

Gate City Corvette Club  
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## First Word

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Congratulations to the entire club for everyone's efforts in running a very successful Gate City Corvette Club Spring Fling car show. I had nothing to do with the most perfect day weather wise, but owners were thrilled that the sun shown, bugs were in abeyance, and the breeze blew just enough to keep the sweat from dripping off my nose to threaten the finish of those beautifully restored paint jobs. Approximately 124 cars registered and there were over 55 more counted in the car corral, parking lot and members' cars. Simple changes in the process allowed cars to flow through registration more quickly, all cars were judged in a shorter period of time, and we finished passing out trophies by 4:10 pm to the delight of the crowds.

I was most excited about the new generation of Corvetters volunteering to help the day of the show. These are the grandkids and young adults of current owners who have been bringing them to Corvette shows for most of their young lives. We had Kevin Collins, mom & dad, Pauline and Mark Collins ('85 Grey coupe) and grandparents Cindy and Roger Collins ('85 Grey coupe); Tim Feidler, dad, Dan Feidler, Jr., granddad & grand mom Dan & Claudia Feidler, ('02 Magnetic Red roadster); Lisa and Brandon Santos, daughter and grandson of Lee & Paulette Scarlett, ('99 Black roadster); Cortney Casker, mom, Lynn Casker ('01 Magnetic Red coupe); and special kudos to those who have been helping for several years and have now graduated to adult judging positions, Joe & Casey Michalik, parents Joe & Carol Michalik, ('87 Red coupe, '90 Red ZR1, '91 Red roadster); and Shawna Anger-Balcom, granddaughter of Bill & Vera Balcom ('65 Red Roadster). These children/young adults made all our jobs at the Corvette show so much easier. They are younger, faster and more nimble than us older folks with bad knees and hips, and because of their efforts, the entire day ran smoothly. Our club really exemplifies how Corvettes can be a family affair.

It is only because of the continued dedication of Spring Fling Chairman Dean Gagne and all the many volunteers who work behind the scenes whether at the show or participating in pre-event planning, that I can say the show went off apparently effortlessly to the multitude of owners who subjected their cars to the scrutiny of a "points judged show." Linda Davis waited patiently for 45 minutes to get the opportunity to judge a class – reminding us how we left her and her husband Brad stranded at Carlisle of PA. She says she isn't getting a complex, and we keep telling her we love her anyway. We had volunteer staff and attendees ready to participate in Spring Fling as early as 7:30 am this past Sunday. With registration officially kicking off at 8:30, we were ready to sign up the eager early morning crowd with my husband Ray helping qualify cars with Joe Michalik, Al Whittier & Dennis Granger. My role was greeter of new registrants, Mid-Year judge and official congratulator of those who received trophies. That was easy compared to the efforts of Pat Bennett and Lee Scarlett who pushed penny table sales, Denise Cote and Cindy Collins who helped promote Corvettes Conquer Cancer, and all the many others who I may have neglected to thank individually.

Some, like new member Adam Webster supported the show by learning judging techniques even though family events precluded him from attending the day of the show. Dan and Claudia Feidler as well as Sue Wood also had family events that kept them from participating at the show, but they helped in many other ways to support events preceding Spring Fling.

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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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**SAVE THE WAVE**

## *President's letter continued*

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Dan Feidler & Norm Wood continue to work tirelessly building connections with other clubs, and supporting our next event promoting Corvettes Conquer Cancer. I could never be successful as president, if it weren't for the fact others are so good running the more visible events that makes Gate City Corvette Club so well known in the Corvette community.

Thank you all!

***Lynn Nault***  
***President***

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***

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Sandy Gagne

***5/12/06***

Lynn called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. She thanked Dobles and announced there would be pizza after the meeting, sponsored by Emile and Sue Tetu.

If you have email updates, send them to Dean.

Dennis was not present, so Lynn welcomed new members: Rob and friend Lee. Rob is a renewing member with a 90 ZR1. Jim and Sue were attending their third event.

