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Member Birthdays!

Bob DiMeo – Dec. 4th

Dan Feidler – Dec. 13th

Maureen Granger – Dec. 14th

Richard Steiger – Dec. 15th

Jim Gorman – Dec. 18th

Rick Pratt – Dec. 31st



FIRST WORD

As the snow was falling at the end of October I started to get concerned that there would not be any warm days ahead to wash and prepare the Corvettes for storage. Thankfully warm weather did return, though it took well over a week to melt the snow, and I was able to wrap things up for the winter - both for the cars and the yard.

Now it is time to start to plan for next year's Corvette Season. This season saw more club members turning out at more events and I am hoping this trend continues into next year. We welcomed six new members into the club this year and I look forward to more next year. Start thinking about what you want to see the Club do for activities during the year. If there are any cruises, places to drive to, things to do, that you would like to see the club do, then bring them up during the year.

I want to thank the new Officers for their willingness to give up some of their time to support the club. Without members being willing to serve, the club would not operate very well. With new Officers come new ideas which help the club grow and be more interesting. I also want to thank Jill and Ruth for the time they have spent in their past positions and say "Well Done"!

And last, I would like to say that this Club has done extremely well this year in its generosity. The Club made donations of \$2,250.00 and individual members added a significant amount to the Club's donation for the Adopt-A-Family. Thanks everyone.

For those of you who we will not see until next year, Ingrid and I hope you have a great Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year's. Hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party. An update is included in this Newsletter.

Early reminder – **DUES** for 2012 will be due by the end of January. The first class postage rate is currently \$0.44 so the annual dues are \$44.00

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

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 Christmas Party being held at the Londonderry Lions Club, on 14 January 2012, set up at 5:30 PM and the celebration starting at 6 PM. See more details in the Vice President's article in this newsletter.

LET'S START PLANNING FOR 2012!!!

Larry S. Goelz
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jill Dupont

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11TH, MEETING

President Larry Goelz 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. The cruise on October 23rd that Lisa Dole organized was a huge success with 13 cars and 26 people in attendance! We hope to have more cruises in spring, summer and fall of 2012.

Membership Director, 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 Cindy Collins to accept the Secretary's Report which was seconded by Mike DeCampo. 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 John Bosco to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Allie DeCampo.

Officer at Large, Bob Roy was in Orlando and no events were reported! Hope you had fun Bob!!! Cindy Collins is heading up the trip to Corvette Mike's in Plymouth, MA on November 26th. There will be a cruise down and people going out to dinner afterward. Please watch your email for additional information.

Vice President & Activities Director, Norm Wood reported that dates have been discussed for the holiday party and coordination was occurring with the DJ. The party will be held at the Lion's Club Hall in Londonderry on January 14th. It will be a potluck with a Yankee Swop. If you would like to participate in

Yankee Swop please bring a wrapped gift worth approx. \$30.00. Be sure to attach a tag noting if the item is suitable for a man or a woman (or either). Please see the Member Questionnaire at the end of the newsletter and return it to a Club Officer via email or mail.

Old Business:

No old business...

New Business:

Club elections were held. As there were no write ins a single ballot was cast by the Stand in Secretary, Mike Dupont. Larry Goelz was elected President for a 2nd term along with Norm Wood, for VP & Activities Director. Bob Roy will be Officer at Large for a 2nd term. Lisa Dole will be Treasurer. Rick Pratt will be Membership Director and Larry Shields will be Secretary. Congratulations to all of the 2012 Officers!

Adopt a Family was discussed. Ruth will send an email out to the Club with a shopping date to occur the 1st week of December. Recap: 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 contacted Nashua Pastoral Care to inquire about families in need. Several members pledged their checks from the summer picnic to Adopt a Family (totaling \$150.00). The club already approved a \$500.00 donation and additional checks from Club Members are still be added up. Also a new donation for \$200.00 was received by Skaff Cryogenics.

There was a motion by Mike Prudhomme to increase the Adopt a Family Club donation \$250.00 which was seconded by Larry Shields. All of the Membership was in favor and the motion passed.

There was a motion by Cindy Collins to give the Nashua Soup Kitchen \$500.00 immediately (to help with Thanksgiving). This was seconded by Ingrid Goelz and all Members were in favor and the motion passed.

There was also a \$500.00 donation approved for the Nashua Soup Kitchen at Christmas time (noted in previous newsletter minutes).

Larry reported that the next GCCC meeting at MacMulkin Chevrolet would be held on Friday February 10, 2012 at 7:00PM (there will be a brief meeting at the Christmas Party in January).

The 50/50 drawing worth \$35.00 was won by Carol DiMeo (which Carol donated to Adopt a Family) and \$35.00 went to the GCCC Treasury. The attendance drawing winner was John Janowicz for \$60.00. Unfortunately John was not present, therefore the next membership drawing will be worth \$70.00.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Carol Michalik which was seconded by Mike Prudhomme.

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood

Well the season is over for the most part, cut short by the Halloween Blizzard of 2011. With luck I was able to put my car into storage on Friday before the snow came on Saturday. Even though we had 60 degree weather days later and within a week most traces of the snow were gone, my car is staying in storage until spring.

