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Member Birthdays!

Brad Davis – April 5th

Linda Davis – April 10th

Ron Cote – April 12th

Carol Whittier – April 13th

Mike Dupont – April 19th

Larry Shields – April 24th

Susan Wood – April 26th



Chocolate Vette Easter Candy!
(Gayle's Chocolates)

FIRST WORD

Just when you start believing that winter is over, another foot of snow arrives. However, as quickly as it arrived it then goes as warmer temperatures follow. So, although it seems we are into spring, watch out for those storm clouds that may bring one more snow storm. Looking at the gardens there are some plants (bulbs) that figure it is time to start to grow in spite of the snow. I can see daffodils, tulips, and crocus pushing up through the soil. As I drive around it seems that the frost heaves are starting to settle – maybe it is my hoping that spring has arrived.

I know some like to get their car out and take an early spring cruise (dust off). If anyone is thinking about one, and you would like to have others join you, send email to the membership. If you need help let me know.

Members continue to register for various Corvette events. 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, and in April I will be receiving the Seacoast Vettes 2012 Calendar of Events and which you can take home a copy to peruse.

One event that is very popular is Vettes to Vets. Given the increase in those attending, and especially those who stay overnight at the hotel where everyone meets on Sunday morning prior to heading to the Veterans Hospital, I suggest that you make reservations early for the hotel.

The planning for our 32nd Spring Fling Event continues with a number of folks actively involved in the many tasks that are required to deliver a successful event. As we always need volunteers, start thinking about how you can support the event – both in working at the event, by identifying a potential vendor, 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. Those who have done specific jobs on show day, Dean is counting on you to come this year and do it again. Put **27 May 2012** on your calendar as well as **3 June 2012** for the rain date.

The club is without a Membership Director and if you are interested in filling the position please let me know.

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 an email with the information to either Lisa Dole or myself and we can add them.

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 always plenty of room for everyone.

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

As I am writing this article we are into the 2nd week of March and the outside temperature is in the low seventies. I am beginning to wonder why I am going on vacation next week to a warmer climate. But... then again we live in New England where the weather can change in hours.

Many of us are already thinking about getting the Vettes out into fresh air. I may have to delay mine a little longer as my driveway needs to be replaced. I have put this project off for the last 3 years as Sue and I have adjusted our life style to help our boys get settled. Well time's up now, it's our turn. It's either fix the driveway or start replacing the front spoiler on the Corvette.

Spring Fling is on the move with some chores being done, but the big question remains, "What is the Town of Merrimack going to require for permit fees for us and vendors?" Hopefully we will be able to manage it and adjust. New England is down to only 2 "Judged Shows" this season, us and Club Corvette of Connecticut so we need to step up and make sure we have the best show in New England. Keep looking for those trophy sponsors to help offset our cost.

Upcoming events are the Detail Clinic at MacMulkin Chevrolet on Saturday March 31st at 10 AM. Then on Saturday April 14th another Detail Clinic will take place at Corvette Mike's in Plymouth, MA, starting at 11 AM. Also on April 14th North Shore Corvette Club is planning a day trip to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. If you are interested there may be space available so contact Rich Gureghian at r.gureghian@comcast.net .

That's about all that is happening for the next month. See you at our next Club meeting on Friday April 13th at MacMulkin at 7 PM.

Norm Wood
Vice President

Secretary's Report

Larry Shields

Minutes of the March 9th Meeting

President Larry Goelz called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with 34 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 March. Larry mentioned that the following club members did not renew for 2012:

- James Faber
- Gerald & Cathy Kehoe
- Robert & Jennifer Lemon
- Richard Steiger

Prospective new member Hank ('03 Red Convertible?) was in attendance, with this being his 2nd club meeting.

Larry G. mentioned that we have now added flags next to the names of veterans on our club's membership list (available in the member's only section of the website). Anyone else wishing to have the flag added to their name please contact Larry G. He additionally mentioned that Vettes to Vets is expecting an even larger turn out this coming year, and recommends that if you plan to stay at the Marriott where the event begins the night before, to make your reservation early.

Larry reminded the club that official club attire is available through Red Brick clothing, and that links are available on our club website. If you have something you would like to see added to the club's storefront at Red Brick, contact Larry G. or Lisa Dole.

Secretary: Larry Shields mentioned that the password for the club's member's only section of the website has been changed and provided it to all members in attendance. If you do not have it or have forgotten it, and are a current club member, please contact Larry S. to get the new password. The new membership list has been posted, and the updated By-Laws including the changes from 2011 were also posted.

Mike Prudhomme motioned to accept the February Secretary's report, Carol Whittier seconds. Passed by all present.

Treasurer: Lisa Dole sent out 78 letters to vendors seeking items for the Spring Fling goody bags. The vendors included a wide range of vendors, both classic and new car specialty vendors. They've started responding with a variety of items including catalogs, sample items, etc.

So far she has received 8 trophy sponsorships (5 from Bob Roy!).

Ingrid Goelz motions to accept the February treasurer's report, seconded by Michelle Roy. Passed by all present.

