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FIRST WORD

It's hard to believe that we are now on the home stretch for fall as we're in September. If you have not notice driving by any wet areas the swamp maples are changing colors. I don't know about you but I'm not ready yet for fall and then winter. Guess it's time to start to think about getting the snowmobiles ready.

For those that support the American Cancer Society I hope you made contact with Bentley and Lisa Herget to help out and attend this year's Corvettes Conquer Cancer Fundraiser for those that haven't please reconsider. It is for a good cause.

As I write this there are a few of the clubs members enjoying themselves at Corvettes at Carlisle. Hope the weather is as good as always. Then from there Corvette owners from all of the US and Canada will be off to the National Corvette Museum for the 15th anniversary. Maybe any members that are attending can supply pictures and an article about the event for next month's newsletter. Joe and Carol Michalik along with Claudia and I will be at the museum the day after everyone from the anniversary leave, we will be there for the 7th annual ZO6 Fest. Look for pictures from that event next month.

September 27th is the Vettes to Vets day. Our fingers are crossed for good weather. Last year it rained cats and dogs but you know there still was a great turn out. At the meeting this month Norm Wood will be taking a count on those planning on attending and set up a meeting place. Folks it would be great if Gate City Corvette Club would have a full house meaning all members that are not doing anything special that day show their support for those that served our country proudly so that we can enjoy the beautiful cars we love so much. With about around 70 members which is about 35 cars wouldn't it be great to roll into the event with 25 to 30 cars. So what do you say take a few hours out of your day and join those of us that have gone to the event for that last 5 years. It's

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

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great to see the smiles on the men and women's faces as we drive into the lot. And the only cost is a bag full of items such a soap, shampoo, tooth paste etc. things that we all can afford to buy for them so if you don't have the list go to their website www.vettestovets.org and you can print the list from it. Take the list to the dollar store you will not believe what size bag full of items you will come out with for very little money. And if you can not attend and want to send down items give me a call or email and I'll make arrangements to pick up.

Once again I've done some research to look for things going on with GM and Corvette but had not too much success, maybe next month.

So for now remember if you have something interesting to write about get it to Dennis Granger and he'll make sure it gets into the newsletter. This is your club and you make it what it is.

The next Meeting is September 11, 2009 at MacMulkin at 7:00 PM

Best Regards,

Dan Fiedler
President

SECRETARYS REPORT

Ruth Wintle

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST '09 MEETING

President, Dan Fiedler, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and began by thanking MacMulkin for the use of their facility. He stated that the meeting would be a brief one as MacMulkin needed to close at 8:00pm.

Membership Director, Dennis Granger welcomed Randy and Paula Mandra, our newest members, and said that Rob Lemon was attending his second event. He also reminded members that club clothing can be ordered at Red Brick Clothing in Hudson.

Dan said that the Secretary's Report could be found in Stress Kracks on the club's web page and asked for motions from the floor. Jill Dupont made a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Meeting as reported in Stress Kracks. Dan Zelonis second the motion and all were in favor.

Lisa Herget gave bottom line figures of the Treasurer's Report and stated that the entire report could be found in the Members Only portion of the Web site. Michelle Roy made a motion to accept the report as published. Ray Nault second the motion and all were in favor.

Joe Michalik, Officer at Large, spoke of various events happening between the August and September meetings and also reminded members that Vettes to Vets is coming up September 27th and that it will happen one hour earlier this year.

Joe and Ray Nault spoke of the Elm Street, Manchester event on September 12th which normally hosts 700 to 800 cars and vendors. The beauty of this show is that you can come and go as you please. Ray's brother is securing selected parking for Gate City.

Dan spoke of the cruise to the Tilton Veteran's Home and said how much the veterans enjoyed seeing all the cars and talking with them.

Joe also stated that he and Carol would like a head count on how many members would be at their cookout August 23rd.

There was a general discussion on the Monday night cruise to the Bow Tie Shop in Billerica and it was agreed that it's a good night and it shows an on-going restoration of the '63 split window coupe. Jill and Mike suggested that the club take a trip to King Arthur Flour located off Rte. 89 where they have baking demonstration and the club (guys and gals) can do some baking. They said it could be great fun. They were asked to look into it.

Lisa Herget discussed the Corvettes Conquer Cancer dance and said she needs help with ticket sales.

Dan Fiedler won the 50/50 worth \$40.00 and donated it back to the club.
The \$30.00 attendance drawing was won by Dennis Granger.

Frank and Marion Saia came in during the meeting as first timers.

There being no further business, Michelle Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Roy second the motion. All were in favor.

Recording Secretary,

Ruth Wintle
Secretary

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood

Hey, what happened to summer? Two months of rain, then two weeks of hot humid weather and now cold nights with pleasant days. Fall is here and I dread what is behind it. In 8 weeks most of us will have our Corvettes bundled up and in hibernation for a long and cold winter.

But...first we have a couple of events coming up. On Saturday September 12 Cruiz'n Times is having their annual all vehicle show on Elm Street in Manchester. There will be between 500 - 700 vehicles involved with this show. A group of club members is planning on attending and if you are interested see Ray Nault.

Then on Saturday September 19th is the annual Corvettes Conquer cancer Fundraiser at Boire Airfield in Nashua. Call Lisa or Bentley to get your tickets now!!! Lisa & Bentley are in need of volunteers to help with the cleaning of the hanger, setting up decorations, helping with the auction and penny tables and clean-up the next day. If you can help with any if these projects, please call Lisa & Bentley. This is a very worthwhile project that we can all benefit from. If you have any donations or donated items,

get them to Lisa & Bentley as soon as possible. If you can't attend this function, why not buy some tickets as a donation.

