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First Word

September 2005

As I look back a few weeks ago we were going crazy getting things together for the Corvettes Conquer Cancer fundraiser. And now it's over for this year. As you know during the visit to Corvettes of Carlisle, Norm Wood and I presented a check to Ben Labaree. (See pictures). I'm also in the process of setting up with the local American Cancer Society a presentation of checks, and when I find out the time frame, hopefully, the membership can come and be part of it. I know that we just finished, but I would like us to start earlier next year and, hopefully, get more members involved. I cannot tell you how great I felt when Norm and I presented the check to Ben and the responses we got from the people at Carlisle. Norm Wood even had vendors come forward and tell him they want to be part of the fundraiser next year. I was able to speak to many of the members from other clubs that were at the fundraiser before and at Carlisle and they told Norm and myself that they would be back next year and bring more people with them. This tells me that we did something great and we all should be proud. And by the way they want a return of the Lack-O-Nookie Dancers. (We'll have to see about that). We all learned a lot this year, which will make it easier next year. All in all this tells me we did a great job and that the club should go forward and improve on it for the future years.

There are a lot of things to write about Corvettes of Carlisle but I'll leave that up to Norm Wood.

September is here and the time is flying by. Soon we will be thinking of when to put the Corvettes away for the winter. But before that we have a very important item in the club to take care of - the Election of Officers in November. The positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer must be filled since our two years have past. All offices are open. So during the month of October we must have nominations come forward for the positions. If you or someone you think would fill one of the positions please contact Claudia Feidler or Sue Wood whom I have appointed to be the nominating committee.

Last months newsletter was sent out with a questionnaire attached and only a very few have returned them to me. Twelve to be exact so take the time to fill out and send or bring them to the next meeting. I would like to go over the results with the club at the November meeting. I would like the officers to know in what direction the members would like the club to go in. This would help the new officers come up with a plan for next year.

I'm happy to see that members have taken the bull by the horns and are setting up a couple of cruises. Hank Vezina is setting up a joint cruise with Lakes Region Corvette Club set for October. And Lee and Paulette Scarlett are setting up a dinner cruise in September. Claudia and I will be setting up another cruise to Manchester VT like last year. Claudia is looking into the weekend of October 15th and 16th. Or October 22nd and 23rd more details to follow.

That's all for now. Hope to see all at the next meeting, which is September 9th. At Dobles Chevrolet 8:00 PM

Remember to Smile and Wave while driving the plastic cars.

Regards

Dan Feidler
President

(Lack-O-Nookie Dancers perform hula.)

Please return your questionnaire to Dan ASAP!



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SAVE THE WAVE

Activities Corner

Well... I am writing this column as we travel back from a long weekend at Carlisle. Our Secretary told me vacation was over and she needed my column for the next club newsletter. Twenty-six Club members attended Corvettes at Carlisle and as usual the Corvettes were *everywhere* and attendance was said to be higher than last year. We did a lot of walking and looking, some of us spent money and some of us did not buy much. We had members attending for the first time, I am sure they felt overwhelmed by the number of vendors and products that were offered as I did the first time at this event. Some of those 1st time members almost found out how long it would take to walk from the show site back to the motel. (See Brad and Linda Davis for further details). *Remember*, when you take a ride from the motel, in a club member's vehicle to the show make sure you have a guaranteed return seat or... make sure the driver does not buy so much stuff that your reserved seats are no longer empty.

I was able to look at the 2006 Corvettes and listen to Dave Hill, Chief Corvette Engineer about the new features. I now have enough information to get my order together for that new car. I also met with Adam Pitale of Adam's Premium Car Care Products and was able to secure a better discount for purchases of his products on my orders. (Contact me if you need anything from Adam's).

Our President, Dan contacted Lance Miller of Carlisle Productions and made arrangements for Sunday afternoon, just before the car giveaway, to use center stage for a presentation. Dan and I, representing Gate City Corvette Club, before a crowd of several hundred spectators presented Ben Labaree and the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Tour a check of \$8000.00 from the proceeds of our fundraiser at the Nashua Airport. The publicity and exposure was great for our Club and the "Cause". There were at least 2 vendors that indicated they wanted to help with products/donations at next year's event. ***I would like to thank all the members that helped with this event to make it as successful as it was.***

I believe everyone had a great time touring the show and then meeting back at the motel for a little socializing before we all went to dinner. There was even a shopping trip that several of the wives took to Lancaster and the Amish countryside. As usual we all came home with more than we left with ...except money. In the next couple of weeks we will be talking further about this past weekend activities and setting up reservations for next years trip.

Our next Club activity will be the 30th Annual "Harvest of Vettes Show & Shine" put on by Spindle City Corvettes on September 18th. After the show there will be a Club party at Joe & Carol Michaliks home. Please contact Carol at 978-663-3379 or email at carolm9918@comcast.net and let her know what you can bring to help out. If you want to caravan down to Spindle City Show, let's meet at Macy's in Bedford for an **8:30 AM** departure.

