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First Word

September 2006

Wow, where is the summer going? I can't believe we're already swooping into August shows, rallies and now Carlisle. There are about 24 members heading to Carlisle this week, but I wouldn't be surprised to see others there as well – hey, what's a leisurely 7-8 hour drive on a weekend.

I can't thank everyone enough for all their efforts to make the Triple C Corvettes Conquer Cancer fundraiser a great success. I know many of you worked behind the scenes helping with plans coordinating with Daniel Webster College and vendors/sponsors, doing cleaning, decorating, purchasing supplies, donating materials and gifts, selling tickets, and the list goes on. To all of you, a very special thank you for helping make this a wonderful affair. And, of course this fundraiser could never have been possible if it weren't for all the supportive members of Corvette clubs, including our own, and their guests who participated and opened their hearts and wallets to fight cancer.

Although August means fall is just around the corner, there are still some great events coming up. On September 16, the Auburn Lions Club will be sponsoring their 2nd Annual "Start Spangled Forever-Honoring Those Who Serve Parade" at 11 am in Auburn Village. Along with the parade there will be a car show, live music, a duck race and more. Several of our members participated last year and had a great time supporting the Lions Club. If you are interested, please contact Gate City Corvette Club member Norm Bouley at 617-413-4633 or azteamster@aol.com.

We also have a few more shows coming up in September too. September 17 is Harvest of Vettes to be held at Kimball Farm in Westford Mass. After the show, Joe & Carol Michalik graciously open their home for a BBQ for members. Hank Vezina is planning a wine & dine cruise for October 21. Corvettes United is sponsoring a show & shine pitting corvettes against mustangs on September 24 at Hebert's Candy Mansion in Shrewsbury.

Our next meeting will be Friday, September 8. As the summer winds to a close, I'd love to hear your thoughts about our club and its activities. We have members who have been involved with the club for over 25 years and we have members who have just joined this summer. I'd love to know why you joined the club and what your expectations are of the club. What do you like about the club, what would you like to see done differently? We put on a show, a fundraiser; we participate in other's events and run our own cruises as well. Are there other types of events you'd like to see the club do? It would be great to see some brainstorming begin as we plan for future fun. Remember, this is your club and you have the opportunity to shape the future too. Feel free to e-mail me your thoughts as well.

If we don't see you at Carlisle, we hope to see you at the next meeting.

Your president – Lynn Nault

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

July 14, 2006

Lynn opened the meeting by thanking Dobles Chevrolet for the use of their facility. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were accepted.

Hank presented a report on upcoming events. On October 21st Hank is planning a Wine & Dine cruise with Lakes Region Corvette Club. Hank will give details at the September meeting.

Norm mentioned that he has pamphlets and business cards for the "invisible bra". He has arranged a discount of 10% with a minimum of two cars. The company will send a tech out to our area for installation. The product was originally designed for use in Desert Storm to protect helicopter blades. Installation takes approximately two hours per car. The product is popular on European sports cars. It is three layers thick with a beveled edge to prevent wax buildup. There is a lifetime warranty, and insurance will pay to replace if in an accident.

Dennis Granger is compiling membership information. Please provide Dennis with the date you joined the club, and the manufacture date of your car. Dennis and Mark are researching a new club-clothing vendor. They have discovered a vendor who can provide embroidered items. Members can order what they want directly from the catalog, eliminating the need to order in bulk and stockpile items. The last style jacket that the club ordered is no longer available. There is a one-time fee to set up the logo of \$65.00. The vendor may be able to use the club's software. The club agreed to retain the current club colors.

Mike Dupont is willing to head a committee to create a new logo for the club. There have been many positive comments regarding the 30th logo that Mike designed.

The winner of the 50/50 was Dean Gagne. The winner of the attendance raffle was not present.

