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Member Birthdays!

Ingrid Goelz – August 8th

Dennis Granger – August 15th

Paul Nowak – August 15th

Norman Wood – August 15th

Sandra Gagne – August 21st

Ray Nault – August 26th

New Members!

Ron & Jacquelin Garian

FIRST WORD

This past week we learned of the passing of Del Liberty. He was a great Corvette enthusiast, and a generous supporter of our Veterans. I did not know him very long, about 4 years, but I did get to know him, developed a friendship, and enjoyed his presence. He will be missed in the Corvette Community, and especially at Mtn. Melee which has been his passion for many years.

It was hot but that did not stop almost 60 members and family from attending the club's annual picnic. I want to again thank Emile and Sue for being great hosts and serving up their popular ice cream treats. The food was good and the deserts supplied by members were decadent. By 8:00 PM there were about 20 members still enjoying the day.

The club successfully held its first NH Veterans Ice Cream Social at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton, NH. John and Carol Slavin are to be congratulated for their efforts in delivering a very successful club event, and I believe we will see more attention paid to our NH Veterans in the future. I also want to thank all the members who supported this effort. There were 14 club cars in attendance. Don't forget that a number of us will be attending the NH Veterans Cruise Night on 9 August. We will be meeting at the NH Liquor Store on I93 and will leave from there at 4:30 PM. See you there.

Ingrid and I went to Watkins Glenn International for their annual Sahlen's 6 Hour GT Rolex event. We again met up with 20 folks from CCRI (the same ones we met up with last year for the NASCAR event) and had a great weekend. It was quite hot at the track and many of us decided to go and sample wines at the myriad of air conditioned wineries. The Finger Lakes is always a pleasant area to visit and have fun.

As the summer is progressing I am starting to think about this year's club elections. There will be at least three positions that will need filling – President, Vice President, and Officer at Large. I would ask each of you to think if there is a position that you would like to run for. In several months we will select an election committee to search

out members and present a ballot to the club, with elections at the November meeting.

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 Joe Michalik or myself and we can add them.

2014 New England Corvette Caravan – Registration is NOW open and all the pertinent 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. Watch the hotels information regarding when they can be booked, especially the one in Bowling Green.

That's it for this issue. See you all at the next club meeting on 10 August starting at 7 PM.

EXPLORE MORE OF THE CORVETTE WORLD IN 2012!!!

Larry S. Goelz
President

ACTIVITIES CORNER

Norm Wood

Editors Note: At the time of this publication, the last the Stress Kracks staff knew, Norm Wood was part of an expedition heading into the darkest depths of Canada. Communications with the expedition has been spotty at best, and missives from our esteemed vice president have gone quiet. The Stress Kracks received the following strange image, presumably sent from members of the expedition. What it might possibly mean is still a mystery at this time. We can only hope the expedition is still safe and well...



***UPDATE:** Just as we were going to press, contact has been made with the expedition party, and the following missive has been relayed:*

Well the month of July is in the past as we get into August and the summer starts to wind down. The Club had a great turnout at our annual picnic at Emile & Sue's home. We had plenty of food and social conversations all afternoon. The weather was hot and humid and quite a few members and their families found relief in the pool or with an ice cream sundae from Emile & Sue's authentic ice cream and soda fountain counter. Early evening the grille was fired up for a serving of leftovers, hamburgers, and hot dogs to finish the day. A big THANK YOU to Emile and Sue for hosting this event.

The following weekend we had 6 members and 3 cars head to Niagara Falls area to the Niagara Corvette Club all car show. We arrived on Friday late in the afternoon and as soon as the rooms were settled with luggage and a round of cocktails served, it was time to clean the cars. Unfortunately we hit a few scattered showers on the way up to the Canada but as we crossed the border the clouds opened up to a nice blue sky. We found a touchless car wash only about 2 blocks away from the motel and used it to take most of the road grime away. Back at the motel the Adam's bags were opened and we finished detailing the cars back to our standard of shine. On Saturday morning Dan & Claudia lead Norm, Sue, Allie, and Mike to a small town called Niagara on the Lake. We spent about 3 hours going in and out of the many nice and quaint little shops peddling all kinds of different items. It was a gorgeous little town of about 5-6 blocks lined with beautiful flowers everywhere and people of all nationalities roaming the sidewalks.

