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## Member Birthdays!

Vicki Janowicz – Sept. 5

Jill Dupont – Sept. 10

Ginny Chrisenton – Sept. 17

Paulette Scarlett – Sept. 26

## New Members!

Butch Nordstrom

Tom & Ginny Chrisenton

## FIRST WORD

Something tells me that the summer is winding down. The days are getting shorter and the calendar does not have much of summer left on it. However, there is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy the scheduled events, or just go out and have a great cruise around the state and New England. If you are thinking about a cruise and want others to join you, send an email to the membership with the details. Ingrid and I are planning to do a picnic up at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH and to see all the great sculptures, his home, studio, and gardens. When we know the date I will send out a note.

I am pleased with the club's turn out for a number of events held during this month. Thanks to Bob Roy's efforts, the club delivered 17 cars (15 fiberglass, 2 metal) with 32 club members to the grand re-opening of Applebee's on Rt. 101a on 13 August. It was a pleasant evening and all were provided with discounts for dinner. On Wednesday 15 August the club had 6 cars (5 fiberglass, 1 custom '54 Ford) attending the NH Veterans Home Cruise In. Although there was a threat of rain, very little was encountered on the drive up, and the rest of the evening was rain free. The Veterans who were able to come out and view all the cars seemed to have a good time. Larry and Heather Shields won the "Car Most Likely to Get a Speeding Ticket", and Bill Balcom won the 50/50. Thanks to everyone for attending these and other events this month.

Again this past month, Roger and Cindy continued their bi-weekly need for an ice cream fix at Blake's in Manchester. The last one found 15 members in attendance. Continue to look for email from Roger (or in case his PC is on the fritz, Heather Shields) for the next ice cream social.

As I mentioned at the August club meeting, everyone needs 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. At the September meeting we will select an election committee to search out members and present a ballot to the club, with

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elections at the November meeting. This committee is very important to the club and it needs your participation. I am asking each member to consider volunteering to be on the committee. We are looking for 2 or 3 members. If you are not sure what the effort involves, please contact either Norm Wood or myself and we will discuss it.

Looking to September there will be club members attending the Manchester Downtown car show on 1 September, Mtn. Melee event 6-9 September, the Adirondack Corvettes '2012 VetteFest' 6-9 September, and to close out the month, the Vettes to Vets on 30 September. I hope our club's attendance at Vettes to Vets will exceed last year's 37 members (which was a great showing). Remember, if you cannot attend you can still put together donations and someone from the club will bring them for you. Go to the web site [www.vettestovets.org](http://www.vettestovets.org) for information on what to donate.

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 open and all the pertinent information can be found at [www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland](http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland); on Facebook **New England Caravan 2014**. The 2012 New England Caravan Meet and Greet will be held in Ogunquit, ME in October. This is an opportunity to hear additional details for the 2014 Caravan and to meet the folks who will be organizing it. You DO NOT have to be registered for the 2014 Caravan. On the web site cited above, you will find details and the registration form. In 2013 there will be another Meet and Greet held in the fall. 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 14 September starting at 7 PM at MacMulkin's in Nashua.

### **EXPLORE MORE OF THE CORVETTE WORLD IN 2012!!!**

*Larry S. Goelz*  
*President*

## *ACTIVITIES CORNER*

*Norm Wood*

It seems I just wrote an article couple of weeks ago and now another one is due. Summer is on the downward slope as we pack for our annual trip to Corvettes at Carlisle. There are only a couple of members heading to PA. I expect attendance to probably be down again this year due to the continued "down economy" we are still in.

As soon as Carlisle is over, the following weekend on Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, is the “Cruising Downtown” on Elm Street in Manchester. For those of us that have preregistered I have not heard anything with regards to plans and a meeting time. As soon as I hear something I will pass it along. For those not wishing to park on Elm Street hopefully you can get into the park area again. This is a new organization running the event so not sure how smooth things will be.

