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First Word

May 2006

Spring Fling is a rite of spring for the New England Corvette community. May is here and everyone is talking about Spring Fling. What were plans are now action and everyone is in motion gearing up to host another exciting show. Corvette owners throughout the region have been dusting off their cars, waxing, polishing and just plain driving! At our May meeting we will finalize the details, discuss the judging clinic and review any last minute items. Food always invites a crowd and pizza at the last meeting was so successful, we are going to do it again at the next meeting – and it's a great opportunity to do a little fiberglass networking!

Plans are well underway for the August 12 CCC Western Roundup benefit dinner/auction for Corvettes Conquer Cancer and the American Cancer Society. Just as a reminder, if you have ideas for a centerpiece, bring a sample centerpiece with an estimate of its cost to Friday's meeting. Luminarias are about as creative as I get, but I was told candles are out! So we need your creative genius to make the night! If you want to bounce around your ideas before the meeting, e-mail Sue Wood at woodnorman@comcast.net.

Warm weather and sun is a good motivator to push you to finish those last minute projects to tweak your car. If you have an older car, you've probably been buying and installing those last minute parts you've been talking about all winter like Ron Cote with his newly chromed bumpers for his 1960 roadster. Or for the truly obsessed such as Norm Wood, you may be installing a new Corsa exhaust on your new 2006 roadster. And when you see Dan Feidler (and Norm too) ask them to show you their "invisible bras." (But don't ask that question of their wives!) For Ray and I, my dear husband has been detailing our cars by pulling off the wheels and painting calipers to give them that special "look." And I know there are many more of you out there checking off on your "to do" list too.

Make sure to check the calendar at the back of the newsletter. We are doing more joint ventures with other clubs and we'll be talking about possible events at every meeting. If you're planning to attend a show, we can hook up to form a caravan through a simple e-mail blast. Ray & I will be attending the June 4 show for Corvettes United in Shrewsbury, MA. Cruise nights start in May so if you know of one, pass it along to the membership.

We'll be putting you on the spot on Friday night and want you to put on your thinking caps when we pass out a short (2 question) survey about the club. No it's not a test (phew!!) we just want your feedback! Looking forward to seeing you Friday May 12.

Lynn Nault
President

GCCC Meeting & Pizza Night
May 12, 2006
7:00 Committee Meeting
8:00 General Meeting

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

Lynn called the April 14th meeting of the GCCC to order and thanked Dobles for the use of their facility. She asked that members plan to stay after the meeting for pizza and socializing. Some members are still having issues obtaining the newsletter from the website. It was noted that the date of the judging clinic is incorrect in the newsletter and that the judging clinic is scheduled for May 21, 2006. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with a motion made by Emil and seconded by Lee. The treasurer's report was accepted with a motion made by Brad and seconded by Carol.

Membership Director: Denis Granger welcomed three new members and four potential members:

Patricia & Wayne Wood - `61 white roadster

Adam Webster `96 silver Collector's Edition

Charli & Dennis – 2003 Corvette

Sue & Jim Beauchemin - 1982 Corvette

Old Business/New Business: Dean gave an update on Spring Fling. Dean said that there could be between 150 – 175 cars participating if the weather is good. Dean asked that members consider donating items for the penny sale. There will be a judging clinic one week prior to the event. A pizza party will be held after Spring Fling at the home of Jim Ecke.

The membership discussed charitable contributions to be made with a portion of the proceeds from Spring Fling. It was decided that a donation would be made to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army's Adopt a Family program. The 50/50 proceeds will be donated to Ben for Corvettes Conquer Cancer.

Sue Wood reminded those interested to bring along ideas for western theme table centerpieces to present at the May meeting.

The summer picnic will be held at the home of Sue and Emil in July. The membership prefers to have a caterer supply the meal, however desserts will be potluck. Emil will bring a menu to the next meeting. The picnic starts at 12:00 noon and ends whenever.

Dan talked about the plans for the Corvettes Conquer Cancer fundraiser. He urged everyone to purchase tickets early if possible.

The winner of the attendance drawing was not present. The 50/50 drawing was not held.

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
DENNIS GRANGER.**

The month of May starts the year off with Spring Fling and all that needs to be done for the event. As of the last meeting it looks like we will have enough sponsors for the trophies, but we could use extras. So if you have any get them into Paulette Scarlet or Dean Gagne, We want to make sure the sponsor names get onto the banner and the flyer going into the goody bag. There is a judging clinic at Claudia and my home on Sunday May 21, 2006 The clinic will start at 10:00 AM along with the stuffing of the goody bags. There will be food and drinks after so come on by and spend the day. A few new members have asked what it takes to judge at the show. Don't worry you will be shown the ins and outs of being a judge and you will be put with someone that has done it many times before.

