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First Word

July 2004

Well summer has officially arrived as of June 20th, which of course we all have been waiting for. If you're like me you try and do all the work around the house and yard during the week so that come the weekend you can play. Hopefully you've been more successful than myself.

By the time everyone has received and read this newsletter a couple of functions have come and gone such as the picnic on June 13th, which was in place of the Dobles show. By the way it was unfortunate that there was not a large turn out for this event. The weather was sunny but breezy and the drive was great. There was plenty of food and laughter all day long. There were a couple of us who actually went swimming and played horseshoes. I do want to thank Mike and Jill for organizing it. On June 26th was the downtown Manchester cruise on Elm Street. Unfortunately it rained and not a lot of members showed up including myself.

Mark down on your calendars the upcoming events.

July 17th is the club picnic at Emile and Suzanne Tetu's house.

August 7th is Paula's fight against cancer fundraiser.

I hope to see all members that can make it come to these events. I promise you'll have a good time. I know that in our busy lives that it can be hard taking timeout for things like this but let's all try. Otherwise I'm not doing my job as President getting us all together to enjoy the club as a group.

Also Mike Dupont still has rooms set aside in Canada for the General Motors Engine plant 50th birthday party. Anyone interested should give Mike a call, it should be a nice trip and the area is great. Who knows you could go into the casinos and win some money, or go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Just kidding on the barrel part.

I know that a lot of the things I've written about are probably repeated in Norm Wood's part of the newsletter. But as you probably can tell I'm trying to get EVERYONE to come and get involved in the club. So how about it, lets ALL come to the meetings and let's all come to the picnic and enjoy the club. Claudia and myself are finding out after only 2 ½ years there are a lot of good people in this club and some are becoming in my opinion good friends.

Once again I would like to impress on all members that if there is something they would like to do to come forward and speak to myself or Norm and we will help you organize it.

There has been talk about getting members together to take part in a couple of cruise nights put on by other clubs.

That's all for now, remember the next meeting is July 9th at Dobles.

Sincerely,

Dan Feidler, President



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 Dan Feidler called meeting to order at 8:10. Dan was not feeling well and asked Norm Wood to run the meeting.

Norm thanked Dobles for the meeting location and then took a dinner poll for the 99 or Shorties.

Dean welcomed two new prospective member who were there for their second meeting each, Bob Hunt with a 2000 white coupe and Tony and Roberta Lea who have a 1989 white convertible. Dean had new Club baseball hats for sale at \$12.

A motion was placed to accept the secretary's report by Larry and seconded by Carol Whittier. Norm reminded people the newsletter was on the web and copies were available tonight up front.

Ruth presented the figures from our bank account, presenting the end of April balance. Ruth presented the Spring Fling expenses. A motion to accept was made by Emil.

Officer at Large-Lynn presented the following up coming events:

1. Corvettes United show this Sunday the 13th. Dan stated he emailed the club that we had an outing planned on the same day and we were sorry we wouldn't be able to attend.
2. June 25th Mid America drive your vette to work day, also please if you do this please e mail them some pictures and they will post them on their web page.
3. June 26th Elm Street Show in downtown Manchester, N.H.
4. July 4th Limerock Weekend and Hank presented the details
5. July 11 Club Corvette of Conn. very big show in Guilford, Conn.
6. August 8th show -n-shine by CCRI of Rhode Island.

Norm as VP did Activities:

1. June 13th Mike Dupont was organizing a club outing to Sunset Lake, Ashburnham. The club was ready to go, Mike had a grill he was bringing along with the soda, mustard etc, club members were just to bring their own food. . People were to meet at Macy's on Sunday at 9:30 am.
2. Norm discussed the Elm Street show; it is rain or shin from 8 am to 6 pm.
Donation is \$7 per car and a non-perishable food donation. Club will meet at NH insurance building at 7:30am to go as a group. Per Wayne Russell no reserved parking but go as a group for group parking.
3. July 17th party at Emil and Sue. This is a club event the sign up form is in the newsletter, please come and sign up ASAP.
4. August 7th Corvette's Conquer Cancer benefit night at \$27.50 each. Runs from 6 pm-12 am, Hawaiian Theme. Paula explained for those new to the Club the events planned. Carol talked about the goodies for the silent auction to raise money. Carol is soliciting goodies from different companies and has lots of good things lined up. If any member is interested in donating items they were urged t contact Carol.
5. It was mentioned that help was needed to clean up the hanger for the Corvette Conquers Cancer night. A motion was made to move the next monthly meeting from August 13th to August 6th. The motioned carried and we will meet at the hanger for a working meeting on the 6th of August.

