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-- No meeting this month!

Merry Christmas!

-- Holiday Party -Jan 17th



## FIRST WORD

December is here. The holiday season is now upon us. Holiday catalogs for our fiberglass wonders have been arriving via the USPS. I'm sure everyone has put together a little wish list, be it for the one they love, or even their spouse. None the less toys for our favorite little hobby will be in great supply.

The year flew by. A great number of shows and gathering events is now by the wayside. Holiday events and parties are now on the list of things to do. It was a good year for meeting new Corvette owners and hearing reasons of their acquisitions. The Carlisle weather was fantastic, and we had a good sized group in attendance. Hopefully we will have more attending next year. Book rooms now!! If you haven't been, ask other members where the best places to stay are. The Holiday Party is the Club's next event. Let Ruth know what you would like to bring, we will be passing that info out shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the hard work you all did this past year at our functions. Your help makes all these events so great. Spring Fling was a great time, and did very well. Corvettes Conquer Cancer did well also. My Hats off to those who took the time to make the arrangements to make it all happen.

I would also like to thank the board for their efforts to run the daily operations of the club. It takes a little more time to get things done than you may think, and the board always makes it happen. It was my Honor to serve you all the past year and I look forward to working hard with the club in the years to come. Pauline, Kevin, Neal and I would like to wish you all The Best of Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

*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 November 2008 Meeting

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

Bob Febonio was introduced as prospective members. He has a blue '04.

Secretary, Ruth Wintle, stated that the Minutes of the September meeting were posted in Stress Kracks on the club web page. Jill Dupont made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written and Emile Tetu second the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer, Lisa Herget, read the balance in the checkbook and stated that the Treasurer's Report was posted in the "Members Only" section of Stress Kracks. Lee Scarlett made a motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted and Jim Gorman second the motion. All were in favor.

Mike Dupont, Officer at Large, spoke of the Paint Restoration Tech Session that was taking place on November 22nd at the Bow-Tie Shop in Billerica, MA and asked for a show of hands as to who would be going. Mark asked that they either call him or e-mail him to caravan together.

Mike then read a flyer from Morgan Self Storage in Salem and Manchester where you can store your Corvette for the winter. They can be reached at [www.morganstorage.com](http://www.morganstorage.com) or by calling Manchester (603) 623-2000 or Salem (603) 898-2000.

He also read a flyer regarding an indoor show "Strictly Corvettes" at the Atlantic City Convention Center on April 18th and 19th, 2009. Approx. 225 cars with sales section, show only section and 250 vendor booths. For additional information visit [www.strictlycorvette.com](http://www.strictlycorvette.com) or call (609)464-2808.

Ruth spoke of filling 25 stockings with the \$200 the club gave her from the treasury and the Christmas Stocking open house she hosted and the delivery of 60 stockings to MooreMart to be distributed to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mark made an inquiry as to whether members were getting club e-mails. He also said he has a collection of CDs that contain pictures that have been submitted to Stress Kracks. If you'd like your CDs back, please contact him.

Jill Dupont is heading up Adopt-a-Family this year and has found a military family with 5 children and will be shopping on the 19th. She asked for volunteers to help her shop. She had \$790.00 and was looking for donations to help out as the club usually spends \$1,000.00 on the adopted family.

Mark asked Allie DeCampo if she had been in touch with Londonderry Lion Club about the hall rental for our Christmas party and she had. She said that they once again had forgotten us and no longer had January 10th available, but we could have either of the following two Saturday nights if we wanted them. Gayle Zelonis made a motion that we hold the party on January 17th using the same format of potluck and Yankee swap of no more than \$30.00 per person. Roger Collins second the motion and all were in favor. Ruth Wintle volunteered to be the contact person on potluck food items. Contact her at

meandamos@comcast.net or (603) 882-1936 and let her know what you are bringing. Starting time for the party is 6:00pm, but if you wish to help set up the tables etc, be there at 5:30.

Mark asked if the members wanted to have a December meeting. Cindy Collins made a motion that we not have a meeting in December, Emile Tetu second that motion and all were in favor.

The 50/50 drawing for \$50.00 was won by Rob Roy.

Claudia Fiedler's name was drawn for the attendance drawing worth \$20.00. She was not at the meeting so the next drawing will be worth \$30.00.

Bentley Hergut made a motion that we adjourn the meeting and Gayle Zelonis second the motion. All were in favor.

