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FIRST WORD

First I want to say it was great to hear that Mike DeCampo attended the last club meeting. Glad you are back and on the mend. We missed you!

Looking outside I am overwhelmed by this year's quantity of leaves in the yard and how many still remain on the trees (at least the acorn count is way down from last year). It must be late fall, and the calendar confirms this. The calendar also confirms that Ingrid and I have only two more events remaining this year. The second of the two is the 19th Annual Seacoast Vettes Rallye/Wallye on 30 October in York, ME. Each year we enjoy this event as it provides a great time for all and closes out our Corvette season.

It dawns on me that I have little time to wash and clean three cars and put them away before the snows arrive. Not sure if there will be enough cooperating weather to get them ready but I expect by 1 November all three will be clean, trickle chargers connected, covers on, and put away.

I was extremely pleased with the club turnout for Vettes to Vets. It was a great day, the weather cooperated, and Gate City Corvette Club had 37 members in attendance. See the write-up later in this newsletter for all the details. Now I want to challenge all of you to do better next year, and those who cannot attend, I would challenge you to make a donation of items that the Vets need and we will see that these donations are delivered to the event. This year's attendees included :

Larry & Ingrid Goelz
Lisa Collins
Bill & Vera Balcom
Dan Feidler
Bob & Carol DiMeo
Al & Carol Whitter
Bob & Michele Roy

Roger & Cindy Collins
Vicki Collins
Larry & Heather Shields
John Bosco
Norm & Sue Wood
Dan & Gayle Zelonis
Jessie Pearl & Brian Higgins

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 n.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

Ron & Denise Cote
Joe & Carol Michalik
Ray & Lynn Nault
John & Carol Slavin

Richard & Cathy Pratt
Amos & Ruth Wintle
Dennis & Thomas Granger

Special mention – Jim & Mauriel Gorman for providing a donation to the Veterans.
- thanks to Laura Valliere for attending, and being a prospective member

Thanks to Norm Wood for coordinating the Cruise to the Castle in the Clouds for a picnic. This is becoming a regular event for the club and we hope to see many more attend next year. It was a small turnout, seven members, but we ate and drank well, and enjoyed everyone's company. The weather was great and the foliage was behind schedule.

The month of November brings the club election and the election ballot of candidates is included in this newsletter. I can say that I am pleased with the candidates who have volunteered to run for office. Should this list of candidates be elected (or re-elected) I think we will have another great Corvette year in 2012. If you cannot attend the November meeting, please vote for your choices (write in's accepted) by sending your selections to Jill Dupont. Thanks to Sue Wood, Joe Michalik, and Mike Dupont for finding the candidates.

Last month I stated I may not run for re-election due to other commitments that I have made for 2012. I am listed on the ballot as no one could be found to run for the office. This has been the case for several years and I am disappointed in general that each year all offices are uncontested (only one person running for each office). I look forward to the year when our ballot has multiple names running for most offices. I will not hold my breath!

I have been reminded to remind all that anyone wishing to make any additional contributions to **Adopt-A-Family** should send their checks to Ruth by mid-November.

If we do not see you at the next meeting, Ingrid and I hope you have a great Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year's (sounds too early to be saying this!). Hope to see you at the Christmas Party. An update will be included in the January Newsletter.

Early reminder – **DUES** for 2012 will be due by the end of January. The first class postage rate is currently \$0.44 and will increase to \$0.45 on 22 January 2012.

Therefore the annual dues are \$44.00 up to 22 January and \$45.00 after.

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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.

That's it for this issue. Hope many of you will be able to attend the November club meeting on the 11th, starting at 7 PM on the second floor of MacMulkin Chevrolet. I would ask that you try to make the meeting as we will be electing club officers for 2012 and getting updates on plans for the Xmas Party.

LET'S GET OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN IN 2011!!!
(At least what's left of it!!!)

Larry S. Goelz
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jill Dupont

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, MEETING

Vice President & Activities Director, Norm Wood, filled in for President Larry Goelz. Norm, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began by thanking MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility. No one had any issues receiving the newsletter last month. Norm also welcomed Mike DeCampo back (everyone was glad to see Mike and Allie).

Treasurer, Lisa Dole reported that there were no new or prospective members in attendance. She also reported that club clothing can be seen by looking at the GCCC website under the Club Apparel link (on the left hand side of the main page).

There was a motion by Carol Michalik to accept the Secretary's Report which was seconded by Bob DiMeo. All members were in favor.

Treasurer, Ruth Wintle reviewed the club finances. A copy of the club finances were circulated to club members via email (before the meeting). No one had any questions. There was a motion by Cindy Collins to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Larry Shields.

