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# Stress Kracks



# The Official Voice of Gate City Corvette Club of Southern New Hampshire

First Word May 2004

First off I'd like to thank Jim and Mary for holding an interior-cleaning clinic at their home. On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The day and the clinic were great. It was also good to see perspective members there.

Well, spring has arrived and hopefully everyone has been able to get his or her cars out for a drive. Remember this month is Spring Fling, and the club and committees needs all the help they can get to make it a success. I want to thank everyone for their hard work on getting sponsors for the trophies. According to Hank and the committee we are having a great year. Please everyone keep up the Great Job!

Mark your calendars for May 23rd for the judging clinic being held at Claudia and my house. Directions will be sent out later to be able to find us. Once again we'll need all members that can to help out in putting together the goody bags and, of course, the night before the show helping to set up the area. For those of you whom may be troubled about judging, take it from myself it's not that hard and it is a great time. Along with you learn more of what to do to your own car.

Lets all hope and wish for a great weather summer. Because it looks like with Norm's help and others in the club we will have some great times.

Remember and hope to see all of you at the next meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dobles.

#### Dan Feidler President



#### JUDGING CLINIC

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Goodie Bag Stuffing Party
Dan & Claudia Feidler's
May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am
Lunch served afterwards
Please call Claudia with what
you plan to bring!

**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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#### PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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 8:10 with Dan thanking Dobles Chevrolet for the use of their facilities and their continued support.

The club members accepted the minutes from the previous February meeting after Hank/Ray/Carol put in a motion to do so.

The club was introduced to three new prospective members:

Brad Pribble with a 2003 Quicksilver ZO6 Don Gagnon with a 1991 Quasar Blue roadster Corvette Dennis Granger with a 1991 ZR 1 Bright Red coupe Corvette.

The dinner poll was taken.

Ruth had no treasurer's report, the bank statement for the club did not arrive in time, as the bank was still making the changes to send them out to her home address.

Officer-at-large Lynn presented a recall notice on 1997-2004 Corvette transmissions and she highlighted some of the problems for the club from the notice. Lynn also put out mail the club receives over the month for members to look at.

Norm presented some up coming events for the month and nailed down time and dates, some of which have now taken place. For the future activities please see his column in this months newsletter.

Norm spoke for the Spring Fling Committee. They had met prior to tonight's meeting, and had received 25 new paid sponsors. The committee is working hard and getting a lot accomplished.

#### New Business:

#### Gate City Corvette Club is looking for members to pay their dues.

An idea had been brought to the board to have a pizza party/social hour after next months meeting instead of heading off to Shorty's or the 99. Going out to dinner sometimes makes for a long, late evening. Sue Wood is organizing the food. It was voted that we would use 50/50 funds to purchase the pizza. **Remember that there are no bathrooms available in the building**, but it is just a short ride to say Dunkin Donuts, etc. Sue will bring soft drinks, cups, and paper products. All the members have to be is generous with the 50/50 to help defer the cost. The board will try and keep the meeting short so we can get together over pizza and all chat. The most fun of the evening will be sharing time and chatting with club members over pizza and not talking club business.

Mike Dupont and Jill presented their idea for the June 13<sup>th</sup> barbeque and cruise to Sunset Lake in Ashburnham, Mass. This date is traditionally where our club did the Dobles Corvette Show and then met for a barbecue at someone's house. The local lake association to which Jill's family belongs owns the beach area. We are required to have a lifeguard on duty per the rental agreement and Jill is to look to see if a local resident is available. There is a clubhouse if it rains and they also have a barbeque grill area and horseshoe pits available. Jill and Mike are the organizers and will update us more at the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Wood Spring is here, there are buds on the trees and the lawns are getting greener. (I may have to take the lawn mower out of the storage shed next). Just about all of us have our cars out of storage and are engaged in the task of cleaning and detailing them. Jim Bouthiette gave a clinic in mid-April about detailing the interior of the car and it was well attended by the members.