Denise made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, second by Jill. Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Roger.

### **Hank read a handful of upcoming events:**

6/1 Corvettes United show n' shine at Heberts in Shrewsbury (contact Lynn or Ray to caravan down)

6/3-4 Lakes Region CC weekend, Lincoln, NH - 3 GCCC cars going so far.

6/1-4 Vettes of Coastal Maine Bar Harbor Tour, ME

6/9-11 Back to the Beach weekend, Old Orchard Beach, ME

Lemans race dates

6/23 Pasta Hop in Franklin, MA

Hank is looking for fall cruising ideas - call him with suggestions! (Lynn suggested cruising to the Canterbury Shaker Village) Rob suggested putting up a poll on the web site for members to submit their suggestions directly to the Club.

Dan will be going to the North Shore and South Shore Corvette Club cruise nights to promote CCC. He will send email when ready for anyone wishing to join up with him.

8/6 Lakes Region CC chix barbeque at Castle in the Clouds. Contact Dan Fiedler if interested.

Calendar of Events are now available and were handed out at the meeting. They will also be available at Spring Fling.

The 5/21 Spring Fling judging clinic will be held at the home of Dan and Claudia Fiedler.

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### **New Business:**

#### Spring Fling:

Last Monday 9 cars traveled to Commercial Street for a group picture for the Hippo newspaper to promote Spring Fling. Dean gave a Spring Fling update. Lynn read a press release from Anheuser-Busch. The Nashua Telegraph wants to do a story; Dean is coordinating. Goodie stuffers are trickling in. Trophies have been ordered. Dean needs help setting the parking lines the afternoon before Spring Fling! Call Dean for the meeting time. There will be an after Spring Fling pizza party as usual at Jim Ecke's house in Merrimack. Don't forget to Show up at Spring Fling at 7 am to help out - we need all the help we can get this year!!!!

#### Corvettes Conquer Cancer:

Sue Wood is chairing the decorating committee. She needs volunteers to set up tables and decorate on Saturday. Dan says tickets sales look good so far. No tickets sold at the gate! Get yours early! We still need to sell more tickets and get the flyers out there.

#### Summer picnic:

The summer picnic will be 7/15 at Emile and Sue Tetu's home in Manchester. Plenty of off-street parking for the Corvettes. Check the GCCC upcoming newsletter for the details. A small price for the picnic will be charged to members, but if you show up, you will get that money back. What a deal!

Dean and Gayle talked about the Newport RI CCRI weekend.

Lynn announced that the next meeting will be 6/9.

The 50/50 drawing for \$48 was won by Bill Balcolm; the attendance drawing for \$30 would have gone to Tom Urban, but he was absent so next week it grows to \$40.

If you have not paid your dues, see Cindy Collins.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Accepted by all unanimously as the pizza had just walked through the door!!!!

### **CLUB CASUAL WEAR**

**New...30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirt \$35.00**  
**New...30<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Well, the membership that took part in the Gate City's Annual Spring Fling Show'n'Shine survived another year. My thanks as a board member to all that helped out. Claudia and I were not able to take part due to family commitments back in PA, but I was able to keep in contact with some members to find out how things were going. The wonderful weather made the turnout great so that is a plus. With the many trophy sponsors that the club had again this year we came out ahead. When you see Dean Gagne and his committee who worked hard before the event, please tell them "Thanks." It takes a lot of time to put this event on before and during. If you were able to take part as I stated earlier give yourself a pat on the back. GREAT JOB!

