I can't wait.

Due to our cold weather, the holiday party was postponed for a couple weeks, which took place last night. There was plenty of good food and fun had by all. I want to thank Norm Wood for the donation of the die cast "53 Corvette" with trailer and hauler, to be raffled off with proceeds going to the Club.

Recently the new "Board of Directors" met to discuss the upcoming year, and what we can do to get more of our members to come and enjoy what we all have in common and what brought us together in the first place, our Corvettes. As Vice President, Norm will have more for us about upcoming events and activities. I know I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. I would like to invite all members that may have ideas and suggestions of things they'd be interested in doing to please come forward.

I also want to thank everyone in advance, Directors, Committee Persons, and all Volunteers for all the hard work they will be putting into the club and it's functions this year, along with the individuals involved in the "Spring Fling", and hope that everyone can help out when the time comes to make it a success. I know last year was the first time I was involved and enjoyed it.

Next meeting is February 13th at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester at 8:00 PM. See you all there.

Dan Feidler
President

At right: `53 Corvettes at Carlisle

(Photo courtesy of Lynn Nault)



Gate City Corvette Club, Inc. is one of approximately 600 Corvette Clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Gate City Corvette Club meets at 8:00 p.m. the second Friday of the month at Dobles Chevrolet, 1250 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH.

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SAVE THE WAVE

President Norm Wood began the brief December meeting of the Gate City Corvette Club at 8:10. He thanked Dobles for the use of their facility and for their continued support. A dinner poll was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted.

Membership Director: Dean Gagne reported that there were no new or prospective members present. Please contact Dean if you would like to purchase club clothing.

Officer-At-Large: Joe Michalik talked about upcoming events. World of Wheels will be held on January 4th. The Holiday Party is planned for January 10th. Please call Lynn with what you plan to bring for the potluck diner. There will be games and a Yankee swap.

Old Business/New Business: Dean reported that the newly formed Spring Fling committee plans to meet monthly. Spring Fling is scheduled for May 30th with a rain date of June 20th (Father's Day.)

Please contact Norm Wood with your e-mail address changes.

The February newsletter will be posted on the GCCC website.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bill Balcom. The winner of the attendance raffle was Paul Nowak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 and followed by a social gathering at the 99 Restaurant.

Allie

CORVETTE PREVIEW

“What Edmunds.com Says: It's hard to imagine the Corvette getting much better, but with added power, less bulk and a more refined interior, this Corvette should have no problem carrying on the family legacy.

What We Know: As the sixth-generation of an American legend, the 2005 Corvette (C6) has big shoes to fill. The previous model set new standards for performance and refinement that left little room for improvement, but the Corvette's engineering team looks to have raised the bar once again. Nowhere is this more obvious than under the hood where you'll find a 6.0-liter, small-block V8 that delivers an impressive 400 horsepower and 400 pound-feet of torque. Hooked to either a six-speed manual or heavy-duty four-speed automatic, the LS2 engine not only belts out serious horsepower, it's also able to deliver a combined city/highway mileage rating of 22 mpg. Built on an all-new chassis shared with the Cadillac XLR, the C6 shares only a handful of parts with its predecessor. Dimensionally, it's five inches shorter, an inch narrower and sports a one-inch-longer wheelbase than the previous version, while its curb weight remains unchanged. Three different suspensions will be offered: base, F55 and Z51. The F55 setup makes use of the Magnetically Selective Ride Control first introduced on the 50th Anniversary Corvette in 2003. The Z51 high-performance package includes more aggressive springs, shocks and stabilizer bars along with cross-drilled brake rotors for performance similar to the current Z06 model. Often criticized for its bland, low-quality interior, the C6 sports a considerably more modern look, but those hoping for a truly upscale cabin may still come away disappointed. The seats have been improved with additional levels of adjustment while the gauges that looked so good before remain true to their mission. Improved materials quality and colors add some visual punch and new features like a DVD navigation system and satellite radio make it a worthier road-tripper. All in all, it's a nice step up from the previous car that most buyers are sure to appreciate.”

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Club Holiday Party

We finally had our Annual Club Holiday Party after a 2-week delay from the original date. About 37 members and guest attended the gala festive event. As always there was more than enough great food to go around. Thank you Emile & Sue Tetu for donating the paper and plastic goods to enjoy our meal with. Jim Ecke arrived with his small sound system to provide background music for the evening. We kicked off the event with a special cake (donated by Dean & Sandy) to Dan & Gayle Zelonis celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary. Dan & Gayle were also presented with a special Corvette “Past Present Future” Clock from the Club in recognition of their 23 years of service on the Club’s Board of Directors. The Club also voted them to the status of “Honored Membership”, which allows them all the privileges of regular membership while being dues free. ***Thank you Dan & Gayle for your many years of dedication to our Club.***

The Club also had a couple of fundraiser raffles and a Corvette trivia game with prizes award that night. The 1st raffle, which was donated by Norm & Sue Wood, was a 1/18 scale die cast “Collectors Edition” of a 1953 Corvette on a trailer pulled by a Chevy Suburban. Al Whittier proudly took that home with Carol’s winning ticket. Our 2^d raffle was a “mystery gift” with 3 consolation prizes and again Al & Carol Whittier had the winning ticket. (*I wonder if the Patriots were playing that night, would Al have been around long enough to purchase the raffle tickets????*). A Corvette trivia game was then played with MC’s Peggy Miller and Lynn Nault with many prizes awarded for the correct answers. Thanks to Club members Dan & Claudia Feilder, Dan & Gayle Zelonis, Linda & Brad Davis, Lynn & Ray Nault and Norm & Sue Wood for donating the prizes for the raffle and trivia games.