Vettes to Vets is scheduled for Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine as always. The event kicks off at the Marriott Hotel at 270 Concord Road in Billerica, MA. At our next meeting we will set a time and place to meet in Nashua to caravan down to the starting point. Don’t forget to gather items needed by our men and women veterans for the “goodie bags”. A Sunday breakfast buffet is offered at the Marriot for \$10.00 per person (includes gratuity and Tax). Last year there was over 370 Corvettes that came out, let’s see if we can top that number. For more information, go to [www.vettestovets.org](http://www.vettestovets.org).

Hopefully in October we can do another cruise & picnic to Castle in the Clouds. We can talk about it at the next meeting. Also if anyone has an idea or place we can cruise to and take in the fall foliage let me know and we’ll bring it to the members.

At our last meeting the President touched on the subject of Club elections in November, and we need to form an election committee to help seek candidates for the Board positions. All positions are open, but President and Vice President members are at the end of their maximum term and the Officer at Large position needs an elected member. Also, Joe Michalik graciously stepped up and volunteered to fill the membership director position that an elected member resigned from. If you would like to run for a position or be on the election committee let the President or I know your intensions.

Our next meeting is on Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua. Hope to see you there.

***Norm Wood***  
***Vice President***

***Secretary’s Report***

***Larry Shields***

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## Minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

President Larry Goelz called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with 29 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 August.

Larry G. started the meeting with thanks to those from the club who were able to attend Del’s wake. Larry also commented about the great attendance at our club picnic in July. Next Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> is the rain date for the Tilton Veterans Home event. A group will be leaving from the liquor store on 93 at 4:30pm. For recent events, we had 6 club members (3 cars) attend an event in Ontario, and 7 club members (4 cars) at the Berkshire, MA event.

The Appleby’s on Rt. 101A recently donated 2 framed pictures to the club that will be raffled off at our next Spring Fling. They asked if club members would be willing to do a small car show at their grand reopening, which is on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. It will be from 6-8pm, any who can attend would be appreciated.

John Slavin wasn't present to provide information for the Veterans Affairs update, but Larry G. commented that John is looking actively into the adopt-a-vet (for Xmas) program at the Tilton Veterans Home. He will provide more details on his thoughts at next month's meeting. The 2014 Corvette Caravan will be holding a meet & greet in Maine, in October. You don't have to be signed up for the caravan yet to attend the meet & greet event. Contact Larry G. for more information.

Membership: Joe Michalik

Tom & Ginny Chrisenton (2010 Magnetic Red Coupe) have attended their 3<sup>rd</sup> club event and are now full GCCC members!

Dave Hill (2012 Cyber Gray Coupe) attend his first meeting tonight.

Ron Nason & Sue Lyndes (2007 Monterey Red Roadster) also attended their first meeting tonight.

Reminder that Red Brick is the official clothing provider for GCCC, check them out on their website directly or from our club website link.

Secretary: Larry Shields

New ad is being placed shortly on the website, for Nationwide Auto Transport.

The regular appeal for content to be put in the Newsletter was made – keep the photos and articles coming!

Motion to accept the July meeting minutes was made by Ruth Wintle, and seconded by Michele Roy. All voted in favor.

Treasury: Lisa Dole

Lisa was unable to attend as she is finishing moving into her new home! Congratulations to Lisa!

Motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report made by Ruth Wintle, Seconded by Dan Fiedler, all members voted in favor.

Officer at Large: Bob Roy

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

- Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Home Rain Date
- August 18<sup>th</sup>, Hudson old-home-days Committee. Vintage/Classic autos & trucks. Free event.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Motor Speedway – Judged show
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Amherst Lion's Club – Walmart 9am-3pm, judging at 2:30pm (cash prizes)
- August 19<sup>th</sup> new Hampshire Motor Speedway – Points show?
- August 24-26 Corvettes at Carlisle
- Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> All Vehicle Show – Hill's House Field in Hudson (Rain or Shine)
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – Elm Street show in Manchester.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marshfield Fair Grounds, \$12 admission, all car show
- September 6-9 Vettefest in Lake George, NY
- September 6-9 Mountain Melee in Lincoln, NH
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Vettes to Vets in Bedford, MA – 8am-3pm. Big club turnout for this event – all members encouraged to attend. A rain or shine event.