The next Corvette event happening is on Saturday November 26th at Corvette Mike of New England in Plymouth, MA. for a “Corvette’s and Coffee” day from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Mike will have the 1978 Indy Pace Car “barn find” on display as it came out of storage. Should be a nice social event for us Corvette people before the hustle and bustle of the holidays take over.

Our annual Club Holiday Party will be on Saturday January 14th at the Lion’s Hall at 256 Mammoth Road (Rte.128) in Londonderry, N.H. The event starts at 6:00 PM and for those that would like to help set up the tables and chairs, meet there at 5:30 PM. We will have a “DJ” that will play from 7:00 PM to midnight. We will have our usual “Yankee Swop” of gifts. For those that wish to participate, please bring a gift of about \$30.00 value. If the gift is for a male or female please label it on the outside accordingly. Also we will have our pot luck supper at the beginning of the event. Please email me with what you would like to bring and Susan & I will keep a running list of what people have submitted. There will be electric power if you need to keep your selection warm. There are also ovens available in the kitchen to heat up things. It is “BYOB” and ice. The Club will provide the paper plates, plastic ware, and napkins. It is a great time to sit, relax with a beverage, and unwind after the holidays, so I hope you can make it.

Also in the newsletter you will find a questionnaire. Hopefully you can go over it and write in some comments and ideas. We as the Board of Directors need input from its members. Your comments whether good or bad will be looked at and hopefully give us some direction. So please help us out and get those questionnaires (unsigned) back to us either through mail, email, or hand delivered.

At the time of the writing the Club voted to increase our donations to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Adopt-A- Family. Ruth is still accepting contributions for Adopt-A-Family which has reach about \$1,200.00. Thank you for all those private contributions.

Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season!

Norm Wood
Vice President

Lunch & Ice Cream Cruise

Larry Goelz

Lisa Dole mapped out a cruise that would take us for lunch in Raymond then for ice cream at Northwoods. Everyone met at Massabesic Lake in Auburn then Lisa led the group, a total of 26 members, out at 11 AM.



All Assembled!

We headed out and picked up Rt. 121. The day was great with a lot of sun (at least to start with) and not too cool. No rain or snow! There was decent autumn color and the scenery along the way was quite nice. Rt. 121 became Rt. 27 and we headed into Raymond when we arrived at the Pines seafood House.



Arriving at the Pines Seafood House



The Rush to Eat!

Once inside, you queued up to order your lunch at the window, received a number after paying, then went and sat down to await your number being called out indicating your order was ready at the window.



Ordering at the Window



Lets Find a Seat



Where is My Lunch?

Once all were finished with lunch, Lisa led the group out in search of dessert – ice cream. We headed back on Rt. 27 to pick up Rt. 107. This stretch of Rt. 107 from Raymond to Northwoods was very scenic especially with the autumn colors on display.

Reaching Rt. 4 we headed east and arrived at Johnsons Seafood and Steak, our ice cream destination.



Johnson's Dairy Bar



We Are Still Hungry!

After a short wait we were escorted to our tables in the restaurant and proceeded to scan the dessert menu then we ordered. Shortly the orders of ice cream began to arrive. Our waitress was even quite willing to do separate checks. All were pleased with their choices as it went quiet while eating.



Enjoying Dessert - 1



Enjoying Dessert - 2

Of special mention – there were two members who, it seems, eyes were larger than their appetites. At the Pines Seafood, Linda Davis had to have a “large” order of onion rings. Have you ever seen such a “mountain” of onion rings!



You had to have "the Large"

At Johnsons, which took us about 40 minutes to get to, gave Amos time to digest a hearty lunch, he then had to order the brownie sundae – the second largest ice cream dish on the menu. When it arrived Amos almost fell off his chair!



This is a Large?



I Can't Believe I Ate the Whole Thing – Almost!

After everyone topped off with ice cream and enjoyed each other's company, we each headed off in our own directions for home.

Congratulations Lisa for a great cruise and a tremendous turnout. Who is next to set up a cruise?

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 Jan. 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

Only 2 Corvette sub-models have ever been built with unique VIN sequences, what were they?

Last month's trivia:

What year holds the record for the most Corvettes sold?

Answer:

1979 with 53,804 sold!

Think Summer 2012!!!

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Membership Questionnaire

Below are questions that the Board of Directors would like you to respond to. Its purpose is to help guide us and the Club forward in a positive manor and to ensure the club provides what most members are looking for.

Do the Club's activities and efforts meet your needs? If not, what would you like to see added, changed to what the Club does during the year?

If you attend 3 or less meeting during the year, what changes could be made that would cause you to attend on a regular basis?

Do you have any specific ideas for activities/events/cruises/other that you would like to have the Club set up?

Are you willing to help organize activities/event/cruise with the help of the Board or other members?

Would you be willing to participate on an Activities Committee?

How often do you access the Club website? Is it useful to you? Are there any changes that you would like to see?

Are you satisfied with the Clubs current focus on charities – Nashua Soup Kitchen and Adopt-A-Family? If not, what other areas should the Club look at for its donations?

*Please complete and return via mail or email to a Club Officer!