Hope to see everyone at the next Club meeting on Friday September 9th at 8:00 PM at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester.

Norm Wood, Vice President

Dan and Norm present Ben with a check to benefit the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Tour in front of a cheering crowd of Corvette enthusiasts at Carlisle.

(Photo courtesy of Sue Wood)



“Lynn Nault lifts Harlan Charles’ Top,
Gets Hug from Dave Hill, While Ray Nault Watches in Shock”

Dave Hill is a true renaissance man, and the most delightful, unassuming individual, who also happens to be the head engineer for Corvette. When Dave does an autograph session, it doesn’t matter how many people are in line, he talks with each person to inquire what corvette they own and to ask their impression of their particular corvette all the while listening intently to that individual. He thrives on feedback – continuous improvement is the motto for the Corvette engineering staff. I told him about my 2004 coupe, but expressed my frustration in that I can’t enjoy the top off as I am unable to lift it off by myself. He pauses mid autograph, thinks a minute, looks at me and says, “If I have time later, stop back and I can show you some techniques to take the top off your coupe.”

Later that day, Ray and I head back by the Corvette Engineers tent, and listen to Dave Hill talk to a small cluster of folks who are asking questions about the new 505 hp Z06 (an impressive automotive engineering marvel that Dave simply describes as “robust.”) The opportunity comes up and I ask Dave if he has time to describe those tips about taking the top off the coupe single handedly. “Sure” he says, “where’s your car?” Minor snag – “It’s back home.” “Well, let’s try the LeMans Blue coupe that Harlan Charles (Corvette Product Manager) drove in.” Dave demonstrated how to lift the top from the inside, and then had me try it. I am a bit shorter in the legs and my upper arm strength has something to be desired, but with Dave on one end and Ray on the other (only to balance the edges so as not to scratch a brand new 2006 coupe!), I lifted it up over my head, off the car and successfully placed the top in the trunk to the cheers of 30 – 50 fascinated bystanders, and one nervous husband. And Dave gave me a hug! The End

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Joe Michalik’s ZR1 was selected “Celebrity’s Choice”
Corvettes at Carlisle



Dan & Norm pose with Ben prior to the presentation.
Corvettes at Carlisle



Corvettes inside the hanger.
Corvette Conquer Cancer Fundraiser



Aloha Spirit Night
Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser

HOMeward BOUND FROM LANCASTER

A Story from Car B – by Lynn Nault

Amish country is a short hour or so away from the dust, exhaust, tires, fiberglass and hordes of corvette fanatics permeating the fair grounds of Corvettes of Carlisle. A delightful getaway for a day, a group of us trekked to the east to shop our hearts out. While the boys were checking out Adams Wax products, Breathless Performance and Speed Lingerie, the girls were sampling Amish jams & jellies, admiring (and purchasing) hand sewn quilts and Amish made furniture.

We could have stayed well into the evening, but in Amish country, the shops roll up the sidewalks and close at 6 p.m. so we packed our bags and boxes into the trunks of our two cars and headed back for a relaxing glass (or 2) of wine, beer or whatever beverage strikes one's fancy before dinner. Sue, Claudia and Allie led the way with Denise, Linda and me happily following behind regaling great family stories. We had been on the road over 45 minutes when my cell phone rang – it was Ray, "Hi Honey." Ray then says "you're following Sue, right?" "Why, yes" I said. Then he says to me "you're lost and Sue is getting off the highway now and turning around." Wait a minute, I think – he's back in Carlisle at the hotel, how does he know where we are and what we're doing. Linda starts checking the back of the car for a hidden camera and microphone. Denise is at that exact moment following Sue off the highway to turn around, while Ray is giving me a blow by blow description of exactly what we're doing. "Wait a minute, wait a minute" I say with an edge in my voice as a panic starts to well up. We stop and I jump out of the car (now known as 'Car B' by the mildly inebriated men back in Carlisle) and run to Sue and Claudia waving the phone, hand the phone to Claudia and yell – "Here you talk to Ray – he says we're lost." After a brief conversation, she looks at me and says "We're not lost, I know exactly where we are, and we're just going in the wrong direction."

Oh, well, then we're fine, so we turn around and off we trundle – 20 minutes to the west – back to Carlisle and our now more inebriated spouses.

Homeward Bound -Car A Allie's Version

On our way back to the hotel from Lancaster, PA in **Car A**, Sue was driving, Claudia was in the front seat navigating, and I was in the back seat answering everyone's cell phones as our husbands called to inquire about dinner plans.