Allie

FOR SALE

89-96 Corvette ZF Six Speed Transmission. Brand New in the Crate. \$1,750.00.
Comes complete with new shifter. Contact Al Whittier

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.**

6th Annual HK Powersports Lake & Land Poker Run

By Dennis Granger

It was a beautiful day for a cruise as four GCCC cars met at the State Liquor Store off I-93. With all targa tops stowed, Adam & cousin Rachel, Hank, Roger & Cindy, and Dennis all headed north to meet with Lakes Region Corvette Club at Patrick's Pub to begin the 2006 poker run.

We were warmly greeted by several folks from Lakes Region and introduced ourselves. There were a few comments about safety and something was mentioned about Gate City and wrinkled rear ends but that is another story. Thankfully at the end of the day there were no new wrinkles to report!

With about twenty cars we split into two groups. Bob Tyler from Lakes Region asked if I minded following a C3 as it would be running rich. I looked at him and said, "I love that smell!" We laughed and lined the remaining cars up then headed out to collect our chips.

After some wonderful cruising around the lakes we stopped in Wolfeboro for a very leisurely lunch at a nice lakefront restaurant. The enjoyed great food and drink while we watched the boats pass by.

After eating our fill we headed out to finish the cruise and finally end at the The Naswa Resort. After a group photo we filed in to play our hands. Although we did not have any winning hands we had a great time and got in the next line for the buffet. Although it had not been long since lunch, the food and especially the deserts we too tempting to resist. We eventually found an umbrella table and sat back to enjoy some tasty beverages, the water and entertainment.

A live auction was held for plane ride around the lake up to Mt Washington, Red Sox / Yankees luxury box tickets, and more. By the afternoon well over \$50,000 was raised for Easter Seals. Thanks again to the wonderful folks of Lakes Region Corvette Club and Adam Webster for coordinating with Lakes Region.



Photo courtesy of Adam Webster

CARLISLE 2006

It was an interesting drive both to and from Carlisle, me driving while Sue was on conference calls most of the time.

It was really enjoyable spending some time with the GCCC folks at dinners we shared, great food with lots of laughs to go along with the meals. The dinner 6 of us had at the Petrol Truck Stop was a riot, especially with the great waitress who took care of us and kept us in stitches.

At the Registry dinner Friday night Sue and I reminisced with 4 of the guys that made the trip with us to England and France back in June 2000, and now we're planning another trip next summer to France again and maybe Italy. It was also good to hear Wil Cooksey speak again but the great story Jake Drummond told about the first trip he and Dan Adovasio took to the first Bash and they ran out of gas was hilarious.

Now you'd think I'd be the one spending the most money in Carlisle, but it was Sue who did the big purchase. She spotted a 14k gold pendant of the rear of a Corvette with bright red rubies as the 4 taillights, but most of all she liked the license plate, "USA", the same as what I have on my car.

Our next big trip will be the 10th Anniversary C5/C6 Registry Bash next April.

Hank

Hi! We really had a great time this year at Carlisle. Judy, our sons: Jason and Jerry and their wives went and we had a ball. I had a 30' by 30' space this year and they showed their cars, 69 and 77, looked for parts and dreamed about having a new one. It really is the best show east of the Mississippi. There were more vendors and activities than ever, Autocross and Burnout contests. We enjoyed seeing the club members who stopped by to say hi, Too! Hope to see more folks there next year.

Warren Hyde



Presentation at Corvettes at Carlisle

Lynn Nault, Dan Feidler, and Norm Wood presented Ben Labaree with a check representing the proceeds from the Gate City's Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser held on August 12, 2006. Dan thanked all Gate City members for their help with the fundraiser, as well as everyone who attended, and all the vendors who donated items.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

STAR SPANGLED FOREVER HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE PARADE – September 16th

Letter to President Lynn Nault:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Auburn New Hampshire Lions Club. The Auburn Lions Club extends this invitation to your Club to participate in the 2nd Annual “Star Spangled Forever-Honoring Those Who Serve” parade to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in Auburn Village.

We would be honored to have the Gate City Corvette Club in our parade again this year. Last year the club had six (6) entries, we would love to have more if possible.