Officer at Large, Bob Roy reported that we had received the Mid-America Catalogue and America's Sports Car magazine, which could be viewed after the meeting. Bob reported that the season is winding down but did mention the following upcoming events:

- The 5th Annual Cape Cod Fun Rally on Oct. 22nd at the Red Jacket Inn in S. Yarmouth, MA..
<http://www.capecodcorvetteclub.com/capecodcorvetteclub.html>
- June 2012 Back to the Beach – if you are interested deposits are due by **November 1st 2011**.
<http://www.back2thebeach.net/>
- October 30, 2011 is the 19th Annual Seacoast Vettes Autumn Rally – **there is a new starting point, which is Molly O's at 2 Railroad Avenue in York, ME.**
http://www.seacoastvettes.com/wp30/?page_id=16
- In March of 2012, Norm Wood will hold the 4th Annual Adam's Detail Clinic at MacMulkin Chevrolet.
- Lisa Dole is planning an activity on Sunday Oct. 23rd at 11:00AM. The meeting point is the Exit 1 Rt. 101 Traffic Circle in Auburn, NH. There will be a cruise to the Pines Restaurant and then Memories Ice Cream. Lisa will send an email with additional details.

Vice President & Activities Director, Norm Wood reported that there were 378 cars that attended Vettes to Vets in September in 2011. The goal for 2012 is 424 corvettes (which is 1 corvette per Veteran).

The Castle in the Clouds cruise on October 8th was a wonderful time and 4 cars went. Make sure to put this on your *TO DO LIST* for 2012.

On October 15th North Shore Corvette Club working in conjunction with MacMulkin Chevrolet holding a GM extended warranty overview at 10:00AM at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Attendees will learn the ins and outs of extended warranties and the regular warranty programs.

Old Business:

Norm reported that changes to the website have been made and the Spring Fling Sponsors (and links) have been updated.

Sue Wood has been working behind the scenes on a slate of officers for 2012. All positions are open. Those who have been in their seats for 2 years need to vacate their seats. If no one comes forward Larry Goelz will be President for a 2nd term and so will Norm Wood, for VP & Activities Director. **Neither want to discourage other members from running.** Lisa Dole will run for Treasurer. Rick Pratt will run for Membership Director. Larry Shields will run for Secretary. If you are interested in running for an office please contact Sue Wood, Joe Michalik, or Mike Dupont (members of the nominating committee). Voting will take place at the November Club Meeting. If you cannot attend the November meeting please submit your votes to the nominating committee before the November meeting.

The GCCC Holiday Party will be on the 7th or 14th of January. Dan Feidler will contact the Lion's Club to check on availability. Once the date is confirmed we will contact a DJ.

New Business:

Adopt a Family was discussed. Normally a group of club members get together in early December and shop for needy families, so that they can enjoy the Christmas holiday. Ruth Wintle volunteered to contact Nashua Pastoral Care to inquire about families in need. Lisa Dole, Ruth Wintle, Michele Roy, Heather Shields, and Jill Dupont volunteered to shop. If you are interested in shopping (contact Lisa) or donating (**we are looking for donations**), please bring a check to the November meeting or mail a check made payable to GCCC with Adopt a Family noted in the check memo section, and send it to Ruth Wintle before the November meeting. Several members pledged their checks from the summer picnic to Adopt a Family (totaling \$150.00) and the club normally pledges \$500.00.

Cindy Collins brought forward and there was discussion about, donating to the Nashua Soup Kitchen (as they are in desperate need). A motion was made by Cindy Collins which was seconded by Michele Roy to donate \$500 to the Soup Kitchen. All members were in favor and the motion passed. Timing of the donation will be discussed at the November meeting.

Norm reported that the next GCCC meeting would be held on Friday November 11, 2011 at 7:00PM.

The 50/50 drawing worth \$35.00 was won by Joe Michalik and \$35.00 went to the GCCC Treasury. The attendance drawing winner was Sue Wood for \$50.00, unfortunately Sue was not present therefore next months membership drawing will be worth \$60.00.

There being no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Bob DiMeo which was seconded by Larry Shields.

Here comes the cold weather, fall is here! Many of us are starting to plan when we will put the cars into storage. I am hoping to get one or two more cruises in before I reach that stage.

Lisa Dole has a cruise scheduled for Sunday October 23 to The Pines Seafood Restaurant in Raymond and then an ice cream run after that. You should be seeing an email about that event. Also Seacoast Vettes has their annual Autumn Ralleye scheduled for October 30th. That will probably conclude this season for the Vettes as we get set for the very cold climate change.

At our next meeting we will be electing a new Board of Directors for the year 2012. We have had a few new members come forward to help take a position.

With new members come ideas with a progressive growth to keep the Club moving in a positive direction. I am not saying that we are a stagnant ship, but new ideas and new blood are always a welcome sight. When I came aboard in '99 this was a new venture for me and "bang" I wanted to get involved. My philosophy back then and still today is to stir the pot on situations and get members input. Whether the input is good or bad at least I was getting members to voice their opinions, they were getting involved. I would like to see that again. So let's all step forward and start some new ventures.

