

# Stress Kracks

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-- Board of Directors Nominees  
needed!!

-- Cruise to Castle in the Clouds  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays!

Michele Roy

Lee Scarlett



## FIRST WORD

It seems like yesterday I was writing a newsletter for September. We are in the final days of the season for driving the Corvettes. Guess maybe we should live in the south for the winter that way we could drive all year long.

September there were a couple of things for members to do one being the Baking event organized by Jill and Mike Dupont, I'm sure more will be written about elsewhere in the newsletter and if not talked about at the October meeting. And second was the Vettes to Vets event. The day was great, sunny to start and rain to follow on drive home but if you have not heard it was a record. 327 cars so the lawn area was packed and not sure any more could have been placed on the lawn. I want to once again thank the members that took the time out of their schedule to come along.

There is talk about maybe having another picnic this year at the Castle in the Clouds as we have done the past two years. The date at this time being suggested is Sunday October 10th, more to come about at the next meeting. Hopefully your schedules will allow you to come along.

Looks like a car show will be coming back next season, I received a e mail from Corvettes United, they are thinking about having an all car show next year.

The club will be taking nomination this month for elections if you interested in running for office contact Mike Dupont or Larry Shields.

The next monthly meeting is Friday October 8th at 7 PM at MacMulkin.

**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 Feidler*

Drive safe with a smile.

*Dan Feidler*  
*President*

*ACTIVITIES CORNER*

*Larry Goelz*

What a weekend the club just had. On Saturday 25 September, there were 22 members sitting in Vermont attempting to create brownies and tarts, then on Sunday the club was able to assemble 33 members (or 34 if we include honorary member Tom Thompson Jr.) to the annual Vettes to Vets event held every Gold Star Mothers Sunday (last Sunday in September). I am extremely proud that so many members elected to attend this special event. There were 327 Corvettes at the event which is a record. To top that, the day started out with the sun and it was dry for the entire event. Maybe next year we can beat our record of members attending. About 14 members took advantage of the very reasonable price for a room and spent Saturday night at the hotel, finding old friend, making new ones, and just having a pleasant evening. Members attending\*:

Dan & Gayle Zelonis	Ruth & Amos Wintle	Bill & Vera Balcom
Al & Carol Whittier	Joe & Carol Michalik	John & Carol Slavin
Ron & Denise Cote	Ray & Lynn Nault	Bob & Carol-Ann DiMeo
Jessie Pearl & Brian Higgins	Larry & Heather Shields	Roger & Cindy Collins
Mark & Pauline Collins	Larry & Ingrid Goelz	Dan Feidler
Norm Wood	Lisa Dole	Dennis Granger
John Bosco		

\* If I have forgotten anyone please let me know.

Well, back to the “baking” event. Just to let everyone know, the prize for the person most likely to be taken as a baker was none other than our President. Here he is in full form:

Looking outside, the leaves are turning and starting to spread out over the lawns and roadways. This year there are more acorns than even the squirrels' need and as we drive around, the acorns seem to target the cars as they pass under the oak trees. This is a sign that our 2010 Corvette season is coming to a close and soon the cars will be put away not to return until next season. There are still some events on the Seacoast Corvette calendar (and others that did not get into it. One that Ingrid and I attend each year (as do other members of GCCC) is the Seacoast Corvettes Walking Rally generally held in the



Ogunquit area of Maine. This year it is being held on Sunday 31 October, with all participants meeting at Cliff House from which the rally begins at 10 AM. Other events during October include Vettes at the Village Corvette Gathering held at Mystic, CT on 10 October, and Corvettes United Halloween Bash held on 23 October in Westboro, MA. The Corvettes of Mass Sports Car Club has 2 more events, one on 9/10 October held at their home track, and the second held in New Jersey Motorsports Parkway in Millville, NJ (more info at [www.comscc.org](http://www.comscc.org)).

Hopefully many of you can get out and enjoy this year's foliage. As we drove up to Norwich, VT for the baking event, the colors were approaching peak and were looking quite nice. If anyone is thinking about taking a cruise to view the foliage, send a note to the club members to see if others would like to join you. Happy Leaf Peeking!

*Larry S. Goelz*

*Vice President*

## *SECRETARYS REPORT*

*Jill Dupont*

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### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 MEETING

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

Membership Director, Dennis Granger asked if anyone had difficulty receiving the newsletter. There were no issues. If anyone is interested in club clothing please contact Dennis.

There was a motion by Roger Collins to accept the Secretary's Report which was seconded by Bob Roy. All members were in favor.

Treasurer, Ruth Wintle reviewed the club finances. There was a motion by Michele Roy to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Ingrid Goelz.

Officer at Large, Joe Michalik reported that mail was light and read information on upcoming events.

Vice President & Activities Director, Larry Goelz reported that the Adirondack Vette Fest was a fun event. Ruth read a trip report. Larry discussed Vettes to Vets and encouraged Club participation. People will be meeting at 8:00AM on Sunday September 26th at the Kohl's parking (in the strip mall) in Nashua, at Exit 6 off Rt. 3.