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

## ***MOOREMART STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS***

***Ruth Wintle***

At the October meeting I read two letters written to the Hudson/Litchfield News. One was from Paul Moore and the other was from State Representatives Lynn and Russ Ober regarding MooreMart. As some of you know, I worked for many years for Paul as his secretary/office manager/paralegal. He recently closed his law office and now is a full time judge sitting in the Derry Family Law Court. Paul (who is a disabled veteran himself) and his sister, Carole Moore-Biggio started MooreMart several years ago when their younger brother Brian was deployed to Afghanistan with his National Guard unit. Brian is a teacher and asked his brother and sister for teaching aids so that he could teach the local kids in his spare time. What started with sending Brian a few teaching aids and personal items for himself grew to packages every couple of months to soldiers over there, wounded soldiers in hospital, retired veterans and much, much more. MooreMart has opened two schools over there, sent thousands of soccer balls for the troops to interact with the local children, and send care packages to the troops themselves every couple of months.

Paul's request for Christmas stockings for the troops touched my heart and the Ober's letter told what to put in them so I brought these letters to the club to ask for your help.

Since the MooreMart stocking collection dates were not convenient for most, I offered to have an open house and make delivery of the stockings collected.

The club most generously gave me \$200.00 to make up some stockings and I managed to put together 25 with that money. I also e-mailed friends and asked them to join us in



the cause.

Those that couldn't get to my house sent me money to do more stockings and others sent me checks made out to MooreMart. It was wonderful.

I'm proud to say that I delivered 60 stockings to Mooremart on November 13th and they were very happy to receive them. They didn't quite make their goal of 4,000 stockings but did manage to collect over 3,300.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

*Ruth Wintle*

## *OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR WITH GCCC*

*Larry & Ingrid Goelz*

On September 27, 2008 we took delivery of our third Corvette from Dobles, a Victory Red roadster with black top. Previously we owned a 1985 coupe purchased in 1985 from Dobles, and a 1959 roadster purchased in 1967 (a project car). This 2008 was a retirement gift to us after I retired at the end of May 2007.

Remembering that Gate City Corvette Club used to show the club cars at the Nashua Mall in the 70's and 80's, we thought it would be appropriate to see if GCCC was still in existence and if so, to become members.

After contacting Dennis Granger regarding the club, reviewing the process for becoming members, we attended our first meeting on 12 September 2007 at Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester (we were happy that the meetings were in Manchester as we live in New Boston – however, this was the last meeting to be held at Dobles – go figure!). The next meeting was at Dan's house as the club did not have a meeting place and we did not attend. Our second meeting was in December where the club was introduced to MacMulkin's and were given a tour of the facilities. The Christmas party in January was our third event and we were accepted as members of GCCC. For 2008, we made every meeting but one, of course that one was pizza night!

When the Seacoast Vettes Calendar of Events came out, we reviewed all the events and decided what we would try to attend during the year. In the end, including GCCC picnics, we attended 15 events overall. It seems like we were on the road every other weekend doing something related to Corvettes. One of the first ones that we wanted to attend, Back to the Beach in Ogunquit, ME was booked. Looking forward to 2009, we met up with the folks who put on this event and now have a reservation for Back to the Beach II in June of 2009.

The events we attended were:

- 10 May – “Corvette Party at MacMulkins”
- 25 May – “Spring Fling” GCCC – we learned how to judge – at least the easy classes.
- 27 – 29 May – “Corvettes in Maine, Tour for a Cure” – Atlanta Corvette club got pledges for miles driven then drove from Atlanta to Maine with stops at various places; GCCC had 5 cars attend and all had a great time.
- 19 July – GCCC annual picnic at Emil and Sue's home; we ate well!
- 20 July – “Second Annual Great American Sports Car Challenge – Corvettes United of Central MA” – this was our first Show and Shine to participate in, entered into participants choice and took a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy.

- 26 July – Al and Carol’s picnic – again, great food, great company. How many Corvettes can Al squeeze on the front lawn?
- 3 Aug. – “38<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Club of Rhode Island Show & Shine” – great setting for a show, great weather, a well managed event, and best of all, we won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in Super Street.
- 9 Aug. – “Pirates of the Caribbean” GCCC – Great evening and everyone had a great time, especially Dan Latulippe!
- 14 – 17 Aug. – “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bethel Corvette Festival” in Bethel, ME, hosted by the Bethel Chamber of Commerce – we do not recommend this event for next year unless the Chamber can make some major changes like getting Corvettes in to participate. We had the opportunity to spend time with Ben Labaree and to get to know him and what he gives to Corvettes Conquer Cancer.
- 4 – 7 September – “35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mtn. Melee Reunion”, hosted by the Seacoast Vettes – on our way up to the event we connected with 6 cars from MA(1)/RI(6) (no club affiliations) and spent much of the time at the event with these folks, also connected with Ralph and Sandy who host the Back to the Beach event, enjoyed the company of Del and Nancy Liberty (who do the bulk of the work to put on Mtn. Melee), met the “Vulture”, and we just had a great 4 days. The accommodations at the Beacon Resort (we had a suite) were very clean (no “bugs”), very spacious, and the meals were very good (although we did complain about the “Italian Buffet” which Del promises will be much better next year. This was one of the best events we attended this year.
- 20/21 September – “Owls Head Transportation Museum Sports Car & Corvettes Meet” – another great event as this one has a lot of other sports cars in attendance, but the Corvettes outnumbered any others. Great museum, we had a wonderful lobster dinner at the museum, met up with 30+ Corvettes from the Monkton Corvette Club in Monkton, New Brunswick, Canada. We took out a membership to the museum and were notified that we won a trip for each of us on a biplane. Additionally, we met a great couple, Dick and Kathy, from Nantucket, MA who we have remained in contact with.
- 28 September – “Vettes to Vets” – what a turnout – over 165 Corvettes plus many sheet metal cars (those who did not want to take their Corvette out in the damp weather). Great turnout by GCCC!
- 4 Oct. – “Corvette Gathering”, by Corvettes United of Central MA – as indicated, it was a gathering and not a show and shine event. Just good conversation with great Corvette people. GCCC had a good showing at this event.
- 12 Oct. – “GCCC Cruise to Castle in the Clouds” – what a great day, the weather was outstanding, the location for our picnic on the Castle grounds was perfect, and all had a great time! Six couples attended.
- 26 Oct. – “Autumn Rallye” by Seacoast Vettes – this was the last event we attended in the season and was our first Rallye that we participated (Mtn. Melee had one but we did the cruise instead). GCCC had 6 couples attending. We got a 6<sup>th</sup> place trophy and had a great time. The weather started off damp but ended up being sunny and warm.

