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First Word

June 2004

Well, spring has surely arrived. How do we know that? Gate City Corvette Club held its annual Spring Fling, and as all involved will tell you it was a great success. The registrations were around 157 Corvettes plus or minus, with an additional 37 Corvettes in the corral parking and a lot more in the main parking lot. The weather was fantastic and the crowd of Vette lovers was superb.

I want to thank everyone personally for his or her involvement with the show. Without all of you it could not have been as successful as it was. Many thanks go out to the judges who did a great job, especially since we were using the new guidelines set forth by the New England Judging Council. It also would not have been as successful without the hard work put forth by the Spring Fling committee. Great job Dean and company.

Well we are now going into the summer season, so get those cars cleaned up and join in the fun. Remember June 13th is the outing in place of the Dobles show. More info to come at the next meeting, hope all can join in. July, the summer picnic at Emile and Suzanne Tetu's house. In advance, thanks Emile and Suzanne for opening up your place again this year for us to enjoy a great day with fellow club members. August, Corvette's Conquer Cancer Fundraiser, and of course the Corvettes at Carlisle trip. Anyone interested in going with Mike Dupont to Canada for the GM motor plant 50th birthday bash? Mike still has some rooms available. Claudia and I will be joining Mike and Jill on the trip. For those who have never been to Niagara Falls Canada, it's also great place to visit.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Friday, June 11th at Dobles Chevrolet at 8:00 pm.

Best Regards,
Dan Feidler
President

Spring Fling 2004
(Photo courtesy of Dan Feidler)

*June is a busy month!!!
Please see Norm's activity report
&
the Gate City calendar
in this newsletter.*



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

Spring Fling 2004

On Sunday, May 30th, 2004 approximately 300 corvettes convened at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack N.H. for the Gate City Corvette Club's 24 annual **Spring Fling**. The weather was perfect for a car show, sunny and breezy. For many reasons, it was a record setting year for us. We set 3 new records this year.

The first record was the use of the newly developed New England Corvette Council's show guidelines and judging forms. The New England Corvette Council has developed a guideline for show-n-shines that they are asking all clubs to use, so that show-n-shines across New England will be consistent for participants. Using this guideline there were 43 classes where corvettes could be classified and judged.

The second record was that the Gate City Corvette Club had at least one car for every possible class. Every year there are some classes with no cars. This meant that there were some first place trophies that were never given away. Not this year, every first place trophy was given away.

The third record was the number of trophy sponsors obtained by the members of the Gate City Corvette Club. This was the first year that all of our trophies were sponsored by generous local businesses. Because of their generosity, the Gate City Corvette Club is able to continually help local charities.

As far as the corvettes go, the show had Corvettes from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Maine. There were multiple Corvettes that traveled over 200 miles to get to the show; but the furthest traveled was 375 miles, all the way from Ramsey NJ. Many local clubs were present at the show, with best club participation being a tie going to "No Rules Club Corvette" and "Corvettes United", both with 9 cars entered.

Charities selected for this year's Spring Fling include the Nashua Soup Kitchen; Corvette Conquer Cancer Tour, with Ben Labaree attending and judging some of the newer Corvettes; and the Goffstown Screaming Eagles selling refreshments.

Statistics for Spring Fling 2004 are: 157 Corvettes participating, 37 cars in the corral parking, 32 Gate City Corvette Club member's Corvettes, and approximately 80 corvettes in the Anheuser-Busch parking lot. We had 61 trophy sponsors collected from 50 different area businesses.

Cars were admitted to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery grounds at 8:30 A.M., car detailing ended at 12:00 noon, judging started at 12:15 and concluded at 4:15. The items at the penny sale table, along with door prizes for participants were awarded to the lucky winners at throughout the day. The 50/50 drawing, which raised \$616, which was split between the winner and Corvette Conquer Cancer Tour was drawn just prior to the trophy award ceremony.

The members of the Gate City Corvette Club would like to thank the many people that made this event a success. We would like to thank the fifty local businesses that sponsored all of our trophies. Your generosity helps the Gate City Corvette Club continue to give to our charities. We would also like to thank the staff at Anheuser-Busch for allowing us to use their grounds, for giving great brewery tours, and for continuing to help out any way they can. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the participants of the show for making our show a success. Without you, there would be no reason to have a show. **THANKS!!!**

Thanks again for everyone's help in making our show a success.

Dean Gagne
Show Chairperson

President Dan Feidler opened the meeting at 8:15 pm. A number count was taken so Sue could order the pizzas for the after meeting pizza party.

Ray and Hank motioned that the newsletter as posted on the web be accepted.