From there we stopped at a couple of wineries to try their wines with also a stop for lunch. Then it was back to the motel for a cocktail of our own before supper. On Sunday we departed early for Reif Estate Winery, host of the Niagara Corvette Club car Show. This is an all car show that starts about 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We heard that at 7:00 AM the line was forming at the entrance. By about 11:00 AM there were over 300 cars parked on the grounds with talk of shutting the gate because there was no more room to park cars. There was a great assortment of cars to look at, and the Reif Winery had tours and wine tasting all day. It was a great day, great show, and great winery as we headed back to our hotel with a few more bottles in the car than we arrived with. Our group headed home on Monday morning and again through a few showers as we traversed through New York, Mass, and back to New Hampshire.

On Sunday July 29th Dan, Sue, and I attended CCRI Corvettes by the Sea Corvette Show followed by Joe Michalik. We travelled through some light rain but when we arrived at the show the rain held off for the day. Unfortunately the rain continued to fall all around this event causing only about 60-65 cars to show up. We all know how a little rain can affect a show resulting in poor results. By 3:00 PM everyone was packed and headed home again through some spotty light showers.

Our next Club event is on Thursday August 9th and it is a cruise to New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, N.H. for their 5th Annual Cruise Night. Club members are meeting at the State Liquor Store and rest stop on Rte.93 just north of the Hooksett toll booths. The caravan will be leaving there at 4:30 PM heading for the veterans home. This is a free, all-car show with all proceeds benefiting the NH Veterans Resident Benefit Fund. Hopefully many of the membership can make this event.

Then on Monday August 13th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM the Club was asked to help with the grand reopening of Applebee's Restaurant in Nashua at the Somerset Plaza at 379 Amherst Street. Applebee's recently donated 2 large framed pictures for our next Spring Fling event, so hopefully some members will be able to return the favor and form a cruise night with our Corvettes. There will be special parking for our cars.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday August 10th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
Vice President

Secretary's Report

Larry Shields

Minutes of the June 8th Meeting

President Larry Goelz called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm with 33 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 July.

Larry G. started the meeting with thanks to John & Carol Slavin for running our recent Ice Cream Social event for the NH Veterans. There's also a cruise night that will be happening at the Veterans home on August 9th. It's an all car show, starting at 5:30pm. Members from the club who are looking to attend, we will likely be leaving from the liquor store at 4:30pm.

Membership: Joe Michalik

New prospective member attending her first meeting tonight: Barbara Neubert, who owns a 1993 Supercharged Black Roadster.

Secretary: Larry Shields

Please keep the content coming for the newsletter. It's what keeps it an enjoyable read for everyone.

Motion to accept the June meeting minutes as written made by Sue Wood. Seconded by Ruth Wintle. All vote in favor.

Treasury: Lisa Dole

55 members had pre-paid for the picnic to be held tomorrow. Lisa briefed the details of the income & expenses for the recent month. Details will be available on the website or in the email Lisa sent to the membership list.

Bob DiMeo motions to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ruth Wintle. All vote in favor.

Lisa briefed the membership on the total breakdown of income & expenses from Spring Fling, now that the final numbers are known. Money was sent to the American Cancer Society already, and the money for each payment to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and the Adopt-a-Family are also finalized.

Ruth Wintle motioned to raise the amount being donated to the Soup Kitchen for the year to \$800 (half sent now, half sent closer to Thanksgiving holiday). Seconded by Cindy Collins, all members voted in favor.

Officer at Large: Bob Roy

Bob announced some upcoming events of interest. Please contact him if you need details:

- July 21st – Corvette Annual Hot Air balloon festival “Field of Dreams” - RI
- July 21st – Chevys for Kids – Berkshire, MA
- July 29th – Corvettes by the Sea – non-judged show in RI
- July 28-29 – Street Nationals – Belmont Fairgrounds in Belmont NH
- August 4 – Hudson NH, Motor Mania event
- August 4 – Luau for Wounded Warriors event

- August 18 – Walmart in Amherst; Lion's Club antique classic car & tractor show
- August 24-26 – Corvettes at Carlisle
- Sep 6th-9th – Mountain Melee in Lincoln, NH
- Sep. 6-9 – VetteFest in Lake George, NY
- Sept 30th – Vettes to Vets in Bedford, MA

Bob also announced that we received 2 donations for next year's Spring Fling, 2 framed Corvette picture donations from Appleby's for next year's raffle table. They've asked if members would be willing to do a 'mini car show' just with cars from our club, to go down to the store when it has its grand re-opening. It's the Appleby's on Amherst Street, in Amherst. The date would be sometime around the end of August – more details to come.