Mike talked about the trip to Canada in August to the Chevrolet Specialty Engine Plant. A caravan will be leaving the Manchester area on August 2 for the August 4 event. This is the engine plant's 50th anniversary and about 10,000 people are expected to attend this event with food, car show and plant tours planned. Mike has about 6 rooms reserved for the club and this price is about \$99.00 US dollars. Please contact Mike Dupont if you are interested in going.

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Secretary's Report Continued

Dean spoke about Spring Fling Car Show. He recapped all the highlights. We raised \$616 with the 50/50 tickets. Overall it was a good day, weather was great, great turnout. Dean thanked all who worked on the show in any way. The club set new records with 61 trophy sponsors for a car in every class. Dean said the club has had positive feedback on the show. Dean described how the profits would be distributed. Dean recognized Lee and Paulette who brought in 11 trophy sponsors. They were given a clock as a thank you from the club the day of the show at the pizza party.

Hank spoke about the trip to the museum in Vermont that he had organized last Saturday. Hank said it was a trip on back roads touring Woodstock. About 12 cars participated and 6 cars from our club went.

Mike Dupont asked if the club was doing anything for our 30th anniversary coming up next year. Mike stated it would also be our 25th Spring Fling. Discussion followed and Mike will be forming a committee to develop a special logo for the club as the first item on the agenda. See Mike if you would like to take part on this committee.

Mike Dupont questioned the logo of the club and having it updated, updating to new technology. Much discussion, were we or would we need by-law change etc. So a motion was put by Mike to design and update using modern techniques our logo and get the cost of the upgrading, Larry Miller seconded this. A second motion was made to design a 30th anniversary logo on a patch. Hank seconded this motion.

The 50/50 winner was Bill Balcom for \$50.

Dean Gagnon won the member drawing and he won \$30.

With a motion seconded by Hank the meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

NEXT MEETING JULY 9TH.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Wood*



**Ben Labaree arrives at the Simon Pierce Glass Shop in Vermont
(Photo courtesy of Hank Vezina)**

Please see Hank's article in this newsletter

Are we enjoying this New England summer? A few days of nice hot weather then a mixture of rain and then some fall like temperature days. Nothing is steady for weather yet, but that's "New England".

Our cruise to Sunset Lake on June 13 was a great time. It was a beautiful ride down and back, the sun was shining and the wind kept the bugs away. For those that did not attend, you missed a great day. As with all the Gate City Club events we had plenty of food and beverages to go around. Some members had a refreshing swim to the raft and others started a horseshoe tournament. ***Thank you Mike & Jill for organizing this event.***

On Saturday June 26th I attended the Cruzin Nights Car Show on Elm Street (without my car). As per usual Mother Nature delivered her wet weather for most of the day. About half of the expected participants turnout to brave the light mist to heavy downpours throughout the day to support this event. I counted 5 GCCC members that participated with their cars as I viewed the wide selection of cars that lined both sides of the streets and park. *My hat is off to those brave members!*

Our next big Club event is on July 17th. It's our Annual Summer Outing at Emile & Sue Tetu's home. You need to fill out the form in last month's newsletter or contact Dean Gagne if you want to attend. Again there will be plenty of food, beverages and social time at this event. The pool is open, so bring your bathing suits and towels for that refreshing dip. There is special parking on the lawn for the Corvettes and the table and chairs are under a very big tent- ***so it's a rain or shine event!!!***

The ***Corvettes Conquer Cancer Hawaiian Style*** party is coming fast. It will be on Saturday August 7th at Nashua Airport (Boire Field) in Nashua, NH. A Blue's band will play for the evening with a barbeque meal served by KC'S Rib Shack and a magical illusion show is scheduled as special entertainment. There will be special parking for Corvettes and a Corvette Display will also be provided. ***There is a limited number of tickets so contact Paula at 603-497-6021 or email: eventregistration@comcast.net to get your tickets.***

If you have some ideas about cruising somewhere or attending an event, let me know and I will pass it along to the members. Maybe we can get a group together for that special time.

Hope to see you at the next Club meeting on Friday July 9th at 8:00 Pm 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

Members....Many Thanks for Your Support!

