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Member Birthdays!

Cindy Collins – March 5th

Robert Lemon – March 5th

Shelley Northup – March 5th

Phyllis Nowak – March 8th

Mike DeCampo – March 13th

James Grimes – March 24th

Emile Tetu – March 27th



Go Irish!

FIRST WORD

With the weather being as it has been, I expect some of us who put our cars away for the winter are wishing that they were left on the road to enjoy some of the great days this winter had delivered. Soon enough we will be taking them out as spring will have arrived and we will be on our way to new adventures. So for now, keep the faith, and get your car cleaning and polishing collection ready (I am told that Adams Products have some new items for this year), for it will not be too long before you will put it to use.

Already there are folks who are registering for a number of events so the planning for the 2012 season is underway. There are several Canadian events that are in the planning as well as many events in the New England area and beyond. As we did last year, Bob Roy has the book of events, so if you are not sure about something, contact Bob.

Roger and Cindy continue to hold Ice Cream (social) gatherings at Blake's in Manchester about every two or three weeks (depending what is happening on the specific weekend). I am sure Roger will shortly be sending out a note regarding the next one. There is plenty of room, and I think they broke an attendance record with 17 members attending last Sunday.

The planning for our 32nd Spring Fling Event is now underway, with Dean kicking it off at our last club meeting. As we always need volunteers, 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. 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.

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 he 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**. Being the NH State Leader, 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 Ingrid or me. 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

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood

Well, I'm looking forward to spring and hopefully it is just around the corner. I really enjoyed our snowless winter, sorry for the snowmobilers and skiers, but I could get used to winters like that.

The Calendar of Events meeting is scheduled for the end of February, so we will see what our upcoming season will be like. Roger and Cindy Collins have been organizing "Ice Cream Gatherings" every couple of weeks at Blake's Creamery in Manchester and it looks like it is getting more popular with every event. I believe the next one is scheduled for Sunday, February 26 at 6:00 PM. It is a nice social gathering during the off season.

For other off season events North Shore Corvette Club is planning a day trip to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut on April 14. Contact Rich Gureghian at r.gureghian@comcast.net if you would like to be included on the bus trip. On Saturday, March 31st there is a detailing clinic at MacMulkin Chevrolet put on by Norm's Detailing, your local Adam's Premium Car Care Products distributor. Also on April 14th there is a detailing clinic at Corvette Mike's of New England in Plymouth, MA put on by Norm's Detailing (See attached fliers for both events).

Planning for our 32nd Annual Spring Fling Car Show has started, and the Club is in need of volunteers to help with various tasks needed to make this another successful event. As it stands now there are only 2 points judged Corvette Shows in northern and central New England, with our Club hosting the 1st event. So the need to make this the best, outstanding show in the area will require all the Club members. Please step forward and help if you can, all help is appreciated.

Don't forget to send your check for your Club dues now, if you haven't paid yet they are overdue.

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9th at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
Vice President

Minutes of the February 10th Meeting

President Larry Goelz called the meeting to order at 7:06pm with 27 members in attendance. After thanking MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facilities, he wished a happy birthday to all members of the club celebrating their birthday in February.

Larry G. announced that a special board meeting was held in January to discuss the club and help bring new board members Larry Shields and Rick Pratt up to speed. Two special directors were appointed by vote of the board at the meeting:

- Dean Gagne was appointed the 2012 Spring Fling Director
- John Slavin was appointed as the club's Veteran's Affairs Director

The board also decided to honor our club veterans by marking their entries in the club membership lists with a small American flag image. If you are a veteran interested in having your membership entry in this manner, please contact Larry Goelz and club secretary Larry Shields (larry.shields@comcast.net).

Larry mentioned that our club Treasurer, Lisa Dole is currently working on preparing our club's 2011 tax information.

Membership – Rick Pratt announced that we had two potential new members in attendance, Laura (owner of a '76 White Stingray) and Hank ('03 Red Convertible?). Rick also reminded the club that Red Brick clothing is the official club clothing store. The link on the Gate City website will take you to our club's storefront, but they can put our logo on anything they sell. If there's something not on the club storefront that you'd like to see, please contact Rick. Rick also asked about interest in club jackets that could be placed on the site.

Secretary – Larry Shields made an appeal for articles and content for the website. Old pictures, projects, fond memories of past events, it's all good!