(Photo courtesy of Al Whittier)

For the traditional Yankee gift swap, Larry Miller pulled out the #1 ticket. . His 1st pick was a nice candle and potpourri spices. A model engine with moving parts was the hot item that was traded many times during the swap. Then Larry with his “potpourri” in hand proceeded to take home that hot engine as the last swap. Many are wondering why he did not keep that lovely candle & potpourri for Peggy!!! There were also a couple of lingerie items that will probably be *mysteriously* returning next year at the Yankee swap.

Everyone enjoyed a great time and we hope more Club members will be able to attend next year.

Norm Wood
Vice-President

I'm back as your Vice President and Activities Director after 2 years directing the Club as the President. I look forward to arranging events for the upcoming season for our Club members. On February 8th I will be attending the Calendar of Events for the Corvette Clubs of New England to find out what the other clubs are planning for events this year.

The Spring Fling Committee is meeting monthly to prepare for that event on May 30th. If you would like to be involved with that committee, please contact me.

I am planning on organizing/coordinating/cruise-to the following events:

- March - Bowling Night
- April - Car Detailing Clinic
- May - Judging Clinic for Spring Fling
May 22nd NHIS 14th Annual Classic Car Show (moved from August)
May 30th Spring Fling Car Show
- June - No "Dobles Corvette Show" due to onsite construction projects
June 26th "Cruising Downtown" Manchester/Elm Street car show
Cruise or visit a Corvette car show
- July - Annual Club Picnic
Cruise or visit a Corvette car show
- August - Annual Corvettes Conquer Cancer Dinner & Dance at Nashua Airport
Caravan to Corvettes at Carlisle
- September - Spindle City Car Show
Cruise to view fall foliage
- October - End of season cruise

If anyone has ideas about getting members together for a cruise to someplace, attend a car show or anything else, please contact me. Members are always looking for new places to ride to.

Norm Wood
Vice President
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Holiday Party Highlights



Norm presents Dan with the President's gavel.

(Photos courtesy of Sue Wood)



Dan & Gayle are honored for their dedication.

Lee & Paulette Scarlett

Lee and I discovered that we had been bitten by the Corvette Bug back in 1975. Lee was working for Barton's Texaco in Londonderry, and his boss Ronnie Barton had a 1963 split window Corvette that he raced at New England Dragway every weekend. Every Friday night, Lee would stay at work and help Ronnie fine-tune his Corvette and make special changes for the race. Then in 1980 Ronnie decided to restore his Corvette back to when he first bought it. It was that summer that he told Lee that he could take the Corvette and drive it for the whole summer. After that summer, we knew that someday we would have to buy our own Corvette.

But someday took along time in coming. We bought a house, and had two wonderful daughters and after that life just got a little complicated. So we gave up the idea of ever having our own Corvette.

Then in the summer of 2002, we had another opportunity to drive a C5 convertible for the weekend and that did it! We started looking for our dream car again. Of course neither one of us imagined how much a C5 would cost until we started looking. It was a little more than we had planned, but we didn't give up.

One afternoon, Lee came home early from work and we decided to go for a ride to the beach and have supper. We were driving down Rt. 4 in Northwood, when there it was. Under an elm tree was a white Corvette convertible! At first I wasn't sure what year it was, but when Lee told me that it was a C4 not a C5 I didn't want to look at it, but he made me get out of the car and sit in it. At that point, we wanted a Corvette so bad that he went to the house to talk to the lady about the car, and when he came out, we owned a 1987 Corvette. We never did get to the beach that night.

It had been neglected since the owner died. The outside needed a bath and a good buff job, and several coats of Zaino to restore the shine. Then we worked on the inside. Cleaned the interior and washed the carpets, and bought new floor mats, a console cushion, and an upper pillar lock for the driver's side. We had problems with it overheating, so we replaced a sensor and fan motor. Since it was an older car, Lee was able to do all the repairs himself.

Since then, we've had so much fun with our Corvette. We've gone to the beach, made several trips to the mountains, and have met a lot of interesting Corvette owners.

We finally made our dream come true, and maybe someday we will own that C5 or maybe even a C6 who knows, but we will always remember the day we found our 87-rag.



Lee and Paulette joined the GCCC four months ago so that they could talk with other Corvette owners. They love the Corvette that they rescued from abandoned neglect and enjoy driving it daily.