Ruth read the ending March 2004 balance sheet for the treasures report. Emile and Lee made the motion to accept this.

Lynn announced that the Calendar of Events has been published and this was handed out.

Lynn listed some events coming up such as:

June 26th cruising downtown in Manchester

July 1-4 NE Summer Nationals

July 11th Club Corvette of CT-show and shine

August-Jill and Mike are headed for St. Catherine's in Canada for a show.

Norm reminded people we will be meeting at the Feidlers for the judging clinic Sunday the 23rd at 10 am. This will also be the date we stuff the bags for Spring Fling.

Club was reminded that Spring Fling was May 30th with a meeting time of 7 am; also we were reminded that after the show there would be a pizza party at Jim's.

A last minute note that we would be doing the raffle table and donations would be appreciated for Spring Fling.

Lee and Paulette were recognized for their efforts in gaining the most sponsors for Spring Fling.

A discussion was held about buying 50, 50th Anniversary T-shirts from Dobles at a cost of \$5 each. Maybe put them in the grab bags or raffle them out. The motion was made by Emile and Hank to purchase the shirts, and the board of directors is to decide what to do with them.

Mike Dupont gave info on the trip to St. Catherine's in Canada. It's to the Chevrolet Engine plant. It's the plants 50th Anniversary Aug 4th. There will be a one-day open house for the plant, a car show and shine, food and plant tours. The plant expects more than 10,000 people to attend. Mike has seven rooms put aside at a the local White Oaks hotel all with king size beds for a rate of \$130 Canadian money, (\$95-\$99 US) Caravan leaves Aug 2nd a Monday and returns Aug 5th. Its about 8-9 hours of driving.

Mike Dupont talked about the June 13th Sunday get together. The party is at Sunset Lake at Ashburnham Mass. About a 1-½ hour drive. **We will meet at Macy's rain or shine at 9 AM.** There are grills available for cooking, horseshoes, and a clubhouse for our use. Club is subsidizing the cost of the two lifeguards for a cost of \$10 per hour.

Two new prospective members were introduced Mary Ellen and Lars-Ake Johansson; they have a Rally Red, 1965 Vette.

The club was generous and the 50/50 raised \$132. So Dan Feidler won \$66 and the club used the other \$66 for the pizza.

Stuart Hardens name was picked for the attendance raffle and since Stu wasn't there, next months pot will be \$40.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

More than 30 members stayed for conversation, pizza and fun.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wood*

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

Spring is here, the lawns are green and lush with all the rain we are having. Most car shows, including NHIS Classic Car Show & Vintage Auto Racing has been affected by the wet weather. Hopefully the spring showers will subside and things will dry out so we can start to enjoy our cars.

Well, somebody from above was looking out for Gate City Corvette Club with regards to the weather. The weather for our 24th Annual Spring Fling Car Show was almost perfect; a few points were lost for the wind. We had 157 Corvettes registered for the show, 37 Corvettes helped support us by parking in our “special corral for Vettes only” (except for 1 lone dump truck that seemed abandoned for the weekend), about 25 members Corvettes and quite a few Corvettes parked in the general parking area to view the show. We can safely brag that there were 300 Corvettes attending our show. This has been our best show in recent years (I understand our best show had about 185 registered Vettes years ago). Thank you to all the members, their families, friends and significant others that came to help organize and run this event. Without yours and their help this would not have been the great success it was. I know we were all dragging by the end of the day, but there were smiles at Jim’s “after party” while we were enjoying pizza and beverages. Being the 1st show to use the new *New England Corvette Judging Council Guidelines* provided us with a few hurdles to jump over and some delays, but with the dedicated members within our Club we over came them. Gate City Corvette Club should be proud to be the 1st Club to utilized these guidelines and our shoulders are broad to take the weight of any criticism they may arise. I am sure some changes to the NECJC Guidelines will be forth coming in the future.



(Photo courtesy of Dan Feidler)

Our next event will be on June 13th. Michael Dupont and Jill have arranged a cruise to Sunset Lake in Ashburnham, MA. We are meeting on Sunday June 13th at **9:00 AM** at **Macy’s** in Bedford to caravan to the outing. There is a nice beach (with life guards) for swimming, horseshoes and a clubhouse for use by our club. Everyone should bring your own food (hamburgers, hot dogs, steaks or what ever) and there will be grills available for cooking. There will be a cost factor to this event to help offset the Club expenses of hiring a couple of local lifeguards and buying charcoal and other small items. This is a private beach area that was reserved for our club, so the more members that attend the cheaper the assessment cost will be. This is a rain or shine event so if the weather is bad then bring you “other” vehicle and we will still have a great time.