We would like to thank all the members of the club for helping us through the year as we learned. Special thanks to Cindy for her warm welcome on our arrival to the club, to Mark and Vicki for taking us under their wings for judging at Spring Fling, we learned a lot and look forward to next year’s event; to Mark for his willingness to put up with all my questions throughout the year, to Norm for his instructions on how to detail a car and for making Adams products available, to Lee and Al for figuring out our battery cables were loose on our Blazer which allowed us to get home from the club



picnic, to Dan/Norm/Mike for their suggestions on items to add to the Corvette, to Ruth for her great write-ups of events she and Amos attended, and to other NE Corvette Clubs for their events. A special thanks to Ben Labaree for his continued efforts in supporting Corvettes Conquer Cancer and for being a friend.

Since we took delivery of our Corvette, we have kept it on the road through all the seasons and now have 10,000 miles on it after 14 months. We have had a great time driving around in it; we have made many new friends, and look forward to another great year in 2009. Not sure we can do more events but we will see. To those who joined after us, and to those who will join, ask questions. Most folks in the club assume everyone understands the details behind the topic being discussed which leaves new members in the dark – ask questions! We would like to see more club participation in other club events (one day events had decent club participation but the multi-day events did not), and more technical sessions either by club members (we have some great “mechanics”) or visiting shops in the area, several times it was mentioned to visit Calloway.

It took us many months to “learn” that when members gather – whether on a cruise, a committee meeting, or just stuffing stockings – to bring “FOOD”, and not just a sandwich! We will try to do better in 2009.

One last item, if you attend an event, take pictures, do a write-up on the event and submit it to the GCCC newsletter, including pictures. If anyone wonders why, go to the Corvette Club of Rhode Island and read their newsletters. They are great!

Again, many thanks to all members of GCCC for helping to make this first year of membership meaningful and quite enjoyable. We look forward to working with all of you in 2009. We wish that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. See you at the January Christmas party!

*Larry and Ingrid Goelz*

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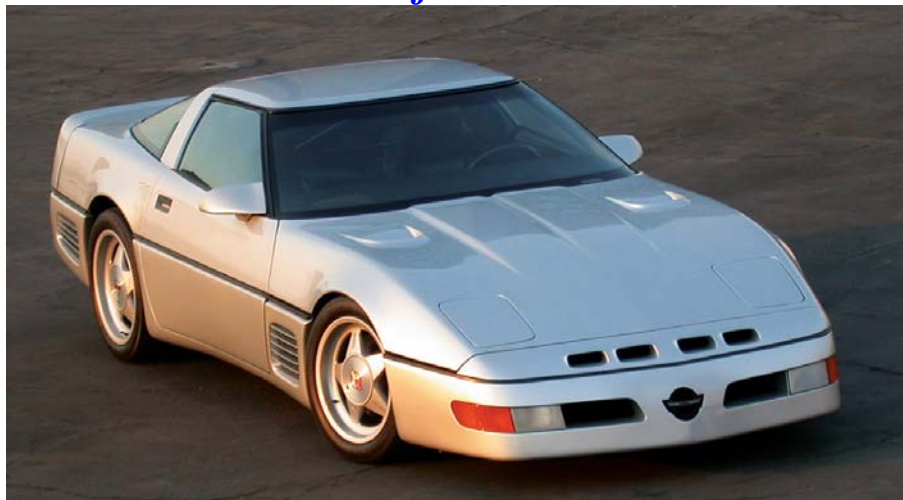
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## *Photo of the Month*



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