VP: Norm Wood

Our club picnic is tomorrow (special parking on Taylor street entrance for Corvettes) at Emile & Sue Tetu's house. Picnic will start at noon, and go until everyone goes home.

There will be a catered meal, and the club is paying for soda & water – bring your own alcohol if you want some. Members should bring deserts.

Motion by Dan Feidler to reimburse the costs of the picnic for those who attend. Seconded by Ingrid Goelz. All members voted in favor.

Norm is going to bring some extra hotdogs & hamburgers for people who stay until the evening.

Motion was made by Michael Prudhomme to provide a \$25 tip to the caterer; Seconded by Rick Pratt. All voted in favor.

September 1st will be the annual Cruising Downtown on Elm Street in Manchester. Pre-registration is \$25, \$35 for guaranteed parking on Elm Street. If you go for the Elm Street parking, please mark that you're with GCCC on the form, as Dan is trying to get a section where we can park together. This is a rain or shine event.

Cindy Collins won the 50/50 drawing for \$55 (of course she did...)

The Club Membership drawing for July was Bill Balcom (again!) for \$10.

Next meeting will be held on August 10th at 7pm.

Carol Michalik motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Eaton. All members voted in favor. Meeting ended at 7:53 pm.



From Corvette Forum Member Sonny557

<http://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/66-vette-falls-off-trailer-and-miraculously-survives-with-a-scratch.php>

In a special edition of *That Poor Vette...*, this is the one that got away. While driving his Lincoln Continental and towing his '66 Roadster behind him, this Vette owner got very unlucky and lucky in quick succession. While cruising down the highway at around 70mph, the '66 came loose from straps holding it onto the trailer and rolls back onto the road... driving along the highway without a driver!

Thankfully for the owner, it drove safely along & decelerated as it rolled into the grass shoulder... eventually kissing the concrete drain on the edge of the road. The car miraculously survived with only a major scuff on a whitewall tire... no scratches or rash on the car itself!

Ice Cream Social Event

John Slavin

The Ice Cream Social, organized by John and Carol Slavin at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, NH was a complete success. We were very pleased with the turnout of Vettes that participated. John Bosco was the first to arrive and then the Vettes just kept rolling in, all 14 of them. It was great that we got that kind of support our first time out.

It was absolutely heartwarming to see the way that our members helped bring the Vets from their rooms to the Town Hall (auditorium), serve them ice cream, help feed them, and some members actually danced with the Vets. Mike Dupont looked like a pro, scooping out the ice cream and generously adding sprinkles to every dish that he served. They looked so good, I believe Mike had several himself. He was having a ball.



People Gather at the Rest Stop



The Before Shot



The After Shot

It had a slow start at the beginning but we couldn't have ended any stronger. A good time was had by all. The Vets are still talking about it, and the t-shirts were very well received.



Listening to the Music

The members attending were: John Bosco, Robert Eaton, Lisa Dole, Mike & Denise Prudhomme, Amos & Ruth Wintle, John & Carol Slavin, Larry & Heather Shields, Roger & Cindy Collins, Dan & Claudia Feidler, Norm & Sue Wood, Emile & Sue Tetu, Lee & Paulette Scarlett, Bill & Vera Balcom, and Mike Dupont.

We'd like to wholeheartedly thank all members that made this a success.

Next year we hope to double the attendance (we'll try to get a Saturday afternoon) as the vets deserve everything we can do for them. Hopefully, we'll be able to get Josh Williams and his dad again to entertain us. They were excellent!

We encourage everyone to come to the Veteran's Cruise Night on August 9th, which will also be held at the Veterans Home in Tilton. Registration for the event is at 5:30pm, and the event will serve beverages – but no food. There is no entry fee to participate in the event.

