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## FIRST WORD

July is over and it was sort of a busy one for members. We had the annual picnic at Emile and Sue Tetu's home and as always everyone had a good time. Thanks Emile and Sue for the use of your home as always it is greatly appreciated.

Joe Michalik and I made it down to the Corvettes of CT show. Joe received 1st and I finished 3rd in the ZO6 class.

A group of members headed to Niagara Falls Canada. Once again raining cats and dogs all through Massachusetts but after some time it cleared. The drive was not too bad except for losing two of the cars in the Buffalo area. And after a while all made it to the hotel. Saturday started off of course washing all the cars. Then headed off to do the tourist things. Saturday night we had dinner with the host club and SSR club of Canada. And it rained while having dinner. Sunday morning came and of course the first thing was to wash the cars again, after that we headed off to the charity car show which was hot and humid. Norm Wood received 2nd place and I received 3rd, so now we have trophies from another country. There are plans in the works to return to Canada next year same time and the North Shore Corvette Club is planning to go along so mark your calendar for July 24, 2010.

Saturday August 1st we had another picnic at Jill DuPont's family home in Ashburnham, Ma. Thanks Jill for the use of the home I understand everyone that attended had a good time.

Saturday August 2nd was the Corvettes of RI show. The day was great and Gate City had 9 cars entered and many left with trophies in their classes. The big winner was Joe Michalik with his ZR-1. He received 1st in his class, best engine, best interior, best undercarriage and Best of Show. Congratulations Joe!

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!*

## *FIRST WORD*

*Continued*

Luckily the month of August is a little slower meaning time to get work done around the house. The only item I can see is the annual picnic at Joe and Carol Michalik's home on Sunday August 23rd starting at 1:00 PM; hope everyone can make it.

I looked for another article with regards to latest things going on with GM and the Corvette and did not find too much news so maybe something for next month.

Hope to see everyone at the next Meeting Friday August 14th, 7:00 PM.

Best Regards,  
*Dan Fiedler*  
*President*

## *SECRETARYS REPORT*

*Ruth Wintle*

### MINUTES OF THE JULY '09 MEETING

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

Membership Director, Dennis Granger welcomed new members, Dave and Sandra Ford. He also introduced Randy and Paula Mandra as prospective members.

Secretary Ruth Wintle stated that the Minutes of the June meeting were posted in Stress Kracks on the club web page. Carol Michalik made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. Allie DeCampo second the motion and all were in favor.

Treasurer, Lisa Herget, gave a "bottom line" as to the Treasurer's report and stated that the entire report is posted on the club web page. Michelle Roy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ingrid Grolz second the motion and all were in favor.

Officer at Large, Joe Michalik, read flyers from the upcoming events between this meeting and the next and also talked of the club's beach party day hosted by Jill and Mike Dupont at Jill's parent's lake front home in Ashburnham, MA on Saturday, August 1st. More will be posted via e-mail. Also that weekend is Voyage to the Vettes on August 2nd put on by Corvette Club of Rhode Island at Marina Park in South Kingstown. Joe also mentioned the cookout he and Carole host at their home on August 23rd at 1:00pm.

Vice President, Norm Wood reminded members of the invitation received from North Shore Corvette Club. Members will be cruising on July 14th to Sylvan's Grille in Peabody, MA. He also mentioned our club picnic at Emile and Sue Tetu's home on July 18th. This is a rain or shine day. He then spoke

of the July 14th trip to Niagara Falls and the August 27th thur 30th Carlisle weekend. Norm said that on August 1st the club will be leaving at 10:00am at Macy's parking lot to caravan to Ashburnham.

Under Old Business, Dan brought up the Corvettes Conquer Cancer luau which will happen on September 19th. Lisa and Bentley Herget held a meeting at their house and it has been decided that Scotch Pines will cater the event. They need people to take tickets to sell. They also need donation for the silent auction, live auction and penny sale table.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$43. was won by Jerry Kehoe.

Richard Steiger's name was drawn for the attendance drawing, but he was not at the meeting. Next month's drawing will be worth \$30.

There being no further business to discuss, Michelle Roy made a motion to adjourn. Mike Dupont second the motion and all were in favor.

Recording Secretary,  
*Ruth Wintle*  
*Secretary*

## *ACTIVITIES CORNER*

*Norm Wood*

Well August is here and I think summer has passed us by this year. With all the rain in June & July the Corvettes spend much of their time in the garages. Hopefully this fall will be drier and we can do some cruising.

Our trip at the end of July to Niagara Falls was a wet one. Six Corvettes left on Friday morning in down pours and hit rain most of the way until New York. We all made use of the hose furnished by the hotel that weekend. Sightseeing was enjoyed by the group Friday night and Saturday with occasional rain again. The car show on Sunday went well on a beautiful day with about 300 cars of all types attending. Tours of the winery were given throughout the day with special labeled wines offered. In the C6 class Norm Wood received a 2nd place and Dan Feidler received a 3rd place trophy, we were both beaten by a C6 with swing up doors.

Several members attended the Rhode Island Corvette Club Sow on August 2 with Joe Michalik, Dan Feidler and Bill Balcom coming home with trophies (now sure who else might have received one).

Also several members went for a cook-out in Ashburnham at Jill Dupont parent's camp on August 1st. It was a beautiful day to socialized and eat, which this Club seems to enjoy. Thanks to Jill and Mike Dupont for putting this event on and those who didn't attend you missed a great time.