Hank and Sue Vezina, Mike and Allie DeCampo, and Claudia and I attended Lakes Region Corvette Clubs Parade of Vettes 2006 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There were a total of 36 cars in the group, 12 cars from Corvettes of VT, 21 cars from Lakes Region, and 3 cars from Gates City. This weekend event has been going on for 12 years with both clubs. They take turns each year hosting the event. Corvettes of VT will host the event next year. If you have the time to attend you should go. It is a blast! Too much went on to write about so if interested in what went on just ask one of us. I can tell you that you will never laugh and eat so much and have a great time. One thing I must tell all about is that they had a game Saturday night after dinner and it involved a game of chance. During this game there was money to win any where from \$5.00 to a \$100. Before the game started Dwight Dodd allowed myself to speak about Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser. After the game was over one member from Vermont got up and handed me her winnings as a donation to CCCF. She then challenged others to donate. After all was said and done I received \$550.00 (the total of all the prize money) and two items to use for the silent auction. So as I've said in the past the people in the corvette clubs are great people.

Our next club function is the clubs annual picnic. July 15<sup>th</sup> at Emilos and Sue Tetu's house. Let's all try and make it to a fun day. More information at the next meeting.

As always I now have to write about Corvettes Conquer Cancer fundraiser. As you all know it is fast approaching and before you know it will also be history for another year. Things are going good with all the plans, but as always we sure could use more help in selling or buying tickets. Please let's all get our tickets early.

Corvettes United Show'N'Shine was rained out and it is rescheduled for Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully all who planned on attending can still make it and maybe a few more also.

For those of you that may be interested in going to Corvettes of Carlisle but do not have rooms. There are a couple of members still holding rooms at a motel. You can give me a call and I can let you know who they are.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM at Dobles.

Remember to smile when driving the plastic cars.

*Best Regards*  
*Dan Feidler*  
*Vice President*



# Spring Fling 2006

## Dean Gagne

On Sunday, May 28th, 2006 the Gate City Corvette Club's annual show-n-shine had 200-plus Corvettes convene at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack N.H. It was the Club's 26 annual Spring Fling. The weather was perfect for a car show, sunny and breezy.

The show drew Corvettes from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. There were multiple Corvettes that traveled over 200 miles to get to the show; but the furthest traveled was 371 miles. Many local clubs were present at the show, with best club participation going to the Corvette Club of Rhode Island with 11 cars.

Charities selected for this year's Spring Fling include the Nashua Soup Kitchen; Corvette Conquer Cancer Tour, with Ben Labaree attending and judging some of the newer Corvettes; the Manchester chapter of Salvation Army; and the Goffstown Screamin' Eagles selling refreshments.

Cars were admitted to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery grounds at 8:30 A.M., car detailing ended at 12:00 noon, judging started at 12:10 and trophies were given out at 3:30. The items at the penny sale table, along with door prizes for participants were awarded to the lucky winners throughout the day. The 50/50 drawing was split between the winner and Corvettes Conquer Cancer.

The members of the Gate City Corvette Club were very successful in getting all of the trophies sponsored for the show. Because of the generosity of local businesses, the Gate City Corvette Club will be able to help local charities again.

The members of the Gate City Corvette Club would like to thank the many people that made this event a success. We would like to thank the local businesses that sponsored all of our trophies. Your generosity helps the Gate City Corvette Club continue to give to our charities. We would also like to thank the staff at Anheuser-Busch for allowing us to use their grounds, for giving great brewery tours, and for continuing to help out any way they can. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the participants of the show for making our show a success. Without you, there would be no reason to have a show. THANKS!!!

Thanks again for everyone's help in making our show a success.

**Dean Gagne**  
**Show Chair**

## GCCC – Potential Calendar 2006

**\*\* more dates to be added regularly\*\***

Date	General Club/Events
6/9/06	General Meeting – Dobles * Spring Fling committee wrapup
June 11	Corvettes United Show N’ Shine – Shrewsbury, MA
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.
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 or 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

Date	General Club/Events
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: <a href="http://SoShorecorvette.com">SoShorecorvette.com</a>
5/16	Tuesdays – North Shore Rt. 114 & Sylvan St. see: <a href="http://northshorecorvettes.com">northshorecorvettes.com</a>