VP: Norm Wood

Cruising Downtown event on Elm Street in Manchester on September 1<sup>st</sup>. While some club members will be parking on Elm Street itself, other members are welcome to park in the park area or other locations.

A new prospective member, Ron Nason, won the 50/50 drawing for \$48. Ron generously donated the \$48 to the club "adopt-a-family" for Xmas effort.



The Club Membership drawing for August was Linda Davis who was not present. Next month's drawing will be for \$20.

Next meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Jill Dupont motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ruth Wintle. All members voted in favor. Meeting ended at 7:42 pm.

## *Applebee's Cruise Night*

*Bob Roy*

Monday evening August 13<sup>th</sup> was a perfect night for a cruise night, and fortunately that was the evening we had chosen to say "thank you" to Applebee's manager, Terri Levesque for the two large pictures which were donated for "Spring Fling 2013". The cruise was scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Bob & Michele arrived shortly after 5:00 to set up, only to find that the parking spots had already been cordoned off by Applebee's personnel. We had a perfect shady spot with plenty of grass along the Amherst Street side of the parking lot. Soon after, Norm Wood arrived, beginning the procession of what turned out to be 15 Vettes & members/families. Also, making an appearance was Jim Ecke, who stopped by after work.



**All of the cars lined up in the parking lot**



**Gathering in the Shady Spot**



**Chatting & Snacking Commence**

Members in attendance: Norm Wood, Larry & Ingrid Goelz, Dan Feidler, Bob & Carol DiMeo, Bill & Vera Balcom, Denise & Ron Cote, Al & Carol Whittier, Roger & Cindy Collins, John & Dan Bosco, Ruth & Amos Wintle, Larry & Heather Shields, Ron & Jackie Garian, Dennis & Maureen & Tom Granger, Ray Nault, Dan & Gayle Zelonis, Bob & Michele Roy.

The evening began with the kitchen staff of Applebee's making & bringing us fudgy brownie bites, chips & salsa & blonde brownies, as well as soft drinks. Applebee's also provided members with cards for discounts on meals.



**The snack table**



**Terri, our Hostess**

As with all new ventures there were a few glitches, the Vettes on display brought in too many restaurant patrons (more than Applebees was prepared for) but for the most part it went well. Good food, good friends, good weather, & BEAUTIFUL VETTES.

Applebee's bestowed a trophy for manager's choice to Al & Carol Whittier.

Some people inquired as to whether this was a weekly/monthly event. One man even asked "What time does the auction start?" He had his eye on the vintage Vettes (Al & Ron, could have made some money for you).

Terri also mentioned that many restaurant guests insisted on showing her pictures of their Vettes & asked her how to join our club, prospective members??

A **BIG** Thank You goes out to all who attended.





*From Jalopnik Website*

<http://jalopnik.com/5919197/watch-a-deer-crash-into-a-racing-corvettes-windshield>

The last thing you want to see when you're flying down the track, putting in a good time in your C5 Z06, is a deer who doesn't know to cross at the crosswalks. The poor critter tried to jump over the Vette as it arrived, but it doesn't end well for Bambi. For those who enjoy such things, there's a link to a YouTube video available at the article URL (noted under the picture) which captures the entire incident.

The driver was okay, though he wasn't thrilled at the damage to his car... or that the emcee of the track day announced that he was the driver responsible for the 30 minute delay to the "Daisy Duke" contest.

*Roger's Photo Corner*

*Roger Collins*

Some additional photos from our Applebee's Cruise Night:



Caution! Vettes Being Cleaned!



The Manager's Choice Winner!



