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Member Birthdays!

Mark Collins – Feb 2nd

Dean Gagne – Feb 4th

Suzanne Tetu – Feb 7th

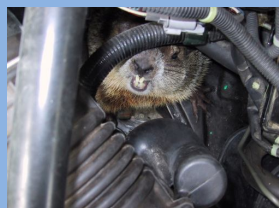
Joe Michalik – Feb 20th

John Bosco – Feb 21st

Amos Wintle – Feb 24th

John Slavin – Feb 25th

Lisa Dole – Feb 27th



A groundhog in your engine means 6
more weeks of winter!

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Forum

FIRST WORD

Our Christmas Party was held last month with about 40 members in attendance. There was a large collection of items to eat, no one went without their favorite beverage, there was a great GCCC cake among the dessert items provided by Lisa Dole's daughter, and the music from the DJ caused some to get up and dance. All had a good time! Later in this newsletter there are selected pictures from the party, taken by Roger Collins.

Can you believe the weather that we have been having over the past several months? We get 2 feet of snow on Halloween then not much else until the 12th of January. This weather pattern has extended a number of members Corvette season, and in my travels I still see a Corvette here and there. I expect a number of folks wish they had not put their cars away as early as they did. For those who had their cars still on the road. I hope you found the time to enjoy it.

This past year was Ingrid's and my fourth full year on the Corvette scene. Reviewing where we went and what we did during the year, we have not slowed down much from the first full season. The only disappointment was the appearance of Hurricane Irene and our decision to stay home and not go to Corvettes of Carlisle. Looking forward we plan on going to the Vettes of Coastal Maine's annual Bar Harbor event the first weekend of June (as of this writing we have 3 couples signed up), we are considering attending "Fiberglass Alley" put on by the River Valley Vettes of New Brunswick (as of this writing we have 2 couples considering attending), Canada, the 39th Mtn. Melee in September, and the Seacoast Vettes Rally in October. The rest is to be filled in as we go along. Of course we will try to do all GCCC events/cruises/picnics.

Now it is time for all to start to plan for this year's Corvette Season. Last season saw more club members participating in more events and I am hoping this trend continues during this year. I look forward to bringing in new members this year. Start thinking about what you want to see the Club for do for activities during the year.

FIRST WORD (Continued)

Larry Goelz

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. Roger and Cindy continue to hold Ice Cream gatherings year round so if interested contact Roger. Also, I am sure we can count on new products from Adams which most of us will “have too have”. I think there were a few new items from last year that I still need to pick up.

Our 32nd Spring Fling Event will be here sooner than you expect. I am pleased to announce the Dean Gagnon will again be leading the effort to another successful Spring Fling and I thank him for his dedication. Start thinking about how you can support the event – both in working at the event, and by getting out and selling at least one trophy sponsorship. I expect many members feel that others who have brought in sponsorships in the past years will continue to deliver them but what if they don't? I would also like to ask everyone to think how we can increase the attendance at the show, and to identify additional companies to request donations from. There is work already underway for Spring Fling with a much more to come. When show day arrives, we need all members to come and support the effort. Put **27 May 2012** on your calendar as well as **3 June 2012** for the rain date.

Officers Meeting – this article will go to press prior to the Officers Meeting that I will be holding in late January. I will report on the results and put an article in the March issue of the Newsletter.

Late reminder – **DUES** for 2012 were due by the end of January. The first class postage rate is currently \$0.44 so the annual dues are \$44.00. If you have not paid your dues, please bring your payment to the next meeting or mail them to Lisa Dole, 142 Exeter Road, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Just a reminder, 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 Rick Pratt an email (rpratt001@comcast.net) with the information and I am sure she can add them.

2014 New England Corvette Caravan – this effort is underway and early information can be found at www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland; on Facebook **New England Caravan 2014**. I am the NH State Leader and I will keep the club informed as we make progress on the planning. Put the dates of 23 August through 31 August 2014 if you are thinking about making this great trip. If you have any questions just ask me or Ingrid. When we have hotels booked I will contact those interested so we can get rooms at the main hotels along the route.

That's it for this issue.

EXPLORE MORE OF THE CORVETTE WORLD IN 2012!!!

Larry S. Goelz
President

Well here we are in the year 2012. The Club just celebrated the Annual Holiday Party with about 35 members attending. I suspect attendance was down because of the Patriots and Denver football game scheduled on the same night. We were given constant updates from the DJ throughout the evening. Again, there was plenty of food for all and the “Yankee Swap” was enjoyed by all, especially Susan Wood with ticket #1.

The new Board of Directors will be meeting within the next week to try and set an agenda for the upcoming year. Also the Calendar of Events meeting is scheduled for the end of February and we will get an idea of what other clubs will be doing.

In February we will start the ball rolling for our 32th Annual Spring Fling Car Show scheduled for May 27th at Anheuser-Bush in Merrimack. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the preplanning of this event. We are now down to only 2 judged shows for the New England area, us and Club Corvette of Connecticut, so we will need to make this one great event to keep the Corvette people coming back every year.

As we transition through this off season, if you have thoughts or ideas about getting the Club together to do something like day trips, food/ice cream gatherings or some other things let me know and I can help you set it up and e-mail members.

Our next meeting will be on February 10th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet.

Hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
Vice President

*Alfa Influence on Corvette Design**Larry Goelz*

As I am an Alfa Romeo owner (Italian Corvette), I ran across an interesting article in the October 2010 issue of the “Alfa Owner”, a magazine put out by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. On the cover, and the focus of the issue, was the Alfa Romeo DiscoVolante which was a prototype constructed for sports-racing in the early ‘50s. There were three versions made (no production ever resulted). One part of the article focused on the influence that the Dicso Volante had on many high-profile automobiles, including future Alfa’s, some aspects of the Mercedes-Benz 300 SL, the Jaguar E-Type, and the Corvette Sting Ray.

