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FIRST WORD

At this point in the year we look for any remaining events to attend as well as planning for putting the cars in storage. It seems like only a month or so ago we were just kicking off the Corvette season. Looking back club members have attended many events throughout New England and beyond. That means we are enjoying our cars instead of just letting them sit in a garage. So, enjoy the remaining events and start getting the cars ready for storage. It will be here much sooner than you think.

At the past meeting Joe Michalik volunteered to head up the Election Committee with Susan Wood and Mike Dupont assisting. It is time to find candidates for all the positions and be ready to vote at the November election. If you would like to seek a position on the ballot, please contact one of the above as soon as possible.

If any of you are wondering what is happening in the Corvette community between now and the end of October, contact Bob Roy and ask. He has all the events and activities in his notebook and will be glad to let you know.

Again I would like to ask all members to consider attending this year's Vettes to Vets, which will be held on the last Sunday of September, the 25th. This event is in honor of our Veterans and is held at the Bedford Veterans Hospital in Bedford, MA. For information go to www.vettestovets.org.

Just a reminder that Red Brick Clothing is our official source to purchase clothing with the Club Logo on it. Information is available on our web site for Red Brick – go to our site, look under Links, then select [Club Apparel](#). If you do not find an item or color you want, you can use the links on the page to go to Red Brick's listing of products and browse there. If you find items that you think should be on our page, send Lisa Dole an email with the information and I am sure she can add them.

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)

Larry Goelz

That's it for this issue. Hope many of you will be able to attend the October club meeting on the 14th, starting at 7 PM on the second floor of MacMulkin Chevrolet. I have noticed a decline in attendance in the past several meetings and more of you need to consider attending. I would ask that you try to make the meeting as we will be reviewing the nomination committee progress and getting updates on plans for the Xmas Party.

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN IN 2011!!!

Larry S. Goelz
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jill Dupont

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2011 MEETING

President, Larry Goelz, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM thanking MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility. He asked if everyone received the newsletter and everyone in attendance said they had. Larry also mentioned that in the months of July, August and September (to date) the club has had good attendance at events. Larry specifically mentioned Corvettes at Carlisle and other club's cruise nights. Larry reminded those in attendance that Seacoast Vettes will have their Annual Autumn Rally in Maine on October 30th. For more information please follow this link:

http://www.seacoastvettes.com/wp30/?page_id=16

Membership Director, Lisa Dole reported that there were no new or prospective members in attendance. Club clothing can be ordered (by existing and prospective members) via the link on the club's website for the GCCC/Red Brick store. Lisa reminded everyone they can look at other apparel aside from our standard items at the Red Brick Web site. GCCC window decals were distributed to Cathy Pratt as she and Rick are newer members and did not have one.

There was a motion by Sue Wood to accept the Secretary's Report which was seconded by Dan Fiedler. All members were in favor.

Officer at Large, Bob Roy read information on upcoming events. Bob reminded those in attendance that Vettes to Vets will be held on Sunday September 25th.

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/northeast/2889923-vettes-to-vets-2011-sunday-sept-25th-massachusetts.html>

On October 2nd from Noon-3:00PM Porsche of Nashua is holding its 4th Annual OctoberVettes event.

<http://www.porschenashua.com/dealership/octoberfest-2011.htm> Also on October 2nd is the Run for the Roses event starting at the Whitman, MA VFW in memory of Rachel and Lillian Entwistle. Registration begins at 8:30AM and participants will leave at 11AM.

http://www.rachelandlillianrosefoundation.org/Run_for_the_Roses.html

Also on October 2nd Vettes in the Village will be held in Mystic, CT – this is a corvettes only non-judged event with door prizes and drawings. http://www.carshowfinder.org/events/vettes-in-the-village_2945.htm

On Saturday October 8th the Bow Tie Shop in Billerica, MA will hold their 5th Annual Open House from 10-2PM. Meet the staff of the Bowtie Shop, as well as socialize with other customers and friends that share our passion. Coffee, beverages, bagels, muffins, sandwiches and other goodies will be served. As a gesture of their appreciation, they will give away several car-related items. One raffle winner will be announced every thirty minutes from those in attendance. Raffle items will escalate in value over the course of the Open House so be sure to register when you arrive so you won't miss out. Bring your favorite car to display and enter the Ladies Choice Contest. Voting will occur from 10 a.m. to 12:45 and the winner will be announced at 1:00 o'clock and presented with their prize. All antique and new car owners and enthusiasts are welcome!

