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First Word

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November for many is the time to start thinking about tucking away your Vette for the winter, but there are still many opportunities to enjoy a few more rides with your car. Dan Feidler has been coordinating with another club to attend a Tech Session on "Detailing Your Corvette" with Meguiar's Corporation. It's nice to put away a shiny clean car and here's your chance to pick up some tips from professionals. Alas, for Ray & me, our cars are already in hibernation, but I still spot a fiberglass car on the road at least a few times a week even now!

Elections for officers are this coming Friday, and we still have a few open positions – more details follow in the newsletter. As I've previously mentioned, this is the end of my fifth year on the Board, this year as president, and a busy workplace precludes me from giving the position the attention it deserves. It's been great to be involved in helping support the club and move it in new directions. Over the years, Gate City Corvette Club has been involved in many worthwhile causes as well as running a yearly show and in 2003 leading of the New England contingent for the 50th anniversary tour (and rumors abound regarding a 2009 caravan??). I continue to be delighted as we become more involved with other clubs, expanding the camaraderie we share among our own group with others throughout the region. And as with other local organizations, we've found ways to give back to those in need. Being a board officer affords someone an opportunity to add their own personality and energy, bringing new perspectives to the club. My strengths have been more organizational and behind the scenes, but with a great team, others have used their strengths to connect with other clubs, plan trips, and implement ideas of others – that's what makes the club so great - having people pitching in and becoming involved. I hope you will consider sharing your strengths and talents as a member of the board.

Because we've been blessed with some years of great weather for our May show and members who have used their special talents to procure lots of trophy sponsors, we've been able to give back to the community even more. This year, the club voted to donate \$1,000 to purchase gifts for a couple of military families in southern New Hampshire whose spouses are deployed in Iraq. Both families have dads who are part of the National Guard 3643rd Security Force and will be spending the next year in Iraq. At Friday's meeting, we'd like some volunteers who would be interested in shopping for these families, to bring some extra cheer to these families. We'd also like to pull together food baskets for the holidays for these two families. Please consider bringing some non-perishable food items and we will get them to the National Guard Family Services coordinator before Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

Lynn Nault, 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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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 opened the October 13, 2006 meeting of the Gate City Corvette Club by first thanking Dobles for the use of their facility. She also thanked Joe and Carol for hosting the barbeque after Harvest of Vettes, Spindle City's Corvette show. In addition to many individual trophies, Gate City brought home the trophy for "Best Club Participation" with 17 cars attending.

Dennis Granger welcomed new members Bentley and Lisa Herget with their 1986 dark red roadster, and potential members Frank Piessens with his 1993 coupe, and John Bosco with his 2002 roadster. Dennis reminded everyone that he is selling club attire out of his car.

Lynn did not ask for acceptance of the minutes from the September meeting, as several members had not had a chance to review. Cindy updated the membership with the treasurer's report.

Hank reminded everyone about 'Vettes for Vets.' Everyone who wishes to join the cruise down can meet at Macy's at 11:00. So far 14 cars have committed to go along. Also, Hank is planning a 'Wine and Dine' for October 21st. Those attending will leave Nashua around 9:30 am to head to the winery, then on to York, Maine for dinner, and finally, a photo op at the Cape Neddick light house. The cost to members is \$35.00 and Hank will need payment by Tuesday.

Lynn and Warren have been researching the process for making donations to military families this holiday season. The club has \$650 set aside for this donation. Lynn has been in contact with an outreach organization through the National Guard. Norm Bouley suggested that we raise the amount of the donation to \$1000 and the membership agreed to do so. Lynn will work to get things coordinated for the November meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the club logo. Several options were discussed. One suggestion was to use the basic logo with a choice of the flags of each generation. Another suggestion was to modify the 30th anniversary logo. Many members seemed to prefer the current logo. Other ideas were to drop Nashua's name from the logo, but leave the asterisk in that general location, and to change the font.

Next month will be elections for the board of directors for 2007. Please consider running for office. We will need volunteers for the office of president, vice president, secretary, and officer-at-large.