Some of the women in the Club are upgrading their cars this spring. Lynn Casker now has a 2004 Lemans Blue Commemorative Edition Coupe, Paula Beauregarde has a 1993 ZR1 Anniversary Edition Coupe and Lynn Nault has a 2004 Medium Spiral Gray Coupe. O.K. Guys!!! What are we doing, who's upgrading? My names on the list for a new C6 roadster but that won't be in until next spring. Mike Dupont upgraded to a 2004 Machine Silver ZO6. Anyone else?

Spring Fling is coming up fast. The dash plaques are in and the trophies are on order. Get those sponsorship sign-up sheets with the checks in ASAP. Our annual judging clinic for Spring Fling will be on Sunday May  $23^{rd}$  at 10:00 AM at Dan Feilder's home. Dan lives at 7 Chase Brook Road in Londonderry, N.H. If you need directions Email me or call me at 668-2305. **Everyone** needs to attend this clinic because we will be using the new N.E. Corvette Council Judging Guidelines and will be reviewing the procedures. We will also be stuffing the grab bags that day. We will be having a lunch after so bring something, but call Dan or Claudia to let them know what you are bringing. Dan's house is on a dead end street with plenty of parking so bring the Vettes.

Also on May 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a car show at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H. This is their annual vintage car race weekend usually held in August. Hopefully you have sent in your pre-registration form for that show (it's the only way you can show your car and get in for free). If it is a nice day a group of Club members will be caravanning to the show. Details will be announced at a later date.

Make sure you mark **May** 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, that's our Spring Fling Car Show at Anheuser Busch Plant in Merrimack, N.H. We will be meeting at 7:00 AM and we need all the members to help pull this off. This is our only big event of the year, so no excuses, please be there.

Mike Dupont and Jill are organizing a cruise and picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunset Lake in Ashburnham MA. They have a beach area, cooking area, horseshoe pits and a Club House that will be available for our use. More details will follow at the next Club meeting.

Hope to see you at our next Club meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester.

Norm Wood, Vice President

#### 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



Lynn & Ray with Lynn's new 2004 coupe just minutes after taking delivery from Dobles!

(Didn't even have to ask them to smile.)

### **MAY 2004**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
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2 Shake- down Cruise	3	4	5	6	7	8	North Shore Corvette "Shakedown Cruise" Brunch at the Cliff House. Call Rich & Pat (781) 331-0511
9	10	11	12	13	14 GCCC Meeting	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Car Show	New Hampshire Inter- National Speedway Annual Vintage Car Race Weekend. Must pre-register to show.
23 GCCC Judging Clinic Spring Fling 30	31	25	26	27	28	29	May 30, 2004  SPRING FLING  Anheuser Busch Merrimack, NH  First NE point judged show of the season!

#### **Summer Cruise Nights:**

"North Shore Corvette Club"
"Spindle City Corvette Club"

Tuesdays beginning May 4 - Sylvan St. Grill, Peabody, MA Wednesdays beginning May 19 - Burger King, Chelmsford, MA

"Corvettes United" Thursdays beginning May 13 – Hebert's Candy Mansion, Shrewsbury, MA

#### Dates to Save:

\*\* Sunday, May 30 - Gate City Corvette Club "**Spring Fling**" 2004, Anheuser-Busch Plant, Merrimack, NH Call: Carol Whittier 603-437-3803 or <a href="mailto:events@gatecitycorvetteclub.com">events@gatecitycorvetteclub.com</a>

Sunday, June 6 - Corvettes United Show & Shine, Hebert Candy Mansion, Shrewsbury, MA Call: Bob: 508-366-4288

Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 11-13 - Corvette Weekend "Back to the Beach" Cascades Restaurant & Cabins, Saco, ME Call: Ralph: 603-893-2797 or <a href="mailto:sandieb98@yahoo.com">sandieb98@yahoo.com</a>

\*\*Saturday, August 7 - Gate City Corvette Club "Corvettes Conquer Cancer Hawaiian Style" Nashua Airport, Nashua, NH Call: 603-497-6021 or <a href="mailto:eventregistration@comcast.net">eventregistration@comcast.net</a>

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