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First Word

November 2004

Believe it or not the month of November is here. And we ask ourselves where did the summer go as we prepare our plastic cars for hibernation. On the bright side, in six short cold months we can get excited about getting them back out and planning another fun filled summer.

First off, I want everyone to know that our meeting this month has been changed to the first Friday of the month, November 5th, due to Norm Wood or myself will not be available. November is a very important month; we are having the elections of officers and a vote on bylaw changes that have been proposed. **It would be nice if all members attend this meeting for voting. But if you are not available to attend then you may fill out attach voting ballot in the newsletter and forward it to any board member. As you know I've sent out the ballot also thru e-mail so that all members can vote if they cannot attend the meeting. Please have it back to us by the 3rd of November by e-mail or snail mail.** Remember this is your club and you make it what it is. I need help in getting all 65 plus members to take part in the club from time to time. The board of directors has agreed that we will serve pizza and soft drinks after the meeting. So come on out and join in on the meeting and voting and hang around and socialize over pizza and soft drinks. (Remember there are no bathroom facilities available)

The month of October was a busy one for some members that decided to take part in some of the functions going on. October 23rd Paula Beauregard is having a Halloween party with everyone from the club invited. Special guests at the party are former members Randy and Brenda Wynn whom came up from the warm and sunny south to visit. It will be great seeing them and talking with them about that part of the country since Claudia and I are now looking into where we want to live when I decide to leave work behind. I guess that statement is what you call wishful thinking. October 30th and 31st we have at least 13 cars total - 26 members taking part in a weekend cruise put on by yours truly thru the hills of Vermont with stops at Manchester Center where the women can partake in shopping if they so wish, afterwards dinner at the Sirloin Saloon which should be delicious, and then retiring for the evening at the Four Winds Motel. The next morning rising early we'll be off and running or should I say driving, stopping, and having breakfast at a local pancake house. Then on to the Bennington Vermont Pottery Factory, followed by a stop at Hemming Motors for a tour of the museum and shops.

The board of directors met during the month of October to review the current bylaws in general and there were a few areas that seemed to need minor changes in order to help the club in the future. It was decided to propose these changes in the December newsletter for voting at the holiday party in January.

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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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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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President's Letter Continued

There will be no meeting the month of December; there will be a newsletter sent for the month. But ahead of time the board and I would like to wish all of the members safe and happy holidays. And hope to see everyone at the holiday party in January at the Londonderry Lions Club.

Here's a reminder that Allie is always looking for members to contribute to the newsletter with articles, member profiles, and shop talk so please contact Allie with your contributions.

*Best Regards,
Dan Feidler, President*

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood, VP/Activities Director

Our Corvette season is coming to a close with our days numbered on using the Corvettes. Mine will go into hibernation shortly after the weekends cruise to Vermont at the end of October. I was hoping I would not have to go through this ritual as the car has been for sale this summer. It is a "buyers market" for C5's but not a sellers market unless you are a dealer with a lot of GM discount incentives to offer. With the problems and delays I am seeing with the new C6 maybe it's for the best. If the car doesn't sell, then I will keep it until the 2006 model arrives.

The newsletter is being put together now before our cruise weekend to Vermont, so I will report on that in the next newsletter.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in mid October to view the club by-laws to see if changes should be made to bring this document up to date. You will find a list of the changes in this newsletter. Please review them carefully and attend the November 5th Club meeting to vote *yes* or *no* on the changes. If you can't attend this meeting then request an absentee ballot and mail your decisions in or you may *e-mail* your decisions to the President, Dan Feidler. You can also vote for the Board of Directors in the same manner. Please remember this is your Club; your decisions decide how this Club operates so make that extra effort to get your votes in.

Hope to see everyone at the next Club meeting on Friday November 5th at 8:00 PM at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester.

Norm Wood, Vice-President

CORVETTE FOR SALE

2001 Black Corvette Convertible with red interior. Only 9600 miles!

1SC Preferred Equipment Group includes sport seats, power seats, electronic dual-zone air conditioning, fog lamps, memory package, twilight sentinel, electrochromic mirrors, heads-up display and power telescopic steering column. Also has 6-speed trans.,

polished wheels, extra floor mats, rear cargo mat, Corsa "Pace Car" exhaust system with pro-tips and crossover pipes (also have original exhaust pipes), molded flaps, "NOAH" car cover, intake powerduct and smooth air coupler, clear sill protectors, 2 piece "Sound Killer" barrier, CAGS shift by-pass harness. Extended GM Major Guard Warranty until 10/06. This car is also garaged all the time.