Claudia realized immediately that she had given Sue the wrong instructions and that **Car A**, with **Car B** following, was now heading the wrong way. It took nearly 30 minutes to reach another exit so that Sue could change direction. I wanted to notify Denise, Lynn, and Linda (**Car B**) that we were, in fact, headed the wrong way.

First I tried Lynn's cell phone, but I got a wrong number. Then I tried Linda's but she didn't answer. I did not call Denise's because I didn't want to disturb her while she was driving.

I got a brainstorm to call Mike back at the hotel and let him know so that he could relay the message to Ray, and Ray, in turn, could call to deliver the message to Lynn in **Car B**. Ray then called to inform Lynn that she was "lost." That was news to her. Puzzled, Lynn wondered how in the world Ray could know.

When both cars finally pulled off the highway, Lynn ran over to **Car A** to say, "Ray says we're lost!" Claudia corrected Lynn, "**We are not lost; we are just headed in the wrong direction!**"



Happy belated August!

Dennis Granger 8-15

Paul Nowak 8-15

Norm Wood 8-15

Sandy Sadowski 8-21

Carrie Hyde 8-26

Ray Nault 8-26

Norm Bouley 8-29

September Birthdays:

Jill Dolan 9-10

Paulette Scarlett 9-26

Abandoned At The Carlisle Fair

BY

Linda and Brad Davis

A True Story

This article is going out to all of you who have not been to Carlisle and plan to go sometime in the future.

It all started when our many friends in the club said, "You have to go to Carlisle it is such a great time". Brad and I had heard many wonderful and funny stories and decided this was the year we would go.

Now there was some talk of an initiation but we put that out of our minds.

It all started out just fine. We all arrived safely and without incident and plans were being made for our first day at the fair. It was decided we could double up with those who had extra room in their car and so we asked Ron and Denise if we could ride with them.

The morning went well and Ron and Denise were kind enough to let us tag along with them, since they had been before and they knew where things were and how to get around. We stayed together until lunch and then we said that we didn't want to hold them up by looking through all the old parts so we would catch them later. In the meantime Brad had purchased a glass top for our 2000 and when we put it in Denise's car it took up the whole trunk and back seat. We discussed with Ron and Denise how we would get back to the hotel and decided to ask Ray and Lynn if they would take the glass top back to the hotel for us in their truck then we would go back with Ron and Denise. In talking with Ray and Lynn it was decided that it would be better if Ron and Denise would take the top and we would go with Ray and Lynn when they were ready to go back to the hotel.

As the day went on Brad and I were having a great time going through all the boxes of parts looking for a seatbelt and speedometer for our '71 and we checked in with Ray and Lynn about 2:30 pm. They said they were still walking around and not ready to leave so we told them to just give us a call on the cell and we would meet up with them whenever they wanted. There is so much to see and go through there it was great and as time passed I said to Brad that I was surprised that Lynn and Ray hadn't called us yet. It was getting close to dinnertime and we knew the club members liked to get back to the hotel and have refreshments before we all went out to dinner. (By now you probably know where this story is going). I also said that I knew that Lynn would not forget us. More time passed and we didn't see any club members walking around and I thought that was a little strange since we were seeing some of them all day long. I decided to take a little break on a bench and let Brad go on his own. By now it is about 5:00 pm, and we know the vendors close up at 6:00 pm. Brad had been gone for about half an hour when he comes running up to me and says, "Dan has called wanting to know where we are." As Brad is describing our location he suddenly realizes that Dan doesn't *really* want to know, and Brad says to him, "You don't really want to know where I am do you? You are *already* back at the hotel." And that was where they all were! Dan said, "Go to gate 3 and Ray will come back to get you." The first thing I said to Brad was I guess our initiation was over. As we are trotting off to gate 3 we just couldn't believe that all our 'good friends' just left us at the fair, but we knew there had to be a GOOD reason WHY.

Brad and I were standing on the corner of the street watching for Ray's truck when it appeared with Ron inside, also. Poor Ray, he felt so bad and we all laughed about what we were now calling, THE INCIDENT.

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Ron and Ray begin to tell us their side of the story and we laughed even harder. Apparently, when all club members were sitting around having their refreshments, Denise said, "Where are Brad and Linda?" They thought that we were in our room. Ray said nothing at first, he thought Denise was kidding, and about a minute went by and Denise mentioned us again and Ray and Lynn said, "I thought you were bringing them back," and Denise said, "No, we brought the glass top, and you were supposed to bring Brad and Linda." Well, Sue said if you could have seen the look on Lynn and Denise's faces. Of course, the whole club by now had caught the news, and as Ray and Ron were leaving to get us there was an outpouring of sympathy for us, as they all couldn't stop laughing.