Also on June 26th is the **Manchester Cruising Downtown** on Elm Street from 9AM to 6PM. There is a \$7.00 registration fee with a can good. Final plans will be made at the next club meeting about getting together as a group and attending the show with cars on display.

See you at the next Club meeting on Friday June 11th at Dobles Chevrolet at 8:00 PM.

Norm Wood, Vice-President

EVENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2004

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
		1	2	3 Bar Harbor Tour 2004	4	5 Autocross Bay State Corvette Club	Bar Harbor Tour 2004 Vettes of Coastal Maine Debbie (207) 594-9023 Autocross- Bose Corp Framingham, MA Tom (508) 478-2669
6 Show-n- Shine Hebert's Candy Mansion	7	8	9	10	11 GCCC Meeting 	12	Show-n-Shine Hebert's Candy Mansion Corvettes United Bob (508) 366-4288 Rain date June 13, 2004
13 Cruise to Sunset Lake Picnic	14	15	16	17	18	19	Cruise to Sunset Lake Meet at Macy's at 9:00 am Rain or Shine. For more info contact Mike Dupont
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Cruising Downtown Elm Street Rain or Shine	Cruising Downtown Elm St., Manchester, NH 8 am – 6 pm \$7 Admission Registration at the NH Insurance Building Parking Lot
27 Corvette Birthday Party	28	29	30				Corvette's Birthday Party with cake and ice cream. Precision Valley Corvette Museum. www.vettepassion.com

Summer Cruise Nights:

"North Shore Corvette Club" Tuesdays beginning May 4 - Sylvan St. Grill, Peabody, MA
 "Spindle City Corvette Club" Wednesdays beginning May 19 - Burger King, Chelmsford, MA
 "Corvettes United" Thursdays beginning May 13 – Hebert's Candy Mansion, Shrewsbury, MA
 "Lakes Region Corvette Club" Mondays beginning June 14 – Patrick's Pub, Gilford, NH

Dates to Save:

July 17, 2004 - Annual GCCC Picnic

August 7, 2004 – “Corvettes Conquer Cancer Hawaiian Style”

Nashua Airport, Nashua, NH

Call: 603-497-6021 or eventregistration@comcast.net



Call or e-mail Officer-At-Large Lynn Nault for more information.

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING

Date: Saturday July 17, 2004

Location: Emile & Sue Tetu's home
44 Norris Street
Manchester, NH

Start Time: 12:00 Noon
End time: Stay as long as you like

Buffet Table: Garden Fresh Salad (choice of dill or French dressing)
Fresh Fruit Medley
Sliced Roast Beef
BBQ Chicken
Hot Vegetable
Foil Potato
Rolls & Butter
Dessert (choice of carrot cake or chocolate torte)

Kids menu: Hamburgers and hot dogs
(Parents cook food provided)

Refreshments: Beer, wine, soda and slush provided (BYOB)

Snacks: Fresh popcorn, potato chips and sweets

Late afternoon: Soda fountain / ice cream treats

Activities: Mini car show, swimming +++

Cost: Members - \$25.00 per person
Guests - \$30.00 per person
Kids - FREE

We hope everyone will attend. We have a great time. This event is held rain or shine. Seating and food service is under a tent. **Please confirm by July 7th**

Member's name (s): _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
 _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Number of guests: _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Number of kids: _____ FREE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Payable to: Gate City Corvette Club c/o
Dean Gagne, 11 Blackbird Dr., Bedford, NH 03110

Corvettes Conquer Cancer Hawaiian Style



**Blues, Barbeque (KC's Rib Shack), Corvette Display, and
Magical Illusion Show**

Saturday, August 7th, 2004 Nashua Airport (Boire Field) Nashua, NH
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Gate City Corvette Club invites you to this year's
Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser. This event is to
raise money for two organizations;

The American Cancer Society and Corvettes Conquer Cancer Tour.

INDOORS~Event held inside Airport Hanger

SAFE AND SPECIAL PARKING FOR CORVETTES

50/50, 2nd/3rd Place Winners (VIP Tickets to Sea World or Busch Gardens)

Event begins at 6PM and ends at 12AM

Dance and dine to the sensational sounds of local favorites, *The Groove Cats*.

Enjoy the visual and dramatic magical illusions of *The Imagination Project*.

www.theimaginationproject.com

For Tickets Call: 603-497-6021 or 603-437-3803

Or email: Eventregistration@comcast.net

Tables may be reserved in groups of 10

MUST BUY TICKETS PRIOR TO EVENT

\$27.50 Per Person/BYOB/Attire~Hawaiian Style

