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### Nov Reminders:

-- This month's meeting  
Nov 13th!

-- Board elections this month!

-- We need volunteers for  
President!!



## FIRST WORD

Well folks another year has flown by. I don't know why but when I was younger it seemed the time went a heck of a lot slower. Next thing you know it will be time to pack the suitcases for a trip out of the cold and into the sunshine.

This month is of course the election of officers for the upcoming 2010 year. A ballot was sent out to the members via e mail and a few folks that cannot make the November meeting have sent in their votes, if you cannot make the meeting in November make sure you fill out the ballot and get it back to me.

I've been searching the internet looking for items to pass onto the membership about GM and the Corvette and have come up pretty empty. I've read about things like now the C7's will be coming out in 2012 and that there will be only a standard Coupe and the Grand Sport and the ZR1 and no more ZO6's but who know's, I guess we will have to wait and see.

On another note it seems things are really changing in the Corvette Club's of the New England area. I was with a few members from other club for a meeting on ways to get Corvette owners together and at the same time raise money for the National Corvette Museum. During the meeting I heard that Corvettes United will no longer be hosting any type of car show in the coming future. One of the reasons I heard was that they did not have a lot of sponsors and without sponsors it's hard to come up with the money needed. That being said there are now only 3 point judged shows that I know of in New England of course one being ours. It seems that more and more Corvette owners don't want to be bothered with shows, but for those that do come I personally can tell you that all of the folks that come to our show tell me that during the winter months they look forward to Spring for they can come to our show, and see all their friends they haven't seen for a few months.

**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 for Gate City Corvette Club members!

## *FIRST WORD (Continued)*

*Dan Fiedler*

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I strongly hope that we at Gate City will never get to the point of not having a show.

Remember the monthly meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and it is election night. Hope to see everyone.

Best Regards,

*Dan Fiedler*  
*President*

## *SECRETARYS REPORT*

*Ruth Wintle*

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### MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER '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 asked if anyone was having difficulty receiving Stress Kracks on the web, and if so to contact Dennis Granger.

Membership Director, Dennis Granger stated that there were no new or perspective members at the meeting.

Secretary, Ruth Wintle, stated that the Minutes of the September meeting were posted in the latest Stress Kracks. Bob Roy made a motion to accept the minutes as written which was second by Jim Miller. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer, Lisa Herget, gave a bottom line report of the balance in our treasury. Michele Roy made a motion that we accept the report as given and Jim Miller second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Officer at Large, Joe Michalik, read various flyers regarding upcoming events for October and early November including a swapmeet at Stafford Spring at Thompson Speedway in CT on November 7<sup>th</sup>. And a toy show on November 27<sup>th</sup> in Dedham, MA.

Norm Wood, Vice President, spoke of Spindle City's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New England Scenic Coastal Cruise October 18 beginning at 10:00am at Stonewall Kitchen, York, ME and cruising to Old Orchard for a clambake. He also spoke of the October 25<sup>th</sup> Autumn Rallye put on by Seacoast Vettes. He also spoke of the trip to Castle in the Clouds on Sunday.

Dan related that Ben Labaree had dinner with him and Claudia and the Michaliks when they were in Bowling Green and that Ben is doing well and is happy in Alabama.

Lisa Herget gave a report on the Corvettes Conquer Cancer dance and said that it raised more than \$1500.00 for the American Cancer Society. Everyone had a good time that evening.

Dan asked the Nominating Committee, Gayle Zelonis and Mike Dupont, who the nominees were for the upcoming election and quite a few names were given for various offices. A ballot will be sent by e-mail to all members prior to the November elections.

Dan then brought up the budget and asked for suggestion and discussions on where to spend the balance of monies in the treasury. After much discussion a motion was made by Mike Dupont and second by Rob Lemon that after the \$337.80 was sent to the Nashua Soup Kitchen we would donate \$500.00 to the Jaimie Cates fund. Jaimie Cates is the eleven year old girl who was badly injured by four teenage home invaders that also murdered her mother.

The club then discussed the stocking drive for military people through MooreMart and Ruth Wintle said she would issue an e-mail to the membership regarding the matter.

The club discussed the Christmas party. A motion was made by Mike Dupont and second by Dave Ford to again hold the party at the Londonderry Lions Hall in January. All were in favor. Allie DeCampo will secure the hall.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$30.00 was won by Rob Lemon.

Dan Zelonis won the \$20 attendance drawing.

There being no further business Bob Roy made a motion to adjourn which was second by Jill Dupont. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## ***ACTIVITIES CORNER***

***Norm Wood***

What is with this weather in New England? Here it is starting the 2nd week of November, I am cleaning the Corvette up to put it in storage for the winter and the sky is blue with temperatures in the upper 60's. If I don't put the car away and keep it out for a cruise, then with my luck we will have a snow storm before the next chance I will have to put the car up. This weather is better now than what we had in June & July (remember all that rain).