The 5th Annual Cape Cod Corvettes Fun Rally will be held on October 21-22nd in South Yarmouth, MA. There is a limit of 75 teams so register early. <http://www.capecodcorvetteclub.com/capecodcorvetteclub.html>

Ruth Wintle drafted a summary of VetteFest which was held in Lake George, NY on September 9th-11th. Four couples from the club attended and had a great time (after they left the local rain behind).

Vice President, Norm Wood went into additional detail about Vets to Vettes. For those members who are not staying at the hotel on Saturday night but would like to go to the evening buffet that evening please call Karen Blandini so that you can be included in the headcount for the meal. There will be a breakfast buffet for \$10/person for those staying overnight and arriving in the morning. Last year there were over 300 cars that participated in the rain! Don't miss this great event and opportunity to say "thank you" to our Veterans!

Old Business:

Larry reminded members that club elections would be held in November. Discussion of a Nomination Committee was held. Joe Michalik arrived late and immediately tagged with the honor of heading the committee up and will be assisted by Sue Wood and Mike Dupont! Two officers have to be replaced because they have held office for 2 years (these include that of Secretary and Treasurer). The other offices are available but incumbents if willing and able can re-run. Under pressure Mike Dupont volunteered to be available for consulting if assistance was needed by the nominating committee.

The Club's Christmas Party will likely be at the Lion's Club in Londonderry again this year. We hope to have it on January 7th or 14th. Dan Fiedler volunteered to contact the hall and check on availability. Once we have the date members discussed asking Denise Cote to contact the DJ who was at the party last year.

New Business:

The GCCC Castle in the Clouds annual event will likely be held on Saturday October 1st or Sunday October 2nd. This is an event where members meet and cruise up together and take in the foliage. Everyone brings a little fire wood and picnic items. The day is spent on the grounds with other members relaxing and snacking around the fire. Weather will likely dictate which day it will occur on. Watch your email for additional details.

Larry reported that the next GCCC meeting would be held on Friday October 14th at 7:00PM.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$33.00 was won by Cathy Pratt and \$32.00 went to the GCCC Treasury. The attendance drawing worth \$40.00 was not given away (as the person was not in attendance). The monies will go back into the kitty and the drawing will be worth \$50.00 next month.

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Michele Roy which was seconded by Ingrid Goelz.

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood

Fall is here, the warm days with cool nights. I love this time of year, except I know what is coming behind this weather. Must be age because I seem to be less tolerant of our nasty winters lately. Anyway back to the nice present weather. The leaves are starting to turn to their brilliant hues in many areas especially in the wet lands. Hurricane Irene did a number on the rural areas in northern New England and may limit travel on some back roads to view the scenery.

A small group of members attended the hot rod car show at Lake George in New York around September 8th to 11th and we should be hearing a report about that event. Another group headed for Mountain Melee Corvette Event and still another group attended Corvettes United "Fall Brawl". I attended the "Fall Brawl" with Sue, Dan, Claudia, Joe, and Carol at Herbert's Candy Mansion in Shrewsbury, MA. This was an all car show and there was a large variety of makes and models. I would estimate about 80-85 cars attended and we had a nice day with a few clouds in the sky. It was a judge's selection for trophies and our group came away with a couple of them.

The next major Corvette Event will be "Vettes to Vets" on Sunday September 25th and this is a rain or shine event. If you are not staying over at the Marriott Hotel at 270 Concord Road in Billerica, MA., we will be assembling at KOHL'S parking lot in Nashua (exit 6) Sunday morning to caravan down for breakfast at the Marriott. Our group will be leaving KOHL'S at 7:30 AM for the special Sunday Breakfast for \$10 per person (includes tax and gratuity). A drivers meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM and then at 11:45 AM the caravan starts toward the VA Hospital in New Bedford, MA. Let's show our support for the veterans, attend this very worthwhile event, and don't forget to bring your donations for the Vets.

On October 1st or October 2nd there are plans to do a cruise and picnic lunch to Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, N.H. The weather will dictate which day is chosen. We will be traveling up Rte.28 (back roads) to the Castle and back. Appetizers, hors-d'oeuvre, snack foods will be the foods of choice and we will set our usual buffet for all to enjoy. If you have extra room a few pieces of wood will be needed for the fireplace. We will keep everyone informed during the weekdays before on which day (Saturday or Sunday) looks to be the best.

