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First Word

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At this writing the first day of spring is only about a month away. The good thing is to remember that spring is coming at sometime and we then can get the plastic cars out.

On a personal note, as was discovered at the last reading of the newsletter, I have sold my '98 Coupe and purchased a 2002 Magnetic Red roadster for which at this writing I have not even driven yet. It was delivered to the garage door by trailer and the furthest I drove it was into the garage. The fortunate thing is that Jim Pizzimenti from the New England Judging Council / Corvettes United has purchased it from Corvette Mike for his wife so I guess I'll be seeing it around at some of the shows. It will be missed but life has to go on. Just ask Claudia she would not stay around the house when it was loaded on the trailer. But now I hear her talking to the roadster since I purchased it with an automatic I think she has plans that do not include me.

If you have not guessed by now this all had to do with Mike DeCampo having too much vacation time during the holidays. And a trip to Corvette Mike's in Plymouth Ma. ended up in the switching of cars. I also should tell everyone that Norm Wood played a part in this also. He happened to decide not to work that day and take in on the trip. THANKS GUYS FOR YOUR HELP.

The Spring Fling committee is forming, so if interested in helping out please contact Dean Gagne. Last year things went a lot easier for Dean with the help he received from the committee. Remember this is the only event held that helps out the club financially during the year. So the better it is the better the off the club is. Dean has sent out the forms to be filled out for trophy sponsors so get out there and see if Lee and Paulette Scarlet can be topped this year.

The club has also decided to continue with the Corvette Conquer Cancer Fundraiser and the committee is forming for that also. There is a lot to do and I know with everyone's help it will continue to be a huge success. The promotion of the event will be a big item and a few of the club members will be attending some of the other New England Corvette clubs monthly meetings. So I would ask all that can help please come forward.

Hopefully everyone has paid his or her club dues by now.

That's all for now, the next meeting is Friday March 11, 2005 at 8:00 PM at Dobles.
Hope to see all there. **REMEMBER THINK SPRING!!!!!!**

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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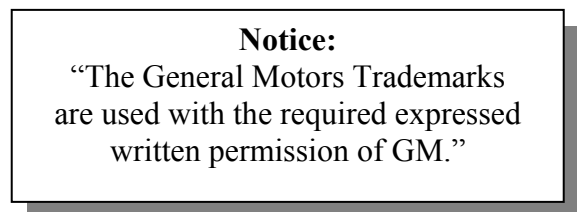
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PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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!

Please note: letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the newsletter editor by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter. Classified ads are to be submitted on a monthly basis, and will not be carried over to the following month. Please contact the editor if you know of a business interested in purchasing advertising space in the newsletter. Thank you.

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Lynn Nault presided over the February 11th meeting in Dan's absence. She began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, and thanking Dobles for the use of their facility.

Membership Director: There were no new or potential members present.

Officer-At-Large: Hank talked about Lime Rock for 4th of July weekend. He urged members who plan to go to make their reservations early. Those who went last year had a great time, especially on the track.

Activities: Lynn is planning an evening of bowling for March 12th. She would very much like to surrender the crying towel. Members were asked if they had a preference for candlepin or ten pin.

Mike and Jill have offered to arrange a club outing at a lake for June 12th. (There will be no Dobles Show this year.) There is an indoor area available if the weather does not cooperate.

Old Business/New Business: It was announced that Paula has decided not to host the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser as she has done for the past three years. The club would like to continue the tradition. Dean has gathered information and pricing from KC's Rib Shack. He suggested that we hire the DJ used for Spring Fling.

Dean talked about plans for the 25th annual Spring Fling to be held on May 29th, with a rain date of June 19th (Father's Day.) He will be sending out e-mail with information, along with the paperwork for sponsorship. The registration cost will probably be the same as last year - \$18.00. Coral parking will be \$10.00. Lynn has updated the Spring Fling flyer for distribution at the Calendar of Events meeting in Dover. Mike, Allie, and Ray will accompany Lynn to the meeting.

Mike Dupont unveiled the prototype of a shirt bearing an originally designed logo celebrating the club's 30th anniversary. The shirt is black and trimmed with red piping and lettering, and may also be ordered in white with black piping and lettering. The woman's shirt has no piping. The shirt is 100% cotton and made in the USA.

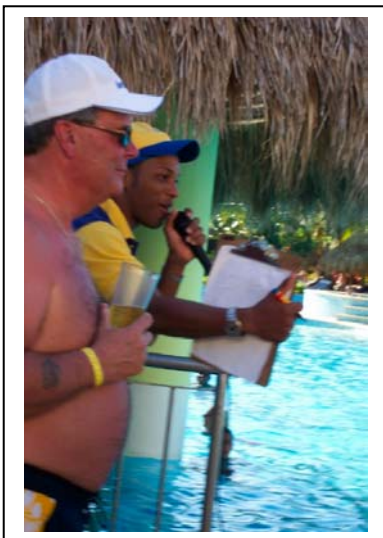
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15	South Shore Corvette Club, "Shakedown Cruise"
May 29	Gate City Corvette Club, Spring Fling
June 5	Corvettes United of Central Massachusetts, Show n' Shine
June 19	New England Institute of Technology, Best Vettes 2005 A Participant's Choice Show
July 10	Club Corvette Of Connecticut, Corvette Show and Swap Meet
July 24	Triboro Corvette Club, Gas-n-Glass Corvette Show
August 7	Corvette Club of Rhode Island, Show & Shine
September 8-11	Seacoast Vettes, Mtn. Mele
September 23-25	Cape Cod Corvette Club Corvettes on Cape Cod Weekend
September 25	Corvettes United Fall Brawl All Car Show

Well here it is, the start of March and Mother Nature is not letting us forget that winter is still here as a major storm is hitting us again.