As you know, the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser is fast approaching us. This is our third year holding the event. This event was coordinated three and half years ago to support the tireless and committed fundraising acts of Ben Labaree, club member. A small portion of the fundraiser earnings assists Ben in continuing the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Tour that benefits The American Cancer Society.

Last Friday I accepted an award from The American Cancer Society on behalf of the Gate City Corvette Club for our Outstanding Contribution to their organization. Our recognition was made public at the Nashua, NH's Relay for Life. Well done members! Each year our success gets bigger and better. We're able to accomplish this because of all the support you demonstrate towards this event.

This year's financial goal is \$8,000.00....I'm confident we can obtain this mark if we all do one thing....Invite friends, family and/or co-workers to this event. The more the merrier and the more money we'll raise for the American Cancer Society.

There is good news that I would like to share will you all. Today there is a 64% cancer survivor rate! This proves that every donation is vital and your support and contribution really makes a difference.

Carol and I are very excited about this year's event. For starters KC's Rib Shack is catering the fundraiser, The Imagination Project puts on an exciting show, Carol Whittier has tons of give-a-ways, and The Groove Cats are always great to listen and dance to.

Again, I thank you for your continued support. It's appreciated by many who have been directly and indirectly affected by cancer. Live life to the fullest and as Sandy Labaree would say~Didn't wait....

Paula



CRUISE TO PRECISION VALLEY CORVETE MUSEUM

by Hank Vezina

On Saturday, June 5th, a hardy group of GCCC members met at the MacDonald's parking lot in Milford for a cruise to the Precision Valley Corvette Museum in Springfield, Vermont. For many of us this is one of our favorite rides, along Rt. 101 west, one of the most scenic roads in southern New Hampshire. The club members who decided to make the trip were rewarded with fair skies and temps warm enough to put the tops down on our cars.

We took our time, not going much over the speed limits, really, so we could enjoy the beautiful scenery of the mountains, lakes and rivers we passed along the way. We arrived at the Museum and were greeted by Rob Rodriguez, the Museum's Director, who encouraged us to partake of the great breakfast buffet that was laid out in the entrance of the Museum. We took over a corner of the Springfield Royal Diner, which is attached to the Museum, and enjoyed our feast very much. Two other couples from our club and Ben Labaree joined us there.

After the brunch, Rob gave us a choice of driving tours he could lead us on and the majority chose the Woodstock and Quechee tour. So off we went, 12 cars in all, following Rob through the wonderful Vermont countryside.

Our first stop was Woodstock, VT, a neat little town with a central park where we parked our cars and gathered to hear about the town from Rod. We spent an hour walking around the town, shopping, eating and drinking at some of the interesting places located there.

Rob then took us over the Taftsville Covered Bridge on our way to Quechee where we stopped at the Simon Pierce Glass shop. The store was filled with all types of blown glass and pottery, which we even were able to see made in their cellar demo rooms.



Our last stop was the Quechee Village Mall, where there was a small replica of an antique steam train that was actually big enough to take people on rides around the area. There was also a diner and other stores to wander through, but most of us spent our time in the huge flea market located inside a large barn like building. You could spend hours in there and not see everything.

For the trip back home, we decided to take Rt. 89 south to Manchester and most of us satisfied our need for speed by doing way over the speed limit, and killing thousands of bugs on the way too. We look forward to doing this cruise again and having Rob take us on a different mystery tour.



EVENT CALENDAR

JULY 2004

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
				1	2	3	
4 Limerock Race Weekend 	5	6	7	8	9 GCCC Meeting 	10	Limerock Race Weekend Club Corvette of Conn. Rain or Shine. For info www.clubcorvettect.com
11 Corvette Show & Swap Meet	12	13	14	15	16	17 GCCC ANNUAL PICNIC	Corvette Show & Swap Meet, Club Corvette of Connecticut. Gilford, Ct. For info contact Dennis (203) 481-9439
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25 Gas-n- Glass Corvette Show	26	27	28	29	30	31	Gas-n-Glass Corvette Show & Hot Air Balloon Festival, Kingston, RI. For info contact Bob (508) 384-7181

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:

August 7, 2004 – "Corvettes Conquer Cancer Hawaiian Style"
 Nashua Airport, Nashua, NH
 Call: 603-497-602 or eventregistration@comcast.net

Contact 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