Just got back a couple of weeks ago from a trip out to San Francisco to visit our niece at Stanford University. The weather was great from low 50's at night to mid 70's during the day. This time of year the leaves fall off the tree and they start their rainy season. The rest of the 9 months there is very little rain, so when I was looking around at the local cars they were not dirty. Most of the convertible tops stay down for days and there is no humidity. We did a lot of sightseeing around the area and through the Santa Cruz Mountains. The switch back road system up through the mountains was breath taking, wish I had the Corvette there. Speeds of 50+mph on 2 lane roads with very few guard rails to stop cars from taking 100+ ft drop offs. Not many people survive car accident in these areas. The views were beautiful and you could see upwards of well over 50 miles away. (Note my niece's boyfriend did take me for a ride in his BMW Z4 convertible on these roads at over 70mph, all I can say is WOW what a ride!)

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Well back to reality and New England weather. This season is at an end with no more shows or cruises scheduled. We have made contact with the Londonderry Lions Club for use of their hall for our Annual Holiday Party. I believe we are scheduled for Saturday January 16th for our event.

Club elections are being held at the next meeting on Friday November 13th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Please attend so you can vote for your favorite candidate. For those who don't attend, beware your name could be nominated for one of those vacant positions. So attend so you can decline those nominations. The last two people that were nominated for the President position had to step down for medical reasons. We are in desperate need of nominations for a President to lead this club over the next year.

Hope to see everyone at our next very important club meeting on Friday November 13th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet.

*Norm Wood*  
*Vice President*

### *SEACOAST VETTE'S AUTOMN RALLYE/WALLYE*

*Ruth Wintle*

Sunday, October 25th came up a great day considering the rain that blanketed the area the day before. Amos and I set the alarm for 6:00am which is pretty early now that we are retired folk that usually loll about in bed until 7:00 or so. Up we got and had a coffee then drove over to Alvirne High School to meet Dan and Gayle Zelonis at 7:30. We chose to go up Rt. 102 to 101 etc. and the drive was still pretty although the really colorful leaves were more or less down. Not much traffic on the road so we had a nice leisurely trip up to York, Maine.

Although the rallye began at The Cliff House we decided to have breakfast at Norma's on Rte. 1 since it is considerably less expensive and we didn't have the time to enjoy the leisurely and lovely breakfast that The Cliff House offers.

We ran into Del and Nancy Liberty at Norma's and it was really nice to see them again. After a good breakfast it was off to the Cliff House to sign up. Once we got inside we found Ingrid and Larry Goelz.

Gayle and Dan were signed in as one of the first teams out, but Amos and I were one of the last. That's what you get for chatting with everyone.

This rallye was really a walleye since there wasn't one question that had to be answered in the car. We drove to Perkins Cove, found parking (no mean trick), and then were off to find clues and scavenger items. Such fun! After answering everything at that location we followed directions to downtown Ogunquit and were off again hunting down clues, answering TV trivia questions and trying to gather scavenger items. As usual, some questions were a snap and others were stumpers, but it was all fun. Amos and I didn't have one argument. Gayle and Dan were arguing before they even left the Cliff House. So funny.

Anyhow when we had answered all we could we headed down to The Barn to turn in our answers and scavenger items, and wait for the last of the people to get back and get the scores tallied. The Barn is nice enough to put out a couple of pizzas for the crowd and we also ordered food after a few hours on the road.

In the end Amos and I placed 6th . There was a 3 way tie for 3rd, 4th, and 5th and Larry and Ingrid took 4th while the battling Zelonis' took 2nd place.

It was a fun and if you haven't done a rallye/wallye before you ought to try one.

*Ruth Wintle*



## ADVERTISEMENTS

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### **FOR SALE:**

Set of Klass KF-300 chrome Forged 3 piece wheels for a C6 (non-Z06). I believe they will fit C5's as well but the rears may stick out past the fenders some. I had these on my 2006 Coupe and they fit and look great.

The fronts are 19"x10" with a 1 3/4" lip and the rears are 20"x12" rears with a 3 1/4" lip. These wheels were designed to accept the factory tire pressure sensors (not included). The fronts weigh 24.4lbs each and the rears weigh 29lbs each. I was running 275/30R19's on the fronts and 305/25R20's on the rears without issue. The valve stems are hidden behind the face for a cleaner look.

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## *Photo of the Month*

*Amos & Ruth at the Seacoast Vette's Autumn Rallye*





# November

| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                               | Sat |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1    | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6                                 | 7   |
| 8    | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Monthly Meeting @ MacMulkin | 14  |
| 15   | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20                                | 21  |
| 22   | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27                                | 28  |
| 29   | 30  |     |     |     |                                   |     |
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# December

| Sun  | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri                          | Sat |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----|
|      |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4                            | 5   |
| 6    | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11<br>No meeting this month! | 12  |
| 13   | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                           | 19  |
| 20   | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                           | 26  |
| 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |                              |     |
| 2009 |     |     |     |     |                              |     |