Also on October 2nd "Vettes at the Village" will be held at Olde Mistick Village in Mystic Connecticut from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Another important issue facing our Club is the upcoming election of the Board of Directors for 2012. If you have an interest in helping this club achieve its goals, then talk to Joe Michalik, Susan Wood or Mike Dupont of the election committee.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at MacMulkin Chevrolet at 7:00 PM, hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
Vice President

Thursday, September 7th. It's 9:00am and raining cats and dogs. Hurricane Irene passed through here last weekend and left devastation to the western part of the state and Vermont...just where we usually travel to get to Lake George. Through e-mails over the last couple of days the four couples attending have decided to leave their fiberglass babies at home. The unknown road possibilities and all the rain have us erring on the side of caution.

Bob and Michele Roy, Bill and Vera Balcom, Al and Carol Whittier and Amos and I met at the rest stop on 495 where there is already evidence that the Hot Rod Nationals, coincidentally scheduled in Lake George the same weekend, will go on, rain or shine. There were hot rods in the rest area and driving by, and one poor guy had his trailered 59 or 60 Vette roll forward and partially off its trailer. Not a good situation and others were trying to offer advice including Ray Nault's brother. Still pelting rain. At 10:05 we hit the road with Bob in the lead...that's 2 Jeeps, 1 Dodge Ram truck, and a little Chevy HHR truck heading for a Corvette weekend. Our planned route went out the Mass Pike to Albany, NY and then North to Lake George. All went fine and wouldn't you know, someplace after Worcester we drove out of the rain (for the rest of the weekend). We made a couple of pit stops and a few hours later were in Albany when Bob's GPS decided to take us on a side trip. Everyone else had GPS running too and the walkie-talkies lit up with "Where the hell are you going?" We soon got turned around and heading up the right road pulling into the Ramada at 2:20. We were greeted by a sign that said "Mehalick Fireside Lounge". Spelling not quite right but we thought Joe and Carol might have relatives in the neighborhood to greet us.

After settling in we decided to see how far we were from all the hot rods and found we were only one exit away from the action. We all headed up that way and found a nice place to have dinner where The Barnsider offered up some pretty nice ribs. Did a little looking around and then headed back to the hotel to hang out before packin it in for the night.

Up for breakfast buffet in the hotel and it was probably the worst breakfast ever. The scrambled eggs were made from powdered eggs and chef du jour neglected to put enough water in them. You could have played ping pong with those tasteless hunks of rubber. Bacon cold and rubbery, toast the same and the pancakes likewise. After all that nourishment we headed back to the hot rods. We saw thousands of cars both parked in every parking space along the strip and in the show itself. It was mind boggling. You'd think you'd seen the most beautiful car ever only to find another 2 minutes later. We were dazzled. Finally, with feet and backs aching we stopped for lunch in the show itself. Did a little more lookin' and shoppin' and we headed back for registration with the Adirondack Vette Club.

At 3:00 we signed in, picked up our registration packets and headed into the lounge for an hour of open bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Nice. We then changed clothes and headed up town for the anticipated night show of cruisin hot rods and "burnouts". We parked in the same place we did last year, right by the guard rail near the million dollar beach at Lake George. Again we saw a great display of cars and the burnouts started just as the sun was going down. Unfortunately they didn't last too long as the police made a strong presence everywhere.

Bob and Michele and Amos and I had signed up to do the Adirondack Road tour. We asked our hosts how they felt about us doing it in a tin car and they were very gracious. They expressed how happy they were that we at least showed up for their weekend and said we could bring up the rear of the tour. Al and Carol elected to go back to the hot rod show with Bill and Vera, so Amos and I doubled up with Bob and Michele in Bob's Jeep. It was an all day tour of 163 miles, beginning at 9:15, that would have been a blast in a Vette with lots of mountain roads with many twists and turns. Bob did an admirable job keeping up

and on the road. Thank you Bob. It was really beautiful country and the tour was well coordinated by the host club. They anticipated every intersection and stop street by halting cross traffic so that the tour could continue uninterrupted. In one small town the local police did traffic for us. We stopped for lunch at a charming restaurant called Basil & Wicks and they were ready for us with a wonderful buffet that included tomato bisque, salad, potato salad, a full spread of meats and cheeses, baked ziti, rolls, drinks and freshly made warm chocolate chip cookies. All for \$16.00, which included tax and tip. Back on the road we continued through nine more towns, the last being Lake George where we stopped to view the private Corvette collection (60+) of Jack Gillette. He has a couple of rare/valuable cars there and we enjoyed seeing them all.