At the last meeting a committee was formed to get the Adopt-A-Family contacts going. The Club has an allotted amount of money set aside from Spring Fling plus some private contributions from members. If you would like to donate monies to the program contact or sent your checks to Ruth.

Plans are also in the works to schedule our annual Holiday party in early January. As plans become final we will contact everyone.

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for November 11 (11-11-11) hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
Vice President

Vettes to Vets – Sept. 25, 2011

*Sue Wood-Content *** Larry Goelz-Pictures*

Gate City Corvette had a tremendous showing of support for the Vettes to Vet event in Mass on Sunday Sept 25th. It was a great weekend event that let us all show up at different parts of the event that worked in our busy lives.



One group started out Saturday night staying over at the Marriott Hotel. Norm and I, and Carol and Joe, chose to go down to the hotel for the buffet meal and evening gathering but go home to sleep in our own beds. Roger and Cindy stayed over but opted out of the buffet to shoot down the road and try out the

Cheesecake Factory Restaurant. Vettes to Vets put on a nice buffet and had some very interesting items for their live auction.



Sunday there were several groups that set out for the show, one from Kohl's in Nashua and one from Salem. We joined the group that stayed at the hotel for the breakfast buffet. Then there were several couples who due to commitments showed up at the hotel for the caravan and or met up with us at the hospital. We even had a prospective new member join us for the event.



If we didn't miss anyone there were 20 cars from Gate City Corvette Club with 37 club members. How wonderful that we could all clear some time to do this, with jobs and families it gets harder and harder to do events. The turnout showed how much we value our Veterans in these trying times. An honorable mention goes out to Jim and Muriel Gorman, who could not attend but did put together a bag of items to donate to the Vets.

We had a warm, humid day. We sat around in groups by our cars and visited or people were out and about mixing with other friends from other clubs.



Norm and I look forward to next year's event. Vettes to Vets has set a goal of 450 cars in attendance for next year which would represent one Corvette for each of the 450 rooms that the hotel has. Wouldn't that be a great achievement for the hosting Corvette Club? I believe the count for the show this year was 378

cars, 51 cars more than last year, with attendees coming in from as far away as Canada, PA, NJ, and NY. Cash donations totaled \$16,000 and an estimated \$35,000 in personal care items was donated.

Castle in the Clouds – Oct. 8, 2011

Carol Whittier

It was a perfect sunny warm Saturday when we all met at Bonsi in Manchester. Norm and Sue our leader's (good job Norm!) Larry and Ingrid, Bill, Al and I. We waited for more of our Corvette family to come but no one else could make it. Oh well better luck next year! The ride up was great, no traffic just a few sightseers that slowed us down and a truck that was so impressed with Norms car he forgot to put his foot on the brake and almost took Al out. After giving him a stern gesture (by Carol) all was fine and we ventured onward. Norms' Garmin took us in a new way which the roads were better and the views around the lakes were awesome.

The leaves were not as colorful as we are used to seeing but were still nice. We arrived around 11:30 and picked our spot by the trout pond with 2 private picnic tables and our own little Corvette show going on. They had a lot going on at the castle, a wedding, classic car's coming in and out and a lot of motorcycles. We drew a lot of lookers. A photographer (which could have been their parents) showed up with a boy and girl who were doing an album for their senior year and asked if they could take a picture by the cars. The boy picked Norm's car and the girl picked bill's. We teased them on how much MORE school they would need to get one of these cars they fell in love with. It was nice to help them out and to share in this experience.

During the day we were challenged to a race (I guarantee we would have smoked them). Then challenged us on who gets cheaper mileage (maybe them, but our exhaust system is definitely better. Larry also had an admirer I think she even tried to nibble on his neck. She was very tall, had very long legs and was very sexy. Her name was buttercup (I think it may have been her working name). All I can say is what happens at the Castle stays at the Castle.

It was so great just to sit, relax, eat (and boy we had enough to feed an army) talk and not have anything to rush off to. I think we all need more days like this! I know, I do.

THANKS NORM for a great day once again. I can't wait till next year. For those of you who could not make it you missed a great time. Try to put it on your must do calendar for next year. These drives and social events are how we all get to know each other and become lifelong friends and form a strong bond which equals a great Corvette Club, and a strong Corvette family.

GO GATE CITY!

SAVE THE WAVE!!

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 Dec. 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



Club Members Relax at the Castle in the Clouds

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

SAVE THE WAVE

2012 GCCC Officers Election Ballot

If you cannot attend the November 11, 2011 GCCC Club Meeting, please complete the 2012 Officers Ballot below and email it to: jilldupont@myfairpoint.net by November 4, 2011.

President:

Larry Goelz _____

Write In

Vice President:

Norm Wood _____

Write In

Secretary:

Larry Shields _____

Write In

Treasurer:

Lisa Dole _____

Write In

Officer at Large:

Bob Roy _____

Write In

Membership Director:

Richard Pratt _____

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