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October Reminders:

-- Next club meeting is
Oct 10th at 7 PM Pizza will
be served!

-- Board nominations for
2009 are now being
accepted!



FIRST WORD

The turnout for Vettes to Vets was a great turnout even with *nasty weather*. We had a lot of *brave souls* that drove their Corvettes. We had a group of nine meet at Kohl's and cruise down, and had more meet us there later in the morning. The donations of money and items was a testament as to how we care for those who served their country with *honor*. I am sure that there are many with the same feeling that the Government should be doing A LOT MORE for these *brave men and women*.

The work we do in our club, and in support of other clubs, is to be commended. We have chosen to support a cause that works diligently in search of a cure for cancer. We all have been affected by this in our own lives in one way or another. Some results have been positive and some just have not. I can only hope that someday the cure will be found. Let us take a moment and remember those who have touched our lives, and not shed a tear, but smile for a moment and remember a smile that they may have given to us.

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

Minutes of the a September 2008 Meeting

President, Mark Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and began by thanking MacMulkin for the use of their facility.

Lisa Herget read the Treasurer's Report which has been posted to the Members Only portion of our web page. Dan Fiedler made a motion to accept the report and Sue Wood second the motion. All were in favor.

Secretary, Ruth Wintle, stated that the Minutes of the August meeting were posted in Stress Kracks on the club web page. Dan Fiedler made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written and Lee Scarlett second the motion. All were in favor.

Mike Dupont, the Officer at Large, spoke of a last minute notice that was received that Cruising Downtown Manchester is once again being held this year on Sept. 20th and 21st. Entry fee is \$10.00 and a canned good donation. Registration begins at 8:00 AM at the Brady Sullivan building (formerly the insurance building) on Elm St. VP John Janowicz will send out an e-mail with details to the membership. Ray Nault will see about having the club cars situated together.

Dan Fiedler thanked the club for their support of Corvettes Conquer Cancer. He was able to present Ben Labaree a check in the amount of \$5,230.11 at Carlisle this year. He said that ticket sales were down this year and there were only 133 people at the fundraiser. He stated that over the past few years Gate City has proudly raised just short of \$50,000.00 but that he would not be heading up the fundraiser in the future. He also said that should anyone else wish to take up the reins he would be happy to help them.

Mark spoke of the trip to Carlisle, PA. He said that they are already giving out applications for next year's "Fun Field". He said that many of the members who went did not take their Corvettes. He said it would be great fun if all those club members who are going next year could stay at the same hotel, but that it would take a lot of early planning.

Mark brought up Vettes for Vets coming up September 28th and took a headcount of how many would be attending. It was decided to meet at 8:15am (8:30 departure) in the Khol's parking lot at Exit 6 in Nashua. This is a rain or shine event. Dan Fiedler stated that if anyone would like to donate items but cannot make the trip, he would be glad to pick up items and bring them.

Dan spoke of Corvettes United having a gathering at Picadilli Pub on the 27th. Said the cost would be \$20.00 per car.

Mark and Dan spoke of the Tilton Vet show. They said it was a good time, that it was well attended and that the veterans really enjoyed it.

Joe and Carol Michalik said that even though the Harvest of Vettes show of September 14th was cancelled, he and Carol would still be hosting a cookout at their home beginning at 1:00pm that day. They took a headcount of who would be attending.

Mark brought up the “meeting out” that was discussed last month. He said that every place that had a function room wanted \$18 to \$21 per person for a buffet setup. He suggested that perhaps the club would like to do this for the club Christmas party.

Sue Wood asked if the club could have “pizza in” at the next club meeting. Ron Ignelzi said he would check with management and suggested that maybe the in-house kitchen could make the pizza. He will check things out and let us know before the next meeting. Jill Dupont made a motion that the club supply pizza for the next meeting, Lee Scarlett second the motion and all were in favor.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$46.50 was won by Lynn and Ray Nault.

Ron Cote won the membership drawing worth \$20.

Ron Ignelzi mentioned that MacMulkin has two (2) 2008 Corvettes for sale well below the employee discount and that they just got four (4) 2008s for Blake Chevrolet that is going out of business, and that these are also a real bargain. He said that all 2009s are presently at employee discount prices.

Dan Fiedler suggested that anyone purchasing an ‘09 from MacMulkin should spend a little bit more and ask for “museum delivery”. He said it was really a memorable experience.

Mark reminded the club that Mike Dupont, Larry Goelz and Gayle Zelonis are our nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact one of them. The position of Officer at Large must be filled this year as Mike Dupont has held the office for the last 2 years. All other officers have held their positions for one year and are eligible to run for a second term.

There being no further business to conduct, Denise Cote made a motion to adjourn. Ray Nault second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Wintle
Recording Secretary

2008 Vettes to Vets

Dennis Granger

The 5th Annual Vettes to Vets was held on a rainy September 28th to honor and support our troops in the Bedford, MA VA hospital. Gate City Corvette Club members met in Nashua and drove over a dozen Corvettes in the rain! We all know how much most Corvette owners hate the rain but that just goes to show how important an event this is. Still more members drove in their “metal” cars to show support and deliver personal items. Gate City was not the only group braving the rain. Over 160 others drove their plastic cars into the muddy grass at the hospital for these many fine men and women to thank them for their sacrifices.



Around \$20,000 dollars in personal items \$6000 in cash were donated exceeding last year's donations! This is a fantastic event that has received tremendous support and I for one hope it continues for years to come. Mark your calendars now as the 6th annual Vettes to Vets is set for September 27, 2009.




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After 6 years it is time to sell my Show Car. It is a 405 HP, 4-bolt main, 6-speed with two tops. Other than a trip to Bowling Green in 2003 it only attends auto shows. No excuses needed. Collector quality. Detailed interior, exterior, undercarriage and engine compartment. No scratches anywhere, excellent glass, 99.9% perfect wheels. Correct tires with only 2k miles on them. Car has a chip, 4:10 viper gears, New Kurt White windshield (0 miles) and a upgraded alarm. Otherwise stock condition. Original gears included. Everything works like new. The 93's are, to me the best of the bunch. Old style cockpit dash, New 405 engine with upgraded rods, pistons, valves, injectors, smog, traction control, digital and analog dash, better soundproofing, and the last year for a glove box! I have a detailed log book of maintenance from about 12k miles. Runs Excellent. More pictures available. Mint Owners Kit!

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Photo of the Month



2008 Vettes to Vets – This one speaks for itself!

SAVE THE WAVE