Officer-at-large: Bob announced some of the upcoming events:

- World of Wheels on March 30-April 1 at Seaport World Trade Center
- Swap Meet & Car Show on April 22nd at Fitchburg Airport
- 6th Annual Blessing of Vettes on May 5th at Corvette Mike's
- Shake Down Cruise on Sunday May 6th at Building 19th in Waymouth
- Corvette & Camaro Show on Saturday May 12th at MacMulkin Chevrolet
- Foxwoods run with NorthShore Corvettes on April 14th
- Vette Fest the weekend of 9/7-9/9, Bob has information available– Multiple club members attending
- Many cruise nights – see Bob for information, details, and locations

Vice-President: Norm announced upcoming detail clinics being hosted at MacMulkin Chevrolet on Saturday March 31st from 10am – 1pm and at Corvette Mike's on Saturday April 14th from 11am – 2pm. He also mentioned the Paul Masse Vettacular show in Rhode Island will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 10am – 2pm.

Joe Michalik provided more information about the club possibly providing the judging for the big car show at the raceway. They provide all trophies for the event, and often get up to 200 cars. In past years approximately 6-8 judges did all judging for the event. If we were to do it, it would be much lighter judging criteria than our own show – we get to decide the criteria. The club would receive \$5 per judged car. The show would be held the weekend of October 6th and 7th with no rain dates. Looking to still get additional information and then potentially bring to a vote of the membership next month to see if the club wants to provide the judging for the event.

Dean Gagne provided a Spring Fling update. A request was made to bring more American flags to the show, in honor of Memorial Day weekend. Dean is also investigating talking to local recruiting station or local school ROTC to see if they wish to have a color guard attend the event. Al Whittier volunteered to create the dash plaques for this year's show. We can continue to accept trophy sponsorships up through the May meeting.

John Slavin met with the staff from the New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton. The hospital has a cruise night for all car types scheduled for August 9th. This night may get better participation than just trying to do a weeknight event with only our club. There was also a suggestion of an "ice cream social" if we wanted to do a different night event, and could potentially get a custom cake for the event. The hospital doesn't look for the same type of donations as with the Vettes to Vets event in MA (toiletries, clothes, etc.) – John will provide more information as more details are gathered. A more formal proposal will be presented at the April meeting for consideration by the membership.

Allie DeCampo won the 50/50 drawing for \$53 (\$106 raised).
The Club Membership drawing for March was Al Whittier, for \$80!

Next meeting will be held on April 13th at 7pm.

Denise Prudhomme motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Prudhomme. All members voted in favor. Meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

That Poor Vette...

Larry Shields



Photo by Lawrence Gray

This month's entry – a one month old, 2012 Velocity Yellow coupe that made a forced entry into the Goldenrod, Florida post office. The driver accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake while trying to park and launched the car into the building. No injuries, but the highway patrol did ticket the driver for careless driving.

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 April 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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Membership Director	OPEN		
Immediate Past President.....	N/A		

Photo of the Month



Green enough for Mike D?

Karl Geiger modified Z06 "Wild Thing" (890 hp)

<http://www.sportscarzone.com/geigercars-wild-thing-corvette-z06/>

Trivia of the Month

**What TV Show first aired in the fall of 1983,
with a white '84 Corvette driven by the
character known as 'Face'?**

Last month's trivia:

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?

Answer:

The line was uttered by Nick Cage's character Cameron Poe, in the 1997 movie "Con Air"

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!

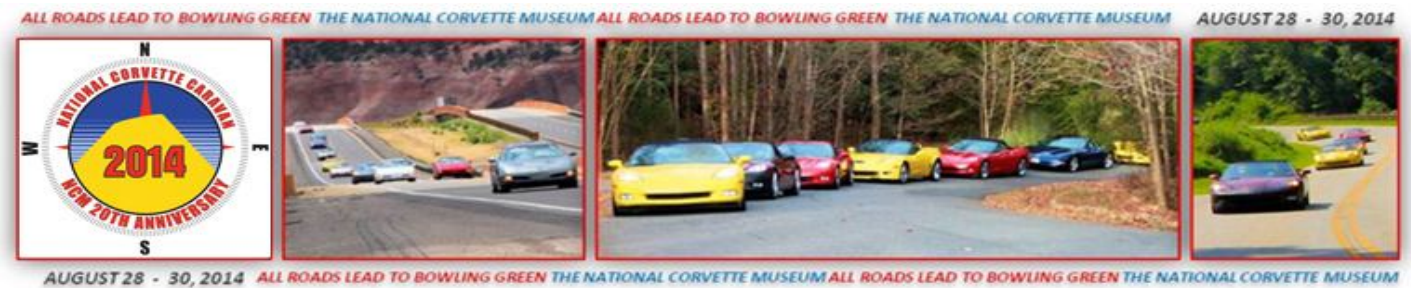
- ✦ *Corral Parking Available to Non-participating Corvettes and Other Classic Vehicles ✦*
(\$10 donation)

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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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.

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

For more information contact:

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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!**

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

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