The King Arthur Flour baking event is scheduled for September 24th in Norwich VT. Those who signed up will be meeting at 8:00AM on Saturday September 24th at Macy's in Bedford, NH (and leaving by 8:15AM). The class will begin at 10:30AM and will last 3 hours. We are making:

Decadent Whole Wheat Brownies

Honey Ganache Tart with Chocolate Pastry

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business:

Mike Dupont will lead the nominating committee for Club Officers.

Cindy Collins made a motion to make a club donation to Vettes to Vets. Carol Michalik seconded the motion and it was passed.

The tentative date for the GCCC Christmas party is January 8, 2011.

The club discussed its charitable contributions made this year. It was agreed that an additional funds would be given to Adopt a Family and that an equal amount would be given to the Nashua Soup Kitchen. This brings the 2010 GCCC contribution to \$1,000.00 for each.

A motion was made and passed to bring the remaining Treasury balance forward to 2011. This was proposed by Norm Wood and seconded by Ingrid Goelz.

Dan reported that the next GCCC meeting would be held on Friday October 8, 2010 at 7:00PM.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$32.00 was won by Bill Balcom and \$32.00 went to the GCCC Treasury. The attendance drawing winner was Heather Shields for \$10.00.

There being no further business to discuss Bob Roy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carol Michalik.

*Mike Dupont*  
*Stand In Recording Secretary*

## *KING ARTHUR FLOUR COMPANY*

*Jill Dupont*

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On September 25th 22 club members drove to the King Arthur Flour (KAF) Company in Norwich, Vermont. The day was warm and sunny and the foliage on the ride up was beautiful. Upon arriving there was time to get something to eat at the King Arthur bakery and store before beginning our class.

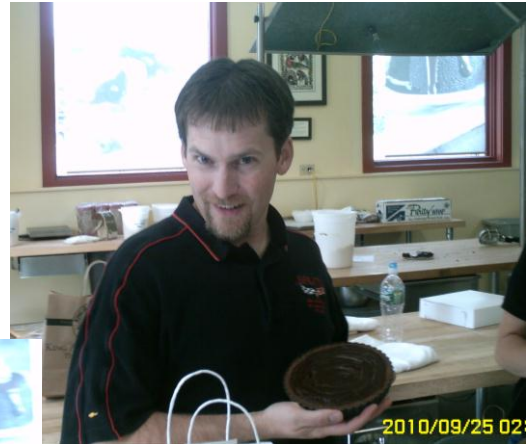
We were instructed by Jessica Meyers (KAF employee of 9 years) and the founder's son Nick (one of Jessica's Assistants). Reputations were at stake as there was also a contest with titles to be claimed. Jessica was our judge. The categories were: **Best All Around Baker**, **Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Baker**, and **Least Likely to be Mistaken for a Baker**. The final category was **King Arthur's Choice** which was the car that the King Arthur staff liked most. Surprisingly, Jessica (the instructor) drove her father's corvette that day, a 1956 convertible.

Over the next 3 hours everyone whipped up Double Fudge Whole Wheat Chocolate Brownies and an Extreme Chocolate Tart.

The contest winners were:  
Norm and Sue Wood – King Arthur's Choice  
Dan Fiedler – Best All Around Baker  
Dennis Granger - Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Baker  
No one qualified for Least Likely to be Mistaken for a Baker!

Thanks to everyone who attended and made the day a success! Hopefully we'll have enough interest to make this an annual event.

## King Arthur Photos



## Adirondack Photos



Amos and I left the house at 8:30am with the back of the Vette packed with all we could fit in it. Would it be warm or cold in Lake George? Weatherman said 50s, 60s and maybe 70s. Big temperature spread to cover and not much space. Got to Macys by 9:00 and most everyone was there already for the 9:30 departure. Leaving for the weekend was: Dan and Claudia, Norm and Sue, Jesse and Brian, Joe and Carol, Bob and Michelle, Bill and Vera, Al and Carol, Mike and Allie, Dan and Gayle and Amos and me. Linda and Brad would be coming later as Linda had to work in the morning. It was a beautiful day...clear, cool and breezy...perfect for a nice long cruise. Dan said he'd keep his speed between 70 and 72. And we were off!

When we passed the Hooksett rest area we saw Larry and Ingrid waiting to meet somebody to go to Mt. Melee.

The trip was uneventful going north, but that changed once we stopped for lunch at the Farmers Diner in Quechee Gorge. We were seated at 3 tables, 2 tables of eight and 1 table of four with two different waitresses. We would have been better off if only one waitress took care of all of us. As it was, one of the tables of eight waited an hour for their food. Everyone else had finished eating including a party of 4 who had come in after us. And the place wasn't busy. We had a few laughs at the hungry ones expense. Carol W and I were looking at our checks thinking they needed to put some ink on the rollers when we realized we were looking at the back of the checks. Blonde moment. Our waitress had no problem giving us separate checks, but the hungry ones got one check and it had an 18% gratuity added. She wouldn't give them separate checks!