Dan & Claudia and Sue & I spent the 2nd week of February in the tropics enjoying warm water, hot weather, great scenery (in most cases, but ask Dan about this for further comments), unlimited drinks and way too much available food (24 hours a day). Since we have been back it has snowed every week, must be payback for having a great time. Our President, Mr. Corvette (pronounced corvet-tay in Spanish) made some memorable contacts and bonded well with some of the local resort personnel. He even attempted a career change by performing live on the local stage; *unfortunately* a camera was not available to record this performance. Some reviews were good, but Dan... don't quit your day job yet!!! And.... If this local weather doesn't turn for the better very quickly, Dan and I may start a Corvette Club in the Dominican Republic.

Vacation Photos



As most of you know by now the Club has taken over the task of putting on the ***Corvettes Conquer Cancer Dinner Dance*** in August. Due to work commitments for Paula, she is unable to take on that task this year. Paula has done a fantastic job of getting this event off the ground and running it over the past several years. ***Thanks Paula, for a job well done!!*** Now Gate City Corvette Club has elected to continue on with this event that supports a very worthwhile cause. I am happy to see the amount of members stepping forward to assist with some of the various details. We will be setting up committees at the next Club meeting and if you can help in any way, please come forward and let us know.

The Spring Fling Committee is starting to organize the car show event and again we are always looking for members to come forward and help with the many tasks required to pull off this show. Please contact Dean Gagne if you want to get involved in the early stages. Members should be looking for the many sponsors required to support this event.

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The next Club event to take place is on Saturday March 12th. This is the Annual Bowling Night. Lynn Nault is still looking to pass on that *“crying towel”* award she has held for several years. I also understand she has been practicing to improve those scores, hope it works Lynn. This year’s event will be held at **Leda Lanes** on Amherst Street in Nashua, N.H. We will start bowling at **5:00 PM** so arrive early so we can set up the teams and get your bowling shoes. We will also plan on gathering at a local restaurant for a bite to eat after the event. Contact Lynn Nault if you plan on participating in the Bowling Night event.

Dan and I received new sets of golf clubs around the holidays and Dan is retraining himself after a 5-year absence from that sport. If you golf let me know and maybe we can have a Club event involving golf.

As always I am looking for ideas or ways to get the Club members together. Let me know if you have something in mind or know of an event coming up.

Hope to see you at the next Club meeting on Friday March 11th at 7:00 PM at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester.

Vice President
Norm Wood

Museum News

The Precision Valley Corvette Museum is now displaying Corvettes that are on loan. This may be your answer to winter storage! Also, the diner is now under new management. The diner has not been financially unsuccessful in the past, and, hopefully, new management will turn things around. The museum is happy to arrange tours of the beautiful Vermont countryside for visiting Corvette clubs.

CORVETTE FOR SALE

2001 Black Corvette Convertible with red interior. Only 10,000 miles!

ISC 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

Birthdays

March

Mike DeCampo 3/13
Emile Tetu 3/27

April

Brad Davis 4/5
Linda Davis 4/10
Ron Cote 4/12



Remember to check your car's birthday when you are doing your spring-cleaning!

New Members/New Cars Update

"Dreams Do Come True"

A long anticipated welcome addition to the Gate City Corvette Club family, a bouncy black on black big block baby 1966 coupe arrived on the doorstep of Jim & Mary Bouthiette on February 12, 2005. The proud parents have their hands full with the feisty 4 speed, 427/425 hp motor, screaming out with lusty lungs from the side exhaust pipes. This baby has some great rare features like power windows and headrest seats. Speaking of rest, this family won't get much as they show off their newest baby in the coming year.

*Lynn Nault,
Membership Director*

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
Lynn Nault.**

Gate City Corvette Club Presents:

25 YEARS

SPRING FLING 2005

☛ Sunday, May 29, 2005 ☛

(Rain Date: Sunday, June 19, 2005)

Located at the Anheuser-Busch Plant in Merrimack, NH

First NE Point Judged Show for 2005

- Registration Begins at 9 a.m. - Registration \$18
- Coupes and Roadsters judged separately
- 49 Classes – 150+ trophies for Show, Super Street, and Street, “Best Of” Awards
- Dash Plaques and goodie bags to first 200 cars!

☛ all show cars on grass ☛



Music, food Anheuser-Busch brewery tours, Clydesdales, and much more!

◆ *Designated Corral Parking Available*
for Non-participating Corvettes and Other Classic Vehicles ◆
(\$10 donation)

For More Information: Events@gatecitycorvetteclub.com

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Directions

Anheuser-Busch is located at 221 Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack, New Hampshire
Take Route 3 (Everett Turnpike) to Exit 10 (Industrial Drive)
Go East to Daniel Webster Highway, and go left (North) to Anheuser-Busch on right.