It was then back to the Ramada to clean up for a cocktail reception with another open bar and hors d'oeuvres before going in to dinner. They were selling 50/50 tickets and had a penny sale table set up. After a drink or two we went into a dinner buffet which was quite good with prime rib and all the fixin's.

A local dj came in and did trivia and then started drawing the prizes. Bill Balcom won the 50/50 of \$186.00 and Vera won a sundae pack. Al and Carol won a t-shirt. Amos and I won some ArmorAll cleaning wipes and Bob and Michele (who should have gone to Vegas) won 3 shirts, a Galli \$50 gift card, Saratoga Museum passes, some cleaner and the next day at the show won two gift baskets.

The next day Al and Carol, Bill and Vera were up and out of there early. Amos and I had a lazy morning and then headed home around 9:45 while Bob and Michele elected to stay and see the Corvette show. Everyone regretted not taking their Corvettes because once we got past the Springfield area on Thursday the weather and roads were just fine. Who knew?

Manchester Downtown Cruise-In

Sept. 3, 2011

First I want to thank those club members who attended this event. We had 19 members, one of whom had to work (Ron's company is in downtown Manchester so I have counted him along with his wife Denise who stopped by), and Sue Wood who also stopped by, which was more than attended last year. I especially want to thank Ray Nault and his brother Moe who arranged for the club to have a great parking area in Veterans Park. Well done Ray and Moe!

The club members who pre-registered for the event met at Macy's early Saturday morning.



Figure 1 – Group Assembled and Ready to Head Out

Once all were accounted for, Ray and Lynn Nault led the group over the Queen City Bridge and to downtown Manchester where we entered Veterans Park and parked.



Figure 2 – We have arrived!

Once we were all parked, some started into polishing, while others discussed what the weather would bring, while others just chatted. The morning was cool and cloudy and some wondered if the possible PM showers could arrive early.

After settling in ten of us decided to head for the Red Arrow Diner for breakfast. Although it is difficult most any time to be seated right away, upon our arrival most were seated immediately with the others finding seats as other patrons left. Breakfast was great and the entertainment provided by the waitress and Carol Michalik was enjoyed by the entire Diner. Carol had another of her birthdays (I count 4 so far this year) and the waitress provided a homemade Twinkie with candle and the entire Diner sang Happy Birthday to Carol. Well done Dan!!

With breakfast behind us most went onto Main Street and reviewed all the cars as we walked back to the park. By the official count there were over 1000 cars participating and upwards of 20,000 people stopping by to view the cars.



Figure 3 – Now We Gather and Enjoy the Show



Figure 4 – Some Would Rather Polish



Figure 5 – Most Would Rather Gossip

As the day progressed a group of us decided it was time for a late afternoon lunch and refreshment so we headed out for Marguerites on Main Street. The food was great and Norm was able to find a very large marguerite to quench his thirst.



Figure 6 – A Marguerites' Especialle

When we returned from lunch many of the others had left so we packed up and called it a day.

2011 GCCC Activities & Events

Saturday Jan 8 – Annual Holiday Party
Friday Feb 11 – Club Meeting
Friday Mar 4 – Club Meeting (not the 2nd Friday)
Friday Apr 8 – Club Meeting
Friday May 13 – Club Meeting
Sunday, May 29 – Spring Fling!
Friday Jun 17 – Club Meeting (not the 2nd Friday)
Friday July 8 – Club Meeting

Saturday July 16 – Summer Outing
Friday Aug 12 – Club Meeting
Friday Sep 16 – Club Meeting
Friday Oct 14 – Club Meeting
Friday Nov 11 – meeting
2012 Club Officers Election Meeting
*No December meeting – Happy Holidays!

***PUBLISHING INFORMATION** – The next article/ad submission date is Nov. 20th*

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 editor by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming 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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*Dennis Granger is a key person in regards to editing the making the Club Newsletter happen! – Thanks Dennis!

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Photo of the Month

Trivia of the Month



What year holds the record for the most Corvettes sold?

Last month's trivia:

What was the 0 - 60 time for the first V-8 Corvettes in 1955?

Answer:

8.5 seconds with a top speed of nearly 120 mph!!!

There is nothing like a car show on a nice day!

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