And we were back on the road again until we stopped for gas and for Bob to change a fuse so that he had brakes lights again. And by the way, Dan lied to us. We at the back of the line were doing 85 at some points.

We arrived at Roaring Brook at 2:30ish, checked in, hung out the Gate City banner and the Gate City Corvette Club was in the house. Everyone went in their rooms to unpack and found that hair dryers and clocks were not in the offering. The rooms were rustic but comfortable. We then gathered on the balcony for a couple of drinks, some snacks and to relax. Dan was so relaxed he dropped a moon which Joe got a picture of. Will we ever see that pic again?

Linda and Brad arrived in time to go to dinner. Dinner was typical large crowd food but palatable. We ran out of butter and creamers which didn't please anybody and wouldn't you know that again one of our tables was the last to be served. Many were from the group that had to wait an hour for their lunch which gave rise to a lot of ribbing again.

After dinner we were led to a large parking lot near the Million Dollar Beach where we set up our chairs right along the road to watch the street rods cruise by. Incredible cars were seen and as the night went on we were yelling "light 'em up" etc., and don't you know we were only feet away from where they started doing controlled burn-outs. Awesome. There was enough burned rubber and exhaust fumes in the air to make your eyes burn. Gayle and my favorite was an old milk truck, the kind that Hood Milk used to use when I was a kid, which had been all done over. It was parked across the road from us and was called the Milk Shake...appropriately. When he started it up you knew it was nothing to mess with. He let it warm up a bit and then he really took off.

Amos and I had ridden with Gayle and Dan that night and somehow trying to get back to the lodge we got into the traffic going downtown. We were in the processional with the rest of the hot rods and people were yelling at us "Light 'em up Cruiser". We had a good laugh.

Once we got back to the lodge we called it a night at around 10:30. The next thing I knew Amos was waking me up at 7:30 'cause we were meeting for breakfast at 8:00. Everyone was complaining that there was no hot water or heat although Amos and I didn't have a problem once you got used to the faucets. Over breakfast we decided not to go on the planned cruise to Saratoga etc. and just shop our way around Lake George while the guys went to the hot rod show. Good idea. Parked again in the same place which was quite a hike up-town, but there just wasn't any parking places anywhere else. So we hiked. Did some good shopping and a lot of looking (since we don't have any space left in the Vette) and then met up with the guys at DJ's Nite Club for a bite to eat. Then we hiked back to the cars and broke out the chairs for a rest on the shady grass...lovely.

Back to the lodge for a nap and shower, then cocktails on the balcony where Bobo the monkey emerged from Dan F's personality. He has it down pretty good and had Linda laughing. When it was time for the official cocktail hour we went up to the lodge. Outside the lounge they were selling 50/50 tickets and also had different items you could buy tickets for. We all bought some to support their charity and maybe win something. When it was time to go into the dining room Linda took Bobo by the hand and brought him in. Dinner seemed to go a little smoother with the wait staff and the meal was pretty good.

After dinner it was time to do the drawings and Gate City did pretty well: Bob won a signed print by a local artist; Jesse won a large autographed Corvette print; Gayle won a red sweatshirt; and I won some chocolate sundae syrup. Carol M won the 50/50 worth \$232.

We then went back to the lounge where Bobby Dick and the Sundowners began playing. They had a good sound and played lots of oldies which got Gate City moving. Fun night.

Up again at 7:30 and off to breakfast. Rain is now a certainty and expected by 11:00 am so Al and Carol decide to leave rather than drive in rain and crap and also miss his Patriots game. We have decided to leave also as Amos is not confident in the new windshield wipers he installed just before the weekend. Speaking with Dan Z, he and Gayle left before the show ended when it started getting cold and windy. They ran into heavy traffic trying to get out of Lake George.

Dan F said that Bill won a trophy and that the rain did begin at 11:00. He said they out ran the rain about 25 miles out of town and had an uneventful ride back home. It was a great weekend and I highly recommend doing it again.

## *PUBLISHING INFORMATION*

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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!

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## *Photo of the Month*

The proud bakers at King Arthur Flour Company



## *Trivia of the Month*

***What year was the convertible dropped during C3 production?***

### ***Last month's trivia:***

What model year did Corvette move from the St. Louis plant to the new Bowling Green, KY plant?

### ***Answer:***

For 1981 Corvette moved from St Louis to the then new high tech facility in Bowling Green.



## 2010 Activities & Events

Friday Oct 8 – meeting  
 Club Officer Nominations (to be taken from the floor)  
 Absentee Ballots due back to Club Secretary prior to  
 the Election Meeting

Friday Nov 12 – meeting  
 2011 Club Officers Election Meeting

\*No December meeting – Happy Holidays!

		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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	3		4	5	6	7	8 Club Meeting	9	
	10 Castle in the Clouds		11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17		18	19	20	21	22	23 Corvettes United Halloween Bash	
	24		25	26	27	28	29	30	
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2010									



# *Norm's Detailing*

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