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First Word

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Well here we are the 1st of March and that famous ground hog in Pennsylvania where Claudia and I are from, tells us that we now have three weeks left to go `till we can bring our cars back out. But of course what am I thinking we live in New England so maybe we will have to wait just a little longer.

With spring just around the corner let's all not forget Springer Fling, the committee has been working hard to get things lined up in plenty of time. So let's all come forward early this year and help out whatever way you can. Such as help get sponsors for trophies or goody bag items. All and any help would be greatly appreciated by the committee. Remember this is the clubs only fundraiser and it is your club. So please help.

I want to thank Mike Dupont for coming forward at the last meeting to head up a function for all to enjoy Sat. June 16th, in place of the Dobles Show that has been canceled for this year due to the construction going on. THANKS MIKE.

Well it sounds like there should be a fun filled Corvette driving year. So start getting your Corvettes ready early, since it looks like Norm is planning at least one thing for the club to do at least once a month.

Remember the next meeting is Friday March 12, 2004 at 8:00 PM. at Dobles; hope to see all there!

Regards,

Dan Feidler
President



(Photo courtesy of Allie DeCampo)

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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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Welcome to Gate City's online newsletter created exclusively for Gate City Corvette Club members! Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input!

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SAVE THE WAVE

The meeting began at 8:05 with the new president Dan Feidler sounding the gavel for the first time as our new president for 2004. Dan thanked Dobles for the use of their facility and for their continued support. A dinner poll was taken for after the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting was accepted by the club members.

Treasurer Ruth Buchanan submitted the monthly report. (Members can view the report in the "Members Area" of the web site). The club accepted the treasurer's report.

Membership director Dean Gagne welcomed, on all the clubs behalf, a new prospective club member Warren Hyde. Warren has a 1979 white and green Corvette.

Officer-at-large, Lynn Nault presented several newsletters for the membership to browse thru for upcoming events. She went on to present several from surrounding areas to see if there was any interest in any particular event. Mike Dupont later in the evening noted that since the Dobles show date of June 13 was open this year that the club might come up with a function for that date. Traditionally after this show the club would get together at the Whittier's for a cook out. With some arm bending and friendly hints Mike agreed to work with Norm Wood to give us some options. Mike would love to be let off the hook if someone else has an idea.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Norm Wood. The winner of the attendance raffle was Rob Ledoux who wasn't present, so the pot is rising.

Old Business/New Business:

Hank Vezina is going to look into more information on the Lymerock Connecticut racetrack C5 race team show. He thought the club might like to go.

We received a Corvette Conquer Cancer Dance update from Carol Whittier. KC Rib Shack is catering this year. Same great band as last year will play. The "King" will not be in the building per Carol. Also a special Hypnotist/Illusionist will give all of us a great show this year. ***Round up friends, fill a table, have a great night for charity.***

Dean Gagnon updated us on Spring Fling. He hired a new DJ who comes highly recommended from some club members. The Spring Fling Committee met and decided the charities for this year will be The Nashua Soup Kitchen and Corvette Conquers Cancer.

Note: Sue Wood read a nice thank you from the Nashua Soup Kitchen acknowledging our donation of \$500 from Spring Fling 2003.

Norm Wood questioned attendees about problems with the newsletter being sent via the computer. It cost 60 cents for each newsletter we have to mail out to non-computer members. With the savings each month the club hopes to offset the cost of some functions where club members pay to attend; One being the July Barbeque at the Tetu's.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 and people went off to visit with each other at the 99 Restaurant or home to relax.

Sue

<p>CLUB CASUAL WEAR Denim Shirts \$25.00 Polo Shirts (white or navy) \$25.00 Sweatshirts (navy) \$32.00 Club Jacket \$55.00 To purchase contact membership director Dean Gagne</p>

Well warm weather is around the corner; I'm just not sure how far away that corner is. The days seem to be getting warmer (then again anything seems to be warmer than what we had in January) and the *sunset* is later each day. Hopefully in another month we might start thinking about "*when*" we might take the cars out of storage.

We are planning on having a bowling night in March (Lynn wants to get rid of that *crying towel*). Well Lynn, start practicing now before that **Bowling Night** arrives! We are looking into some places in the Nashua area and hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have plans set into motion.

In April I will try and set up a car-detailing clinic with emphasis on the interior sections. Details will be forthcoming.

The Judging Clinic for Spring Fling will be on Sunday May 23rd. Everyone will need to be there, as we will be discussing the new New England Corvette Council Judging Guidelines. A location has not been determined yet. Again I will keep everyone informed as plans are made.

With temperatures slightly above freezing, Sue & I are headed in a southerly direction for a week to find some. *See you after vacation.*

Norm Wood
Vice President

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

- March - Bowling Night
- April - Car Detailing Clinic
- May - May 23rd 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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Trophy Sponsors Needed

As you can see below, we have our first trophy sponsor for Spring Fling, The Precision Valley Corvette Museum, and all it took was a short email to their Director. It's that easy. Now, with a club membership of around 90 people you'd think we'd have no problem getting the sponsors we need, but every year we don't have the sign-ups we should for a club our size.

Here's some interesting facts:

- * Number of sponsors desired: 57 max (we give out 49 sets of 3, and 8 specialty trophies);
- * Actual number sponsors signed up over the past couple of years: Only around 30, and the most was around 38.
- * Because we've haven't had as many sponsors as we'd like, we haven't always been able to give much of a donation to our charities;
- * If we were able to sign up all 57 sponsors for the show, we would be able to pay up all of the show's cost before the first car entrant shows up that Sunday morning.

It's really not hard to get folks to sponsor a trophy. You walk into a shop, store or office of someone you've dealt with over the years and tell them about the event and if they'd like to publicize their business or organization by being a trophy sponsor. Besides they'd also be helping out some of the charities we support. And the sponsors don't have to be auto related either. Other than the usual automotive sponsors I've signed up (auto salvage yard, front-end alignment shop, mechanic's shop), I've found sponsors such as a pharmacy, a smoke shop, a restaurant, and a recruiting agency. And the interesting thing is after you've signed them up once, many of them continue to be sponsors every year with out much prodding, such as the Corvette Museum in Vermont.

You should be receiving your Trophy Sponsor Recruiting packages soon so you can start recruiting some benefactors for our Spring Fling Shine'n>Show at the end of May, and it's never to early to get these folks signed up. This gives them plenty of time to come up with something to put into the goody bag. It also allows us plenty of time to get the name plates made up for the trophies.

OK, OUR CLUB'S GOAL THIS YEAR IS 57 SPONSORS FOR 57 TROPHIES. LET'S GO GET THEM.

Oh yes, I almost forgot. The Corvette Museum will have a special prize for the club member who gets the most sponsors signed up.

Hank

Spring Fling! We will be delighted to sponsor a trophy set and will also bring some goodies (T shirts and logo mugs).

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Roberto



***24th Spring Fling Show & Shine
Trophy Sponsor Form For Sunday, May 30, 2004***



Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Solicited By: _____

Date: ____/____/____

A Series costs \$60.00 and consists of a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy or 1 specialty trophy (Best Of Class, Best Engine, Best Paint, etc.).

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