On August 23rd at MacMulkin Chevrolet East Coast Camaro Club is hosting their 28th Annual All Vehicle Show from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Show registration is \$15.00 with donations going to Merrimack Valley Hospice House. I will be there with Dan and the Adam's Car Care trailer. More information is at [www.EastCoastCamaroClub.com](http://www.EastCoastCamaroClub.com). This is the same day as Joe & Carol Michalik's annual cookout, guess Dan & I will be arriving a little late for the food.

Don't forget to get your tickets to the Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser on September 19th. See Lisa or Bentley about tickets or donations for this worthwhile event.

Also on September 12th is the “Cruise Downtown 2009” on Elm Street in Manchester. Many members have attended this show in the past and we are looking for members who are going this year. Ray Nault has made arrangements for the Club to be together again as soon as he has a number of attendees. This is a good show with usually over 500 vehicles of all types on display. Let Ray or Dan know if you are going.

Next meeting is on Friday August 14th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet.

*Norm Wood*  
*Vice President*

## *PICNIC IN ASHBURNHAM*

*Ruth Wintle*

After all the crappy weather we’ve had, this day was a most welcome break. Amos and I drove to Townsend, MA to meet up with the caravan coming through from Macy’s. After waiting a bit and wondering if we had missed the group, there came Mike in the bright green Viper with a tail of Vettes behind him. We jumped into the line and were off. Just getting there is a really nice ride, especially in a Vette. Nicely treed roads most of the way with lots of twists and turns. Amos and I had some conversations about who was driving ahead of us and who was behind. I said I thought it was Norm and Sue ahead and Amos said that it couldn’t be because they had a convertible. Once we got closer to them we found it WAS Norm and Sue because of the NJW registration. And who was that in the orange Vette behind us? We couldn’t figure that one out until we were parking the cars and Amos said “They did it!” Well there was Al and Carol in their latest, an Atomic Orange Z06; something that Al was talking about wanting to buy.

When we arrived Jill was there to greet us. Her parent’s summer place is right on Sunset Lake and we all headed for the sun and sand. At least the ladies did. The guys headed for the shade, and there was a great breeze blowing in off the water for all to enjoy. After breaking out beverages and snacks we relaxed for a while and watched Zoey and Hailey play on the beach. Sandy and Dean thought they would be timid with the water, but they really liked it.

Jill and Mike soon fired up the grille and cooked burgers and dogs while we brought out the rest of the food. As usual there was a huge spread of everything, and we all enjoyed it thoroughly. And as typically happens, the afternoon flew by with lots of conversation, laughter and relaxation, and then it was time to pack it up and go. We all had a wonderful time and thank Jill and Mike for putting on the party and Jill’s parents for the use of their summer home.

For those of you who haven’t been to this picnic, try to make it next year (if Jill and Mike will arrange it again). It’s a great time.

Ruth and Amos Wintle  
Sandy, Dean, Zoey and Hailey Gagne  
Sue and Norm Wood  
Carol and Al Whittier  
Paulette and Lee Skarlett  
Cathe and Jerry Kehoe  
Carol and Joe Michalik





On August 2nd the Gate City Gang was up early, ready and departing the Chelmsford Rest Area on RT. 495 at 6:15 AM with 5 cars on our way to CCRI's Voyage to the Vettes Show –n- Shine at Marina Park in South Kingstown R.I. Those traveling met up with the Collins' crew that arrived the night before and stayed locally. Registration opened officially at 8:30, then cars were classified, parked and participants were off cleaning until the "Rags Down" announcement was proclaimed at noon. The show temperature was great although overcast and a concern by attendees (me included) as to when the rains would come. Fortunately it held off and all members made it home high and dry even after a stop for supper by Dan, Dennis, Carol and I. It turned out to be an enjoyable day and fun was had by all in attendance. The following is how members placed in their respective classes;

- Al and Carol Whittier – 2nd place in PCIR Class
- Bill Balcomb – 3rd place in B Class
- Roger and Cindy – 2nd place (didn't get the class)
- Dennis Granger – 1st place in PCIC Class
- Lisa Dole – runner up
- Randy and Paula – runner up in I Class
- John and Vicki Janowicz – 2nd place in I Class
- Lisa and Bentley Herget – runner up PCIR
- Dan Fiedler – 1st place in the Z06 Class
- Joe and Carol Michalik – 1st place in ZR-1 Class

Specialty trophies:

- Best Engine – Joe and Carol
- Best Interior – Joe and Carol
- Best Undercarriage – Joe and Carol
- Best of Show - Joe and Carol

I guess that I don't have to say that this was an unbelievable day for Carol and I as this was a personal best with our ZR-1 on the number of categories.



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## *Photo of the Month*

*2009 Summer Outing at the Tetu's and Carol's Real Birthday!*



**SAVE THE WAVE**

# August

2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tuesdays 5 PM to dusk at Sylvan St Grille, Peabody, MA - N. Shore Corvettes Cruise Night Wednesdays Applebee's Restaurant on Manchester Road, Derry, NH Live Band, Raffles, Giveaways, etc. Fridays Target Parking Lot, Route 101A Amherst St, Nashua, NH 5 PM to dusk until mid-fall Saturdays NH Mustang Club Cruise Night at Home Depot, route 102, Londonderry, NH						1 Cookout in Ashburnham, MA
2 CCRI's 39th Show'n Shine	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Cruise Nite @ NH Veterans Home	14 Monthly Meeting @ MacMulkin	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Cookout @ the Michalik's 1 PM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 National Corvette Caravan	31 National Corvette Caravan					

# September

2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 National Corvette Caravan	2 Corvette Caravan Arrives @ NCM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Monthly Meeting @ MacMulkin	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 CCC Luau at the Landing
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Vettes to Vets	28	29	30			
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