The winner of the 50/50 was Lee Scarlett. The winner of the attendance raffle was not present.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

A surprise baby shower for Sandy and Dean followed the meeting. Our expectant couple received many adorable baby gifts including stylish clothing for the baby to wear to Corvette events. Everyone enjoyed cake and conversation afterwards. I think that this may have been the only Corvette meeting baby shower in the history of the club. Everyone enjoyed cake and conversation afterwards.

More results from the questionnaire presented at the September meeting:

What do you like most about the club? 1. Socializing and cruising. 2. Technical/mechanical advice and help.

What do you like least about the club? Members who are closed minded to change or new ideas... need to listen and give new ideas some consideration.

November 2006

With the season coming to an end and most of us preparing our cars for the winter weather to arrive there is not much to write about.

The Vettes for Vets event was held on October 15th and the turn out was great! This year they had 102 cars present with 22 cars from Gate City. Bill Balcom walked away with another trophy for his car, chosen by the Vets at the hospital. Word has it that Bill is getting ready to add on to the house or garage to make a trophy room. I want to thank everyone again for going along.

There are a few things going on in the month of November. On November 18th North Shore Corvette club is having a detailing clinic being held in Methuen, MA put on by Maguire's products. So far 5 members are planning on attending. There is a charge of \$15 per person and I'll need to give them a head count by Monday November 13th. So if you're interested please give me a call. I'll send out another e-mail with details. I'm on vacation the second week of November. I will not be at the meeting so please let Claudia know if you're interested.

The clubs annual elections are being held at the November monthly meeting. If you want to help the club by volunteering to fill an office it is not too late. Just contact Jill DuPont or Lee Scarlett and put your name on the ballot. There can be write-in votes at the meeting also. Remember it is the members that make the club.

Remember the next meeting is November 10th at Dobles 8:00 PM.

Best Regards
Dan Feidler
Vice President

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.

Wine & Dine Cruise

We had 12 cars and 24 folks from the Lakes Region Corvette Club meet with 8 cars from the GCCC group at the starting point in Nashua. One of their cars even had ice on it! We cruised, 70+ mph most to the way, down to the Jewell Towne Vineyards where Rich Collins hosted a tour and wine tasting for us. I think we drank them dry.

Next we headed up to Talpey's Tavern in York, Maine, where Melissa Pike was our hostess. Ben Labaree joined the 35 of us there for a great lunch of either lobster or steak, and finished off with your choice of Maine blueberry pie or peanut-butter pie. They both were delicious!

Last stop on the tour was Cape Neddick Lighthouse on Knubble Point, where the last picture was taken.

Hank Vezina



Photos courtesy of Hank Vezina

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR 2007

NOVEMBER 10, 2007

The candidates for board of directors are as follows:

President: Dan Feidler

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Cindy Collins

Membership Director: Dennis Granger

Officer-At-Large: Mike Dupont

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Position	Candidate	Yes Vote	Write-in Candidate
PRESIDENT	Dan Feidler	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
VICE PRESIDENT	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
SECRETARY	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TREASURER	Cindy Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Dennis Granger	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
OFFICER-AT-LARGE	Mike Dupont	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Comments: _____

Holiday Wish List

Adopted Military Family

Girl age 14

Shirts, extra large
Pants, size 16
Shoes 7 ½
Winter boots, snow pants. Favorite colors are pink and black.
Music (no head banging music.)
Make up, perfume, and jewelry.
CD player/walkman (the small portable kind that comes with a headset.
Gift certificate.

Boy age 9

Shirts: 10 -12,
Pants 10 regular
Winter coat
Good snow mittens for playing outside.
Electronics.
Pokemon games (he already has Pokemon Emerald),
K-Nex (he only has a tiny set)
Drum set (there are small electronic ones out there now.)

Girl age 10

Shirts: 10 –12
Pants: size 12
Shoes size 5 womens
Winter boots
Alarm clock
Country music: New music by Faith Hill, Martina Mc Bride, Reba McIntire.
Anything girly.
Jewelry (she has pierced ears.)
Bratz dolls.

Mom

Didn't ask for anything; she likes perfume.

Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets

Thank you!