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-- Next club meeting is  
April 11th at 7 PM

Welcome Ron Ignelzi and  
his '08 Jet Stream Blue  
coupe, our newest member



## FIRST WORD

Wow! April is here, spring is here, and the snow is melting at a good clip. Hope everyone is dusting off their cars and getting them ready for a great year of driving pleasure.

For those of you who are ZR1 fans, there was a great opportunity to see a 2009 up close. This car just has to be seen to be really appreciated. From the body lines, to the wheels and brakes, it is truly a site to admire. Meeting and talking to Kirk was a great treat. Being the chief designer he had quite a few stories about the birth of this truly remarkable car. The setting was a small museum in Attleboro, Ma. The car was tucked neatly in the corner, and photo opportunities were great. He had a presentation that lasted a little more than an hour and stayed for a question and answer session after. Many people had photos taken and he was glad to shake hands. Seeing the design concepts he had done and seeing the car in the end was a grand experience. And just to let you know the car was completely designed and tested at night under tight security. The original sketches were done on Kirk's kitchen table.

For you racer fans there will be a driving course available at the Corvette Museum, avail at a later date to be announced.

*Mark Collins*  
*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 7:00 p.m. the second Friday of the month at Mac Mulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, NH.

# *Welcome to Gate City's online newsletter created exclusively for Gate City Corvette Club members!*

## *SECRETARY'S REPORT*

*Ruth Wintle*

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### Minutes of March, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Collins, at 7:00pm, at which time he thanked MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility.

He then introduced Ron Ignelzi as a new member.

Mark then brought up the subject of club shirts and jackets and said that Red Brick Printing in Hudson has our logo and will embroider jackets and shirts to order. They will do single units rather than making us order in numbers, and their prices are reasonable.

Secretary's Report: Emile Tetu made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February meeting as posted in Stress Kracks, Ron Cote second the motion and the motion passed.

Mike Dupont, Officer at Large, read some fliers of upcoming events. The applicable ones are:

South Shore Corvette Club is hosting their annual Shakedown Cruise to Newport, RI, May 4th. Starting point is Building 19 parking lot in Weymouth, MA at 8:30am. For more information go to their website at [www.sscorvetteclub.com](http://www.sscorvetteclub.com).

North Shore Corvette Club will be hosting a Corvettes Only Cruise Night every Tuesday evening, 5:00pm to dusk, beginning May 6th thru September. Location: Sylvan Street Grille, Peabody, MA.

The 2nd Blessing of the Vettes is being held at Corvette Mike's, Saturday, May 10th, 10:00am to 2:00pm. 151 Samoset St, Plymouth, MA. For more information go the Corvette Mike's website at [www.corvettemikenewengland.com](http://www.corvettemikenewengland.com).

Mark told the membership that the Calendar of Events books are in production and will be ready well before Spring Fling.

Mark also spoke of the 5th Annual Vettes for Vets being held September 28th at the Wyndham Hotel (soon to be Marriott) The Wyndham is offering discounted rooms for \$54.00 and a \$7.95 pp breakfast buffet, just in case anyone wants to stay over.

Our Vice President, John Janowicz, said that we still have 7 seats available on the bus going to Medieval Manor on April 5th. Price is \$75.00 pp which includes the bus, dinner and entertainment. We are meeting at MacMulkin's as they have generously offered to let us leave our cars there.

Josh Moore of MacMulkin reminded us that they are hosting their Vette Show on May 10th. He said that they didn't need any help with the show and that we should come and relax and enjoy and get some free food.

Dean Gagne, our Spring Fling Coordinator said that Spring Fling is well underway. Ruth has sent out the magazine notices, Vicki and John have been soliciting vendors for registration bags, insurance confirmation for Anheuser-Busch has been put together. Dash Plaques are in production. We have 8 sponsors so far and need 61. He asked that everyone try to get at least one sponsor. Door prizes and penny sale items will be needed. He told the newcomers that they need not worry about judging as they will be paired with an experienced judge and usually will judge Street Class. Also Dan Fiedler has once again offered to host the judging clinic shortly before Spring Fling, and the after party is confirmed to be again at Jim Ecke's house.

John and Vicki are doing the bag stuffing and the membership told them there were plenty of hands to help if they wanted it.

Lisa Herget gave the Treasurer's report. She also has a list of 27 members whose dues are unpaid and will publish the list in the next Stress Kracks. At the end of the month the password to the web page will be changed and those people who've still not paid their dues will not be able to access the web page. Bently Herget made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, Ron Cote second the motion and the motion passed.

Ron Ignelzi informed the membership that MacMulkin's has a new machine to do Vette wheels and that it does a superior job. Cost: \$99.95.

A perspective member who joined the meeting while it was in progress was introduced. His name is Dick Steiger and he had just bought a new Vette from MacMulkin. Dick said he was new to the Corvette world but not new to sports cars having owned quite a garage full of some very nice cars.

The 50/50 drawing was worth \$51.00 and was won by Frank Piessens.

The membership drawing was worth \$10.00 and was won by John Bosco.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brad Davis to adjourn the meeting, second by Ron Cote, and all were in favor.

***Ruth Wintle***  
***Recording Secretary***

***TOBIA FUNDRAISER***

***Ruth Wintle***

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February 9, 2008

Amos and I took off for the Providence RI area in the early afternoon of the 9th hoping to stay in front of the predicted snow. No luck. Fortunately it didn't snow hard enough to cause any problems other than a couple of brief white-outs. We were registered at the Quality Inn as were Dan and Gayle Zelonis who were traveling on a different schedule. We checked in around 3:00 and they followed about an hour later. After some cheese and crackers to stave off hunger and some gabbing we went to our rooms to dress for the evening.

Since Amos and I had our GPS with us we volunteered to drive to the club Loyal Club where the fundraiser was being held. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread and so we were on our way. Now we were only about 3 miles from the place and we had the GPS to guide us so I punched in the location and sat back to let it do it's magic. NOT!

Oh, it got us fairly close and then the streets became like a rat's maze and it just confounded the GPS. I've never seen that happen before. It was just telling us where we were, but not where we needed to go. Amazing. Anyhow with four pairs of eyes and some recall of the directions we were given we found the place.

There was a very good turnout of people there and so we got one of the last couple of tables available. Mark and Paulina Collins and John and Vicki Janowicz soon joined us and then Ben Labaree found his way there too.

It was a very nice evening and the food was really good. Doc had seen to the spaghetti sauce himself. Amos won a \$25.00 Shop & Save gift card and also a \$60.00 dry cleaning certificate from a local dry cleaner, which we re-donated.

In total they raised more than \$6k that evening because somebody matched the \$3k they had raised. How wonderfully generous.

After dancing and partying the evening away the Collins and the Janowicz departed as Mark and John were attending the Calendar of Events meeting the next day. They did their share of traveling that weekend to be sure.

The Wintles and Zelonis' headed back to their motel with a still confounded GPS until we got out of the maze, but we used the old fashioned dead reckoning and found our way out. In the morning we all had breakfast at a local breakfast place with a friend from Bristol County that Amos has known and worked with for years. It was a really good breakfast with a bit of Portuguese flavor to it. Yummy. Here's hoping that the bone marrow transplant is successful for Ursula and that her future is brighter. She's been a long time Corvetter and deserves it.

*Ruth Wintle*

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### *Photo of the Month*



The 2009 Corvette ZR1

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