When we arrived back at the hotel someone (I'm not sure who) had an idea that since the club thought that leaving us at the show was so funny that a little joke should be played on them. Brad called Dan and Lee's cell but both were off so he called Norm's. (Norm was wondering at the time how he got mixed up in this) We were now in the parking lot of the hotel when Brad called to ask where was Ray, and then Ray called to say where were Brad and I. Two minutes later we walk in and they are all surprised and start to ask how we got back, and then Ray and Ron walk in and by now they know the jokes on them. So as you can see all is well but there is a moral to the story.

After THE INCIDENT everyone made sure who would be bringing them to and from anything that was going on for the rest of our time at Carlisle including the girls going shopping in Amish country. Whenever we stopped at a store, we counted heads to make sure we were altogether before heading to our next store.

In all fairness to Ray and Lynn we did confuse them a bit when we first asked them if they could take the glass top and then at the same time changed it to taking us but of course they didn't do either but that is OK. We still love you guys!

If you go to Carlisle, PA with your very best friends in your Corvette Club just be sure to keep in touch with them every half hour if they are supposed to bring you back to your hotel because you really don't want to be ABANDONED AT THE CARLISLE FAIR!

The End

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CLUB CASUAL WEAR

New...30th Anniversary shirt \$35.00

New...30th Anniversary patches \$5.00

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.

CORVETTE FOR SALE

- 1998 Nassau-Blue Corvette Convertible with Light Oak interior and a 6-speed transmission. Only 75 of these built in this convertible/exterior/interior 6-speed combination, so this car is quite rare.
- Body in good condition with minor crack on edge of driver's door.
- Has in dash CD player and excellent AC system.
- Kumho High-Performance tires mounted this spring.
- Have all maintenance records since I picked up the car new at the National Corvette Museum in April 1998.

At a constant 70mph on the highway this car gets around 30 miles per gallon and even at 75 to 80mph you still get 27 to 28 miles per gallon.

This car has been driven on the LeMans race circuit in France and has taken some laps around the Daytona Speedway in Florida.

Modifications have been done to get around 375-rear wheel horse power, also for better handling and comfort:

- Corsa Touring Exhaust
- Donaldson Air Force Box
- MAF Power Housing
- Thermo Mod Housing
- Throttle By-pass Tube
- Cold-air Induction Screens
- Hi-pressure Fuel Regulator
- MAT Sensor Recalibrated
- 8mm Sparkplug wires & Platinum Sparkplugs
- Replace stock sway bars with Hotchkiss Competition sway bars
- Replaced stock shifter with Hurst close ratio shifter
- Both seats are covered in custom made real sheering sheepskin, the same light oak color as the rest of the interior. Cool in the summer but warm in the winter.

Extras

- Multi-volume Factory Shop Manuals for repair and maintenance of car.
- Stock '98 wheels were traded for chrome wheels but need to be re-chromed again.
- Purchased Vette-net so wife's hair doesn't get blown around as much with top down.
- Car has LoJack Retrieval System.
- 100 watt and 65 watt Sylvania Blue hi and low beam bulbs. Have old bulbs too.
- Splash guards behind all four wheels.
- Windshield "Cool Shade" protector.
- Red Acrylic "Corvette" Letters on rear fascia.
- Special Nassau-Blue rear license plate frame.
- Specially made white polo shirt with Nassau-Blue Corvette Convertible stitched on left breast.
- Nassau-Blue Corvette Convertible T-shirt.
- Magnetic Oil Drain Plug.
- CAG to disable "1st to 4th" shifting.
- Door Sill Protectors.
- Rear Trunk/Bumper Paint Protector.
- Matching blue golf umbrella and folding chair
- Cargo net for inside trunk.
- Complete car cover.

Stock 1998 Corvette Convertibles are selling from \$25,000 to \$30,000, but the price on this car is only **\$19,980**.

For info on this vehicle, feel free to contact me via email at Vette1998@hotmail.com

Gate City Corvette Club

Questionnaire

The reason that I'm sending out this Questionnaire is to get the feelings of all club members on what they are interested in. I would like everyone to take the time and answer it honestly. They do not need to be signed. It is just a poll. My intent is to try and get more involvement in the club from its entire membership

By finding out what everyone is interested in maybe we can start to do more things as a group.

1. What is your feeling towards the Spring Fling?
2. What would help you get more involved with the Spring Fling?
3. Would you be interested in running for an office in the club?
4. If so what office would you be interested in? If not, why?
5. Do you feel that officers should hold longer terms in office then is in the by-laws now?
(Present bylaws allow a member to hold a position for only 2 consecutive years)
6. What type of functions or events would you like to see the club do? (Cruises, weekend trips, participate in other corvette club cruises)
7. What is your feeling of the club being involved in Corvette Conquer Cancer Fundraiser?
8. Are you interested in having a club cruise night?
And if so are you willing to help out and organize and work on it?
9. What suggestions do you have to bring in new members?
10. What is your opinion of the board of directors with regards to leading the club?
And is there anything they could do better or different to help this club with it goals?