Asking Price \$35,000.00. Contact Norm Wood at 603-668-2305 or Email

woodnorman@comcast.net

October 8, 2004

Meeting was brought to order by president Dan Fiedler at 8:05

Dan thanked Dobles for the use of the room for our monthly meeting.

A dinner poll was taken and since there was only a small group there was no need to call in reservations.

Dan asked if anyone present was having trouble receiving his or her newsletter either by mail or via e-mail. Bob DiMeo was not receiving his and Norm got his up-to-date e-mail so the problem could be corrected.

Membership director Dean was absent, so no report was submitted.

Treasurer, Ruth had no treasures report, as she had not received a bank statement the report stood the same as last month.

The club members present accepted the secretaries' report.

Officer at large Lynn said she had received no mail this month and so she had us refer to the Calendar of Events Brochure for upcoming events that local clubs were doing.

Lynn Nault submitted a flyer for a storage company located in Northfield, N.H. telling people to please take a copy if they were interested.

Vice president Norm talked about some upcoming event for club members.

- Paula's Halloween Party Oct 23rd at 7 pm. RSVP by Oct 21st. Old friends and old club members Randy and Brenda would be joining us.
- Members who had attended in the past discussed Seacoast Rally starting at Stage Neck Inn. It was always a great time and if anyone was going please contact Norm with information of departure time, etc.
- Oct 30th weekend organized by the Fiedler's was discussed. This is a departure time from Macys in Bedford at 8:30 am. Dan said there were rooms still available. Reservations have been made at a local Steakhouse for 6:30 Sat. night. This is a rain or shine event. Dan asked that those people going please send him your cell phone numbers so he could set up a roster to hand out.

New Business:

Lynn asked the Denise and Ron Cote to come to the front and tell the Club about their trip to the Spindle City corvette show. They told us how they hit the border into Mass. when their car died, how no one listened that they had an antique Corvette so that at one point he had two flat beds waiting to load his car up; two because the first wasn't too sure how to handle such a classic car. Bottom line is the car never made it to the show. Lynn presented a special Flat Bed award and trophy to the Cote's. After the Cote's got the car home they took out there daily driver and came and joined the rest of the club at the show and then went on to the Michaliks for the cookout. This is club spirit, how nice and so in good fun the board thought the Cotes' deserved the Flat Bed Award for all the troubles they had that Sunday.

Elections are coming up: ALL OFFICES ARE OPEN

The ballot looks like this:

President-Dan Feidler

Vice President-Norm Wood

Membership Director-Lynn Nault

Officer at large- Hank Vezina

Treasure- Ruth Buchanan

Secretary- Allie DeCampo vs. Dean Gagne

All absentee ballots are to be sent to Norm Wood by e-mail or regular postal mail.

Secretary's Report continued next page.

Secretary's Report Continued

Dan stated that the next meeting was scheduled for Nov 12th. He would be out having knee surgery. Both Sue and Norm Wood would be out for personal reasons. He asked if the meeting could be move up to November 5th. The club voted and this new date was accepted.

NOTE: NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTIONS AND BY LAW CHANGES

Norm talked about the meeting he, Dan and Dean attended regarding the New England Judging Council. More information will be coming when they have a chance to talk to the judges for our Spring Fling.

Denise Cote won 50/50 raffle for a total of \$39.

Attendance raffle was pulled and Mickie Grimes wasn't present to win the \$20. Next month \$30.

Mike Dupont asked that since we were looking into by-law changes he wondered about how dues were tied to postage if that should be looked into as far as a change. A discussion ensued and since there is a meeting of the board regarding by law changes this month Dan said this would be included.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Sue Wood
Secretary

PLEASE NOTE

The November meeting of the Gate City Corvette Club has been rescheduled for November 5th at 8:00 pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided following the meeting. There will be a 50/50 raffle to help defray the cost.