Treasurer – Lisa Dole noted that there were about 8 members that were still outstanding and needed to renew for 2012 membership. Payments were made for the club's post office box and for the holiday party DJ. Motion was made by Michelle Roy to accept the December Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Ingrid Goelz; all members voted in favor. Motion was made by Carol Michalik to accept the January Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Roger Collins; all members voted in favor.

Officer at Large – Bob Roy announced several upcoming events, including the World of Wheels at the Seaport World Trade Center from March 30th-April 1st. He also mentioned the Vette Fest event held in the Adirondacks in NY from September 7th-September 9th. Bob has flyers available with details if people are interested.

Vice President – Norm Wood mentioned the North Shore Corvette Club trip to Foxwood Casino coming up on April 14th. People should contact Norm if they're interested. He additionally mentioned that there are two upcoming detailing clinics: March 31st from 10am-1pm at MacMulkin Chevrolet and April 14th from 11am-2pm at Corvette Mike's.

President – Larry Goelz mentioned that the Seacoast Calendar of Events meeting is at the end of February. The club normally takes out a ½ page ad for our Spring Fling Event. This year all ads in the calendar will be in black & white because of rising printing costs. A motion was made by Cindy Collins to pay the fee for a ½ page ad for the club event in the calendar, and seconded by Roger Collins. All members voted in favor. Heather Shields volunteered to create the ad and provide it to the board.

Spring Fling 2012 – Dean Gagne announced that he had sent an email to the membership about the upcoming event and the various roles we need to fill for a successful show. The show averages around 120 cars, and corral parking will be available for those cars that don't wish to be judged (we've had up to 60 cars in our corral parking in previous years). With 15 different vehicle groupings, 3 classes to be judged (street, super street, and show), 4 special classes and various best-of awards given. With 49 different classes to be judged and 2 judges per class, we'll need lots of participation from the club to help in the judging. He additionally covered:

- Our dates have been agreed to by Anheuser-Busch
- Bob Roy has contacted magazines with our advertising for the event. He will also contact local radio & newspapers. Please provide any possible newspapers we could contact to Bob.
- We need to find a volunteer to help send out the requests to vendors for goody bag items. The more we can send out, the sooner, the better.
- Norm Wood agreed to help arrange for the trophy selection for this year, likely to use Crown Trophy again this year.
- Dean is going to talk to Anheuser-Busch & the fire department to find out about any fees that would be required for the food vendors at this year's show. If you know of anyone interested in being a vendor, have them contact Dean.
- Need to find someone willing to design the dash plaque. Al Whittier might be willing to do this, but needs to be contacted.
- Will contact the same DJ as last year – may also provide live band for part of the day
- Larry Goelz volunteered to get the trophy sponsor sign to Fast Signs to be updated
- Joe Michalik will coordinate and lead the judging for the show
- Spots for potential vendors will be \$60, for a roughly 10' x 10' space.
- A trophy sponsorship will cost \$60 and all sponsors will have their names on the banner at the event, on the trophies that were sponsored, can add an item or ad to the goody bag, etc. Cover letter & form are available from Dean. All members are encouraged to help get sponsors to help cover the costs of the trophies. If you do sell a sponsorship, provide the form & payment to Lisa Dole, the club Treasurer.

Bob Roy mentioned that New England Dragway, on October 6th and 7th will be having its Chevy Fest (will be all inclusive for all GM vehicles) event. He was asked if Gate City would be willing to judge the cars at the show. The club would be paid based on the number of cars being judged, and the club name will be included in event flyers and advertising. Joe Michalik is going to investigate details into what kind of judging would be expected and to approximate the number of judges we would need to have available. An informal poll of the members present showed a general club interest in investigating the possibility.

Heather Shields won the 50/50 drawing for \$37.

The Club Membership drawing for February was Carol Whittier, but she was not present to win the \$70 prize. The drawing for the March meeting will now be \$80!

Dean Gagne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ingrid Goelz. All members voted in favor.
Meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

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 March 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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Immediate Past President.....	N/A		

Photo of the Month



First glimpses of the C7 prototype?

From the AutoBlog website -

<http://www.autoblog.com/2012/01/19/chevy-corvette-c7-prototype-spied-testing/>

Trivia of the Month

In what movie did the main character say, “On any other day, that might seem strange”, as a 1967 roadster was towed through the air by an airplane?