The article goes on to say “The original Corvette project was introduced in 1953 by Harley Earl, director of GM styling. Although beautiful and destined to become a classic, the Corvette design was quite conventional for the time. As recounted by Peter Brock in a recent article, when Bill Mitchell became director of GM Styling, significant changes were to happen. Risking being fired from his prestigious job, Mitchell decided to develop a secret project of a new Corvette, despite the GM-imposed ban on all

performance activities following the guidelines of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association. He then left for the Turin Auto Show in 1957.

When he returned from Italy, Mitchell shared with his associates a stack of photos he had taken at the Turin show and explained his ideas for a new-generation Corvette. The snapshots illustrated the design trends that he felt had merit for GM's design future. The Alfa Romeo Disco Volante, the streamliner record car Stanguellini Colibri and a Boano-designed Fiat roadster topped his list. All cars had an interesting design theme: a crisp horizontal edge around the main body with four raised surfaces over the wheels.



As he left, he said he expected the designers to develop their best ideas on that theme within the week. When Mitchell reviewed the sketches, he liked the design drawn by Peter Brock in November 1957, and he asked the group to work and improve on it. The work went on for weeks, but Brock's drawing never came down from the overall preference. The work proceeded on Mitchell's dream car and when it was finally revealed in 1958, Brock's influence on the car shape was the most prominent and definitive, and it was called Stingray Racer. The car had a revolutionary modernized style with more straight lines, but still with the unequivocal influences of the Disco Volante design as requested by Mitchell. The new car production version of the Sting Ray came to market in 1963, at the same time of the FIA GT World Champion Cobra Daytona Coupe by Shelby, also designed by Brock, after he left GM in 1959."

Gate City Corvette Club – 2011 Holiday Party

Larry Goelz

On January 14th Gate City Corvette Club held its 2011 Christmas Party. There were 40 members in attendance with each member bringing a Pot Luck Dinner contribution, their favorite appetizers, and of course their favorite beverage. An array of desserts was brought by members, including a special GCCC cake made by Lisa Dole's daughter, Katilyn. Below is a sampling of the photos that Roger Collins took throughout the evening. By all appearances all had a very good time and eventually folks got into the festive mood and went onto the dance floor.



The Party is Starting



Catching Up



What's in *this* Pot?



Time Out for a Picture



Ok, We'll Pose for You



Club's Special Cake by Katilyn



Time Out to Eat!



Don't Interrupt, We're Eating



We Always Have to do Shooters!



Yankee Swap – Looks Like you Have a Better Gift than I Do



Yes, it's Better. Sorry.



Just Observing



Some Get Into the Mood



More "In the Mood" Folks



Party's Over, We're Heading Home



The "Clean-Up Crew"

2012 GCCC Activities & Events

Saturday Jan 14 – Annual Holiday Party
Friday Feb 10 – Club Meeting
Friday Mar 9 – Club Meeting
Friday Apr 13 – Club Meeting
Friday May 11 – Club Meeting
Sunday, May 27 – 32nd Annual Spring Fling!
Friday Jun 8 – Club Meeting
Friday July 13 – Club Meeting

Friday Aug 10 – Club Meeting
Friday Sep 14 – Club Meeting
Friday Oct 12 – Club Meeting
Friday Nov 9 – Club Meeting
2013 Club Officers Election Meeting
*No December meeting – Happy Holidays!

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is Feb. 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 & making the club newsletter happen! – Thanks Dennis!

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Photo of the Month



2013 60th Anniversary 427 Convertible Collector Edition
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Trivia of the Month

**What Corvette movie was released in 1978,
starring Mark Hamill and Annie Potts?**

Last month's trivia:

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

Answer:

1990 - 95 ZR-1 and '96 Grand Sport

SAVE THE WAVE



New Engl and Caravan

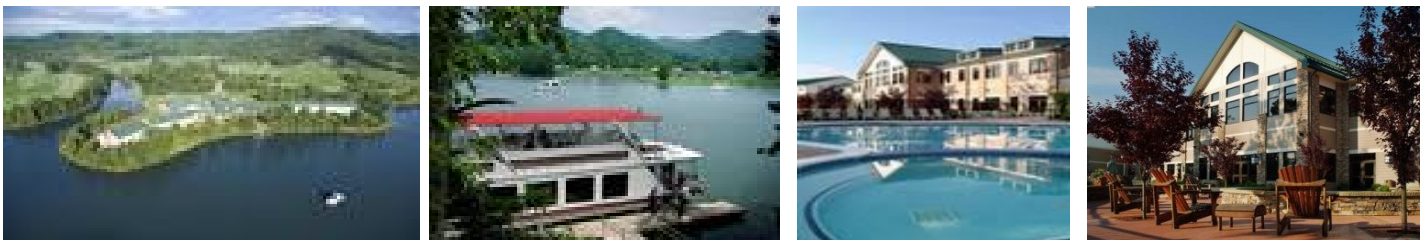
Kick off – Saturday August 23, 2014 - Danbury, CT
New Engl and Corvette Caravan departs Sunday A.M. from Danbury



Sunday Night - Wyndham Hotel - Gettysburg, PA



Monday Night - Stonewall I Resort - Roanoke, West Virginia



Tuesday Night - Crowne Plaza Campbell House - Lexington, KY



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Holiday Inn University Plaza - BG, KY

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