We had C1s and C5s

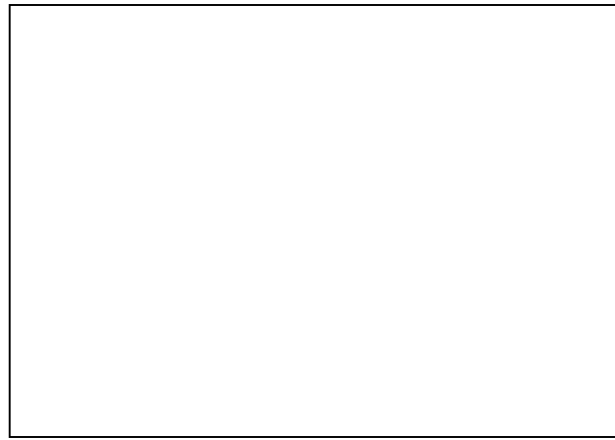


We had C2s





We had C4s and C6s



But no C3s! Where's the Love?

## *Tilton Veterans Home Cruise Night*

*Larry Shields*

There was a lot of disappointment when the original night for the Tilton Veterans Home Cruise Night was cancelled because of expected rain showers. However, we still managed to get a bunch of cars together to head up for the event's rain date the following week... even with the skies being gray and threatening possible showers. Through the power of positive thinking, we knew we could hold off any rain. We met at our gathering point at the state liquor store on Rt. 93 to head up as a group. Although we began to leave the rest area with only 4 cars, John Bosco managed to catch us right as we were pulling out to leave, so we caravanned up with 5 Vettes. We had also met John Slavin (who had his '54 Ford) at the rest area, but he had to run to another appointment and would meet us at the event.



Cars gathering at the Rest Area



Vette Alley being checked out by the vets

Club members attending were Bill & Vera Balcom, Amos & Ruth Wintle, Larry & Ingrid Goelz, Larry & Heather Shields, John Bosco, and John Slavin. Our drive up was mostly uneventful, though we did need to quickly pull into a rest-stop when it started drizzling, so that Larry & Heather along with Bill & Vera could put up the roofs on their convertibles. So much for the power of positive thinking.

When we all arrived at the event, the people telling us where to park let us all park together next to one of the buildings. The good news is, that while our positive thinking hadn't stopped all the rain drops... it had seemingly pushed them away from the event itself. The weather stayed clear of any more rain the rest of the night. While this was an all-car event, another couple with a red C3 (their first Vette, just purchased a few months back) showed up and joined us, to keep all the Vettes in one great looking row.



We all walked around and took a look at the other cars that made it to the event; definitely a great range of cars came out to support the veterans. A lot of classics, American muscle, and seriously nice looking modern cars too.



The veterans were given tickets to vote on the categories of Most Memorable, Most Likely to Get a Speeding Ticket, Veterans Choice, and Best of Show. I was quite surprised to win the Most Likely to Get a Speeding Ticket award for the night... apparently they all thought Orange was faster than Red (Heather & I were the only non-Red Vette there)! For those who were taking bets – no, this didn't turn out to be the jinx, and I didn't get my first ticket in the Vette on the drive home!



As they announced the 50/50 drawing, Heather realized that Cindy Collins wasn't actually with us tonight, which meant maybe we had a shot at winning that too. But she had forgotten that Bill Balcom was with us... he won. As the event wound down, we all drove over to the 99 in Tilton for a late dinner before heading home. It was a very enjoyable event all around, and it was great to see all the veterans out and enjoying looking at the cars. I had several memorable conversations with them (some of whom remembered us from our Ice Cream Social night) as they asked about the cars. I'm very pleased that our club has taken a more active role in supporting our NH veterans this year, and hope that we can continue this trend through this year and into the coming years. (Photos by Heather Shields)



This better not be a jinx!



The Rolls won Best of Show

### *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 – 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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### *Photo of the Month*



#### ***Hennessey Performance ZR700 tuning package for the ZR1***

***Brings the 638hp stock ZR1 up to 705hp – 0 to 60 in 3.1 seconds!***

<http://www.revmods.com/hennessey-zr700-corvette-zr1/>

### *Trivia of the Month*

**In February and March of 1967, some small blocks received the big block hood due to an accident with the small block mold. How can you tell?**

#### **Last month's trivia:**

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

#### **Answer:**

*It was 1968, where 3,311 of the 28,566 C3's built that year included the \$278 option.*

***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>

[www.newenglandcorvettecouncil.com](http://www.newenglandcorvettecouncil.com)

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