



#### The Official Voice of Gate City Corvette Club of Southern New Hampshire

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**Bonus January 2013 Issue** 



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#### **Member Birthdays!**

Brian Higgins – 1/2 Muriel Gorman – 1/6 Denise Prudhomme – 1/8 Ruth Wintle – 1/18 Allie DeCampo – 1/29



## Bonus Issue!

This is a special bonus issue of Stress Kracks. We don't normally have a January issue, and with the transition of the board, we don't have our normal officer articles for publication this month. But we did have a few other submissions and some content to go with, so I've taken it upon myself as Secretary to publish this month anyway. Hopefully this can help keep people in the Corvette spirit, while we get through our car-less months...

I look forward to seeing everyone on our Holiday Party on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember, this is a pot luck event, so please bring something tasty for all to share & enjoy. Norm has been helping coordinate who is bringing what (so we don't end up with lots of the same things) through our club mailing list. If you're not seeing those messages, please drop me (Larry S.) a message and I can help troubleshoot.

# Veterans Home Xmas Heather & Larry Shields

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, many members of our club went up to Tilton, NH to visit the NH Veterans Home for another Ice Cream Social event. John and Carol Slavin worked to organize this event for us, so that we could both give a treat to our Veterans going into the holiday time, but also turn over the donations from Gate City Corvette Club to the Adopt-A-Vet program.

We met at our usual gathering spot at the liquor store on Rt. 93 North. We even had three Corvettes that had been pulled out for the day (and several of us cursing that we had left them at home... what a beautiful day it turned out to be)! After arriving at the Veterans Home, we helped prepare the room with chairs for seating, while many of us went to help escort the Vets down to the event.

Josh and Danny Williams provided great musical entertainment for us once again. Josh even learned a few Christmas carols so that he could help get everyone into the Christmas spirit. John Slavin then presented Maureen Campbell (from the Vets Home) a check for \$4,000 dollars! There were then drawings for door prizes, with many Gate City Corvette Club, Inc. is one of approximately 600 Corvette Clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Gate City Corvette Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, NH.

t-shirts and small teddy bears & dolls being given out to the Vets whose names were drawn. The ice cream was scooped & smothered with toppings, and served in large portions. It wasn't the same without Mike Dupont on whipped cream, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A good time was had by all.



The Gathering of Cars



The Gathering of Veterans



The Music of Josh and Danny Williams



**Getting the Ice Cream Station Ready** 



Presenting the Check to Maureen



Handing out Door Prizes

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#### Season's Greetings

The Editor received this message for a Happy New Year to be passed along to all of our club members, from the Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. Our very own Bob & Michele Roy are on a great trip to the west coast, and will be attending the parade this year. They put this sign together to give a shout-out back to Gate City Corvette Club (as well as to the house of mouse, another passion of theirs)! We'll have to see if they end up on TV waving their sign...



### The Engine Build Experience - Photos

Larry Shields

Here are some of the photos that were taken of me during my recent 427 Engine Build. You'll notice I was wearing my club T-Shirt while doing the build... they know about GCCC now! If anyone is really interested in the process and additional photos... I've got 550+ photos and a few short videos, including the engine firing up for the first time. Just chat me up at the next meeting!



Arrival at the Performance Build Center



Working with Rich McBride



Heading to Line 4 to Perform the Build



This one will do...



Assembly begins









Carefully following instructions, the engine slowly comes together...



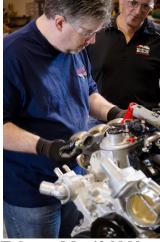
Thankfully Rich was very patient with me and was happy to answer all my questions



Almost Done...



My build plate on my engine



Exhaust Manifold Next



**Final Steps** 



**Engine Completed!** 

### That Poor Vette...



Picture by Pieter-Jan Vandevelde http://www.gtspirit.com/2012/12/12/car-crash-chevrolet-corvette-c6-in-belgium/

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, a driver in Mechelen, Belgium snapped a picture of this poor silver C6 that had been parked in a rather nonstandard way on the side of the road.

Larry Shields

The exact cause is unknown, but it's suspected that the driver lost control coming out of a roundabout, causing the car to spin out and crash into the guardrail.

At least it's not blocking traffic?

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Saturday Jan 5 – Annual Holiday Party Friday Feb 8 – Club Meeting Friday Mar 8 – Club Meeting Friday Apr 12 – Club Meeting Friday May 10 – Club Meeting Friday Jun 14 – Club Meeting Friday July 12 – Club Meeting Friday Aug 9 – Club Meeting Friday Sep 13 – Club Meeting Friday Oct 11 – Club Meeting Friday Nov 8 – Club Meeting 2014 Club Officers Election Meeting \*No December meeting – Happy Holidays!

#### PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is January 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



A 1954 Corvette, that had been entombed in a bricked off room in the original owner's grocery store – originally visible only through a small glass window. A real survivor! http://www.barnfinds.com/entombed-1954-chevrolet-corvette/

# Trivia of the Month

In 1951, a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car, which used what code name?

#### Last month's trivia:

What color were the first 200 produced C5s?

#### Answer:

The first 1997 Corvettes were painted red rather than the traditional white for the first production run.

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# SAVE THE WAVE

# **Free to Right Person:**

We were contacted by a gentleman who has the original owner's manual and protecto plate for a 67 Corvette. If you happen to be the owner of serial number 164877F-194208, he's happy to provide it for free to that individual. His name is Ron Weeden and his contact number is 978-994-1213.

# 2014 NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN 2014

#### Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 22, 23, 24 2014

Danbury, Connecticut KICK



OFF Weekend



Friday Night August 22, 2014 Welcoming Dinner Party Chuck's Steak House Danbury, CT



A Day at the 180+ stores - Danbury Fair Mall - Saturday shuttle from Ethan Allen....or....



A Day at the Track - Lime Rock Park – Lakeville, Connecticut - Saturday August 23, 2014





Dinner and Dance Saturday Night August 23, 2014 Ethan Allen Hotel



Depart from the Danbury Fair Mall Sunday August 24, 2014 8:00 AM Sharp!



DANBURY FAIR



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AUGUST 28 - 30, 2014 ALL ROADS LEAD TO BOWLING GREEN THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ALL ROADS LEAD TO BOWLING GREEN THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

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 - Stonewal I Resort - Roanoke, West Virginia



Tuesday Night - Crowne PI aza Campbel I House - Lexington, KY



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

To find out more go to our website: <u>http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/</u> On Facebook New England Caravan 2014

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