Last month’s trivia:

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

Answer:

Corvette Summer

SAVE THE WAVE

Gate City Corvette Club
Presents

Spring Fling 2012

Celebrating Our 32nd Show

**** Sunday, May 27, 2012 ****

(Rain Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012)

Located at the Anheuser-Busch Plant in Merrimack, NH

First New England Point Judged Show for 2012

- ✦ *Registration \$25*
- ✦ *Coupes and Roadsters judged separately*
- ✦ *49 Classes – 150+ trophies for Show, Super Street, and Street, "Best Of" Awards*
- ✦ *Dash Plaques and goodie bags to first 200 cars!*

Registration

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM



☞ All show cars on grass ☞

Music, food, Anheuser-Busch brewery tours, Clydesdales, and much more!

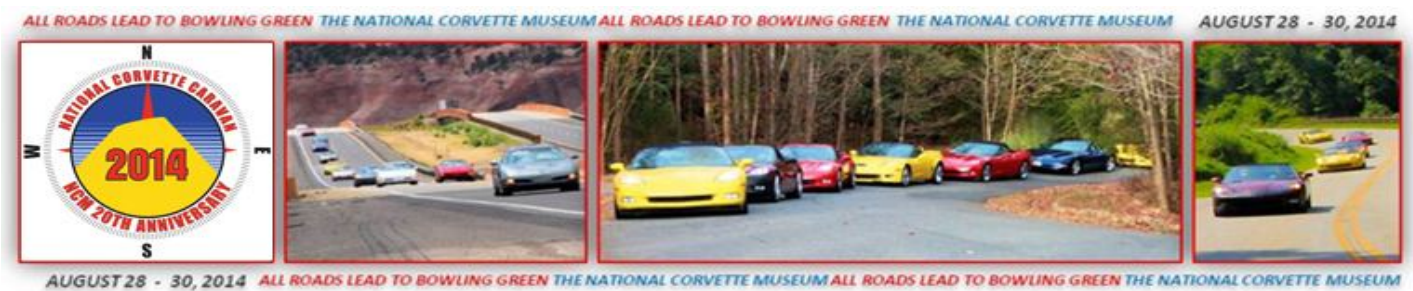
- ✦ *Corral Parking Available to Non-participating Corvettes and Other Classic Vehicles ✦*
(\$10 donation)

For More Information: eventsqccc@gatecitycorvetteclub.com or www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

or call Carol Whittier (603) 437-3803 or Dean Gagne (603) 472-3524

Directions

*Anheuser-Busch is located at 221 Daniel Webster Highway in Merrimack, New Hampshire
Take Route 3 (Everett Turnpike) to Exit 10 (Industrial Drive) Go East to Daniel Webster Highway,
and go left (North) to Anheuser-Busch on right.*



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

To find out more go to our website:

<http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland>

www.newenglandcorvettecouncil.com

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When: Saturday March 31st

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: MacMulkin Chevrolet-
Cadillac
2nd Floor Showroom
3 Marmon Drive
Nashua, N.H. 03060

Come join us for a hands-on detailing clinic where we'll be addressing everything from basic car care to fine machine polishing, helping you give your car, truck or motorcycle a true show-car shine. **All makes and models are welcome, and attendance is 100% FREE!** Come early and enjoy breakfast in their café. Attendees are asked to park in the rear area of the dealership.

Adam's Premium Car Care Products will be available at discounted rates.

Cash or checks only, please – we will not be set up for credit cards.

For more information contact:

Norm's Detailing

100 George Street – Manchester, N.H. 03102

603-759-2595 or woodnorman@comcast.net

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Welcome to the 3rd Annual

Detail Clinic

At Corvette Mike of New England

Come enjoy our "Annual Early Spring Get-Together" again with Norm's Detailing and Corvette Mike of New England.



THE CORVETTE SPECIALISTS

When: Saturday April 14th, 2012
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Place: Corvette Mike of New England
151 Samoset Street
Plymouth, MA. 02360

Come join us for a hands-on detailing clinic where we'll be addressing everything from basic car care to fine machine polishing, helping you give your car, truck or motorcycle a true show-car shine. **All makes and models are welcome – you certainly don't need to drive a Corvette! Attendance is FREE!**

**Adam's Premium Car Care Products will be available at discounted rates.
Cash or Checks only, please – we will not be set up for credit cards.**

**For more information or to RSVP, please contact us at woodnorman@comcast.net,
sales@corvettemikenewengland.com, or 508-747-8388**

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