The Parade is scheduled to last approximately 1-hour. Immediately following we will have the Auburn Historical Association’s “Duck Race” and festivities to include; Clowns, Face Painting, Live Music, Food Concessions, Car Show, Fun for Kids, etc.

The Parade Staging Area information will be sent to you following a commitment by your club to participate in the parade. Please send each members name and model of Corvette (C1, C6 etc.) as you get them. Each participant will be pre-assigned a staging number and therefore will be directed by a Parade Marshal upon arrival.

Please confirm by e-mail to: azteamster@aol.com

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ALC Parade Committee
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Please feel free to contact me at 617-413-4633 or azteamster@aol.com

WINE & DINE – October 21st

This is the joint club cruise we had scheduled for September 23rd but the winery changed their mind and said they could not accommodate us on that date. So here's the new date and info.

Day/Date/Time: Saturday, October 21st at 9 am

Function: Joint clubs Wine and Dine cruise

Starting Point: Bugaboo Creek parking lot, in Kohl's/Home Depot Plaza (old Nashua Mall), Exit 6W off Everett Turnpike, in Nashua

First Stop: Jewell Town Vineyard in Amesbury, MA for a special tour and wine tasting at 10 am.

Second Stop: Lobster Cove in York Beach, ME for lunch

Third Stop: Cape Neddick Light House on Nubble Point for photos

There will be a registration fee required for the wine tour and tasting and the luncheon but that cost will be communicated in a later email.

More to come later...

Hank Vezina
Officer At Large
Gate City Corvette Club

Here we are at the beginning of September. Where has the summer gone?

The month of August was a busy one for a lot of members starting off with 13 cars going to the Corvettes of RI Show n Shine. The following weekend brought all together preparing and having the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser. Once again I would like to thank everyone that took part in the evening's success from cleaning to helping out with the event that evening. Without everyone's help it could not be as successful as it was. THANKS AGAIN.

Saturday, August 19th four members cars found their way to the 14th annual Poker Run put on by Lakes Region Corvette Club with a total of 21 cars driving thru the back roads of the Lakes Region and ending at the Mt. Washington Hotel for a great buffet lunch. The weather was great and so was the company.

A number of members went off to Corvettes of Carlisle to enjoy a weekend of looking around at all types of things from old to new car parts. The evenings were spent sitting around and talking about what everyone saw and did for the day. Once again this year Lance Miller allowed us to present the big check to Ben Labaree at the closing of the event. This was greatly accepted by the folks at the event. It also helped by having several more vendors come forward to help out next year with items donated for our auction. I will discuss more at the next meeting.

September now brings the final Corvette shows of the season. There is a Show n Shine put on by Spindle City on September 17th. Corvettes United is hosting the Corvette / Mustang Challenge on September 24th. The officers of the Corvettes United are hoping to have a good turn out from all the Corvettes clubs. They will be looking for people to help out with the judging, they are planning to pair one Corvette owner with a Mustang owner using the judging forms we use for our show. If interested contact one of the officers of Corvettes United. At last count they are expecting 300 Mustangs so of course they are hoping for a good showing of Corvettes.

There are two important dates to keep in mind for October events; the 3rd annual Vettes to Vets, which is October 15th, and Hank Vezina has a joint cruise planned with Lakes Region scheduled for October 21st. There will be more information to follow.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting at Dobles on September 11th at 8:00 PM

Remember keep smiling while driving those plastic cars.

Best Regards
Dan Feidler
VP

VETTES TO VETS - OCTOBER 15th

I know it is early but let's all mark our calendars so that we can get together for the 3rd annual Vettes to Vets event, which is held by North Shore Corvette Club and Karen Gayle.

It is Sunday October 15th; the meeting time is 12:00 PM at the Burlington Mall leaving at 12:30 PM sharp to cruise to the Vets Hospital in Bedford Ma. and display our cars till 3:00 PM.

I'll find out more information, but I ask please let's try and get a good size group together to attend.

Thanks
Dan Feidler
VP