The weekend after Spring Fling is the Corvettes United's Show n Shine. If interested in going, let me know at the next meeting in order to set up a meeting place to caravan down to the event.

Some members have chosen to go off with Lakes Regions club on a weekend trip on June 3rd and 4th. More information after the trip to let everyone know how that turned out. It is expected to be a full house with 40 cars in attendance.

Lakes Region is also planning a cook out at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, NH on Sunday August 6, 2006. The plans are not 100% yet, but if you're interested on going along let me know. As of now there are seven couples from Gate City planning on going.

There are cruise nights starting in the month of May. North Shore Corvette Club, South Shore Corvette Club to name a few. I will be traveling to these cruise nights, weather permitting, to promote Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser, if you are interested in going along please let me know.

Speaking of Corvettes Conquer Cancer, plans are coming along nicely, but as always more help can be used, from getting out and posting flyers to selling a few tickets to family and friends.

Tickets are available from Norm Wood and myself. Remember you do not have to own a Corvette to attend.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting May 12th, 8:00 PM at Dobles.

Best Regards
Dan Feidler
Vice President

CENTERPIECE IDEAS NEEDED ~ CCC

I would like to ask that members come up with a "sample" centerpiece for CCC Fundraiser and bring along to the May meeting. Try and keep the cost at about \$5 or less realizing we also need to make about 30 centerpieces. I would like the items presented at the May meeting and the members present can vote on their preference. Any thing in the theme of western would be great!

**Thanks,
Sue Wood**

Gate City Corvette Club Presents:

SPRING FLING 2006

☛ Sunday, May 28, 2006 ☛

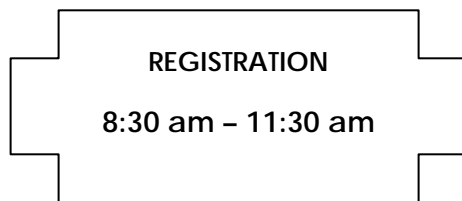
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www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

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Take Route 3 (Everett Turnpike) to Exit 10 (Industrial Drive)
Go East to Daniel Webster Highway, and go left (North) to Anheuser

GCCC – Potential Calendar 2006

Date	General Club/Events
May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakedown Cruise to Provincetown (South Shore CC) • North Conway Dust Off Cruise (Northshore Corvettes)
5/12/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Spring Fling committee
May 18	Corvette Golf outing – Kingston, NH (Northshore Corvettes)
5/21/06	Spring Fling Judging Clinic/bag stuffing – Dan F.
5/28/06	<i>Spring Fling - GCCC</i>
June 3-4	Lakes Region Parade of Vettes
June 4	Corvettes United Show N' Shine – Shrewsbury, MA
6/9/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Spring Fling committee wrapup
6/18/06	Spring Fling rain date
6/23/06	Eastern Mass CC – Pasta Hop – Franklin, MA
June 29- July 2	Lakes Region Lime Rock CT – American LeMans
7/9/06	CC of CT – Judged Show
7/14/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC committee
7/15/06	Club Picnic – Emile & Sue's – Manchester
8/6/06	Lakes Region – Castle in the Clouds day trip/BBQ
8/6/06	CC of RI – Judged show.
Date	General Club/Events
8/11/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC committee
8/12/06	Corvettes Conquer Cancer
8/24-28	Travel to Carlisle
9/8/06	General Meeting – Dobles * CCC wrap up
9/7-9/16	Lakes Region – Lake George/Niagara Falls (all for parts)
9/17/06	Spindle City Show – wrap up at Joe & Carol's
Sept.	Hank Vezina – Fall trip with Lakes Region & others
10/13/06	General Meeting – Dobles
Oct.	Lee Scarlett – Diner trip to Maine
Oct.	Weekend trip – VT or other location (?)
11/10/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Vote Board Members
12/8/06	General Meeting – Dobles
1/6/07	Holiday Party – Londonderry Lion's Club

CRUISE NIGHTS

5/15	Mondays – South Shore Rt. 123 Abington see: SoShorecorvette.com
5/16	Tuesdays – North Shore Rt. 114 & Sylvan St. see: northshorecorvettes.com