John Slavin, Veterans Director
(Photos by Mike Dupont)

Roger's Photo Corner

Roger Collins

Photos from our 2012 Club Picnic:



The old and the new – the history of Corvette!



It's not a party 'til someone breaks out the Adam's



The food arrives



The Sundae Bar is Open



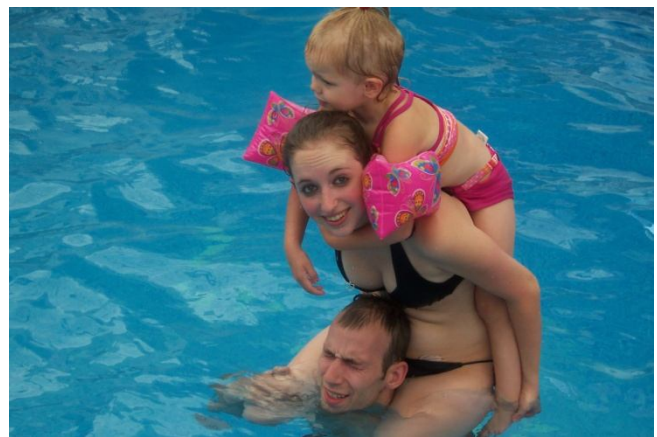
Making friends with mudslides...



Guys hanging out in the garage



Wait a minute, that's not a Chevy!



The illusive double-stack piggy back ride



Simon didn't say put your hand on your beer



Everyone grabbing a meal

New Ride!



Bob Eaton, a new member to our club, recently upgraded from his 1984 Black Coupe to a 2005 Machine Silver Coupe. He bought the car through MacMulkin Chevy – another satisfied customer!

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 20 – Judging Clinic for Spring Fling
 Sunday, May 27 – 32nd Annual Spring Fling!
 Friday Jun 8 – Club Meeting
 Friday Jun 29 – Ice Cream Social, NH Veteran's Home

Friday July 13 – Club Meeting
 Saturday, July 14 – Club Picnic
 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 August 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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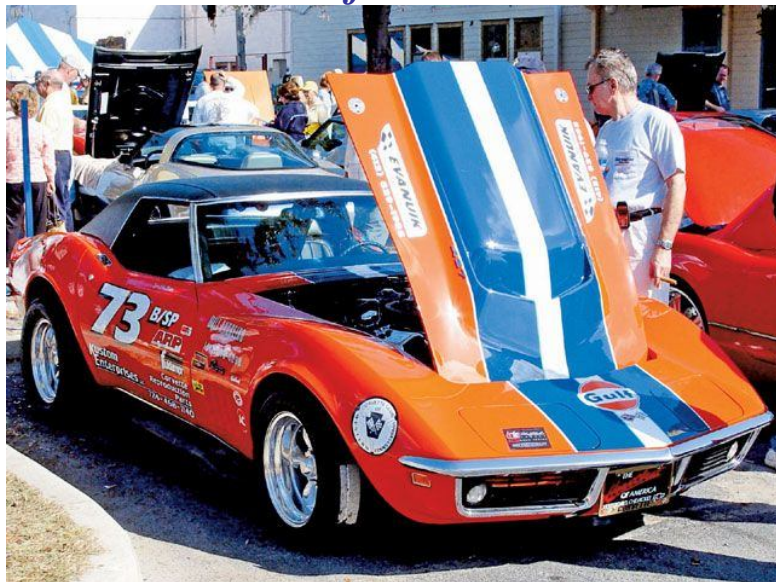
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Immediate Past President.....	N/A		

Photo of the Month



***Rare '69 Automatic ZL1 Roadster - 1 of 2 all-aluminum 427
Vettes built by the factory***

Taken at NCRS Corvette Car Show 7/2006 (Joe Trybulic, Walt Thurn)

http://www.vetteweb.com/events/vemp_0607_ncrs_corvette_car_show/index.html

Trivia of the Month

In what year was the AM/FM radio first introduced as an option?

Last month's trivia:

In what hit TV show, running from '78 to '91, did the character Pam drive a black '77?

Answer:

Pamela Ewing drove a 1977 Black Corvette in the primetime soap opera, "Dallas"

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

To find out more go to our website:

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

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