On Sunday September 27, 2009 is the annual Vettes to Vets rally. This is a rain or shine event. Drive your car and bring those needed items for our veterans at this hospital. All proceeds and donations benefit the Bedford Veterans Hospital in Bedford, MA. Let's show our support for those who have sacrificed so much.

Also if the weather is good in the beginning of October maybe we can get a group of members for a cruise back to Castle in the Clouds.

I just got back from a very wet Corvettes at Carlisle. Attendance was down about 50% (in my opinion) from past years, not sure if it was the weather, the economy or both. There were many open areas where vendors should be and the Midway of Manufactures was about half of years past. At the Adam's tent we were busy most of the time, which goes to show you that Corvette owners are willing to keep their cars looking good no matter what the economy is.

Well let's see if we can get some cruises in before the cold white stuff begins to fall.

Hope to see you at the next Club meeting on September 11th at MacMulkin Chevrolet at 7:00 PM.

Norm Wood
Vice President



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PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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!

Letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the newsletter editor by the 30th 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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Photo of the Month

GCCC trophies from the August MacMulkin show



Corvettes Conquer Cancer



Luau at the landing

ALOHA

All cars, clubs, and people welcome to attend!

Special parking for all Corvettes!

Music, Dinner, Corvette Display

Silent Auction, Live Auction and other surprises!

Proceeds to benefit:

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
CORVETTES CONQUER CANCER

For tickets, please call
(978) 877-6390 or (978) 302-5023.

Only 225 tickets available; they
must be purchased by Sept. 13.

\$25.00 per person/ B.Y.O.B.
Hawaiian attire please!

Sorry, NO children.



Saturday, September 19, 2009

Nashua Airport (Boire Field)

Nashua, NH

6p.m. - midnight

Gate City Corvette Club Cancer Fundraiser



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH



SO THAT WE CAN ENJOY OUR CORVETTES IN COMPLETE FREEDOM

“Vettes to Vets”

Sunday, September 27, 2009

Honor our Veterans by joining in the 6th Annual Vettes to Vets Day

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009 – Rain or Shine
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Meet at 11:30 – Caravan to hospital departs at 11:45)
Meet At: Marriott Hotel* – Billerica, MA 270 Concord Rd, Billerica, MA • 978.670.7500
*same location as last year

The hotel is offering a **fantastic rate** for those who wish to stay Saturday night - \$59/night! Call the Marriott at 978-670-7500 and mention Vettes to Vets when reserving your room. In addition, the hotel is offering a special rate on their Saturday evening buffet for \$15 and Sunday Breakfast for \$7.95/pp (which is half price for Vettes to Vets attendees). Please be at your car at 11:30 for a drivers meeting. We will depart for the Veterans Hospital at 11:45.

Directions: ***From the South,** take 128/95 to Rte 3 North to Concord Rd, exit 27
Left at end of ramp, left at 2nd light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millipore
Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel
***From the North,** take Rte 3 South to Concord Rd, exit 27
Left at end of ramp, left at next light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millipore
Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel

Show Site: Bedford Veterans Hospital, Bedford, MA • Gold Star Mother's Day

Over 200 cars came out last year to show their respect and support for our Veterans!

- Veteran's Choice Trophy presented to one lucky car.
- One Commemorative Pin given to every car.
- Honor Guard – Live Music – Chow Line

There is no admission fee, but we ask each car to prepare a 'goodie bag' of items that will make the veterans comfortable on a daily basis. If possible, please bring an American flag to wave on the caravan to the hospital.

**These veterans have given up a significant part of their lives
so we may enjoy ours in complete freedom.**

“Come and show your appreciation to those who served”

Info: Ron Morneau 978.777.0883 / Karen Blandini 781.858.1810 / Jim Smith 978.788.8235

www.vettestovets.org

Items Needed by Men and Women Veterans

- Full sized afghans
- Bibs
- Wheelchair bags
- Board games
- Chess / Checker sets / Cribbage boards
- Men's clothing: New sweatpants / sweatshirts, white socks, underwear, sweaters, washable slippers, sneakers with Velcro laces, hats, gloves, Winter or Spring jackets, scarves
- Women's clothing: knee socks, washable slippers, sweaters, jogging or warm-up suits, colored T-shirts, walking shorts, hats, gloves, scarves, belts, Winter or Spring jackets
- Overnight bags / suitcases
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Denture cleaner
- Poligrip
- Body wash liquid soap
- Baby shampoo
- Disposable razors
- Electric razors (rechargeable, new only)
- Electric pre-shave lotion – alcohol free
- Aftershave lotion
- Cosmetics
- Hand and body lotion
- Hair dryers
- Hair brushes / combs
- Electronics – TV's, stereos, Walkman radios

Check donations are accepted as well.

Please make checks payable to **Vettes to Vets** and note 'GPF 9001' in the memo section of the check.

Your Freedom Is Protected By the U.S. Armed Forces.

It is the soldier, not the bishop, who gave us freedom of religion.

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.

*It is the soldier who salutes the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

September	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 Manchester Elm St Cruise
	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			
2009	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						

October	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3
	4 Vettes in the Village	5	6	7	8	9 Monthly Meeting @ MacMulkin	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2009							