CLUB CASUAL WEAR

Denim shirts \$25.00
Polo shirts (white or navy) \$25.00
Sweatshirts (navy) \$32.00
Club Jacket \$55.00
Baseball hats \$12.00
To purchase contact membership director
Dean Gagne.



Extreme Make Over

Ron Cote's 1960 Vette

Ron purchased his 1960 Corvette in the early 70s for \$175.00 and for work he had done on motorcycles for a friend. Of course the Vette did not look like it does today. It sat in his grandmother's yard until we bought our first house in 1976.

One of the requirements of our first house was that it had to have a garage for the Vette. The garage, however, was so small Ron could not work in it. Our second house did not have a garage but plenty of room for one. So, in a long weekend (once the foundation was poured) Ron and his brothers constructed a garage for the Vette. Then the fun began. He started searching for and ordering parts. For many years Christmas shopping for Ron was easy, he would just circle parts he needed in catalogues and I would just pick up the phone.

Slowly from 1980 to 1990, the transformation took place. The body came off the frame, Ron sandblasted it and he re-built the Vette from the ground up. Other than some bodywork, leather and the paint job, Ron did all the work himself. The car was painted in 1992. Ron chose the original color of Hondorus Maroon but when the paint began to dry, it faded and the car looked like it had zebra stripes. So it was repainted the Torch Red it is today.

The first show we attended was The Dobles Chevrolet & Gate City Corvette Club Show (long before we became members) on May 22, 1993 and Ron won his first trophy for the "Oldest Corvette".

As our girls became teenagers, with teenage boys wandering around and drooling over the Vette, and with little time to play, the Corvette went into storage, literally behind a wall of sheet rock in the garage. It remained there for about 5 years. Then slowly the Vette came to life again.

We joined the club in 2002 and have been enjoying the car and all the new friends we have made. In 2004 Ron completed the car with a hard top he purchased in Carlisle, PA.

Of course, being 45 years old, the car does get a bit temperamental at times and refuses to cooperate. It likes to be pampered with a ride on a flat bed from time to time, which recently has earned it the "Flatbed Trophy".



Gate City Corvette Club, Inc.

By-Law Changes

Article II

Section 3 – Dues

Change to read:

- A. Honorary - None.
- B. Honored – None.
- C. Active – Annual dues shall be as follows:
 - Single membership = US stamp rate X 100
 - Joint membership = US stamp rate X **(150)** 100

New members shall be required to pay a registration fee to cover cost of a **(T-shirt)** club shirt per person.

- D. Partial Year – For any person wanting to become a member after **(March)** January, dues will be prorated 10 1/12 actual dues per month, together with the appropriate registration fees as determined in Sub-Section C.
- E. Payment of Dues – The annual dues of active members shall be payable by **(March 31)** January 31 **(after billing by the Treasures of the club)**.

Article III

Section 1 – Privileges

Changes to read:

Active and honored members are entitled to all Club privileges, including but not limited to:

- Club newsletter
- Right to hold office
- Right to vote
- Participation in any Club function
- Any discounts offered to the Club
- Access to website privilege areas

Honorary members are entitled to all Club privileges, except that honorary members shall not have the right to vote or hold office

Note: Words and or phrases between parenthesis () and in bold red are to be removed.

Words and or phrases in blue italics and underlined are to be added

Submitted by:
Norman Wood
Vice-President

**GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2004**

The candidates for board of directors are as follows:

President: Dan Feidler

Vice President: Norm Wood

Secretary: Allie DeCampo

Treasurer: Ruth Buchanan

Membership Director: Lynn Nault

Officer-At-Large: Hank Vezina

Please return Absentee Ballot:
Sue Wood
100 George Street
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ABSENTEE BALLOT

Position	Candidate	Yes Vote	Write-in Candidate
PRESIDENT	Dan Feidler	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
VICE PRESIDENT	Norm Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
SECRETARY	Allie DeCampo	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TREASURER	Ruth Buchanan	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Lynn Nault	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
OFFICER-AT-LARGE	Hank Vezina	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS
(please check appropriate box)

For proposed changes to by-laws.

Opposed to proposed changes to by-laws.

Name: _____
Print

Signature