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First Word

Norm Wood

A Happy New Year to all as we enter 2013. I am returning as the President again and want to thank everyone for their support. Chevrolet just released the 2014 C7 Corvette and I am adjusting to the new style. The only area I am contemplating about liking is the rear end of the car; as it reminds me of the new Camaro. I suppose in time I will adjust to it like we all did when Corvette changed from the C5 to C6. I'm curious to see the price range of the car and when, *or if*, they will introduce a Z06 version. I am sure in the next few months the rumors will start.

Club dues are due in by January 31st and they are \$45.00 this year. Please get your check to Lisa as soon as possible. At the upcoming February meeting we will start looking for members to step up and help organize different areas of our annual "Spring Fling" car show. Remember this is the only major event that the club runs this year and it takes everyone to help. One of the most important tasks of this event is to find trophy sponsors and vendors to help offset the cost of the show. Everyone's help is needed to see who we can solicit to get involved with our show.

The Calendar of Events meeting is scheduled for February 24th and for the first time I can remember, without Del leading it. Nancy Liberty is taking over full control and I am sure everyone in the Corvette community will support her 100%. We will need to vote on our ad size again for the book and also update our picture/ad.

So far a few events have been scheduled for the upcoming months. On Saturday March 2nd there will be an **Adam's Detail Clinic** at MacMulkin Chevrolet on the 2nd floor showroom. Tommy Jr. has this floor, the 3rd floor storage area and a remote garage stocked full of 2013 Corvettes as the ordering for 2013 Corvettes is closed. Production of the 2014 Corvette begins in June. Then on Saturday April 13th there will be an **Adam's Detail Clinic** at Corvette Mike New England in Plymouth, MA. There will be flyers available for both clinics.

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.

As 2013 starts to roll the Board of Directors will be lining up future events for the club. Let us know if there is something or somewhere that's sounds interesting for a cruise too. Keep in mind the "Board" is always looking for input from the members, whether good or bad, give us your thoughts and ideas to make this club even better.

See you at the next club meeting on Friday February 8th at MacMulkin Chevrolet.

Norm Wood
President

Meeting Minutes – January

Larry Shields

A brief meeting was held at the annual Christmas Party, where the gavel was passed from the old board to the new.

Larry Goelz opened the discussion with thanks for those who had written articles for the newsletter. Especially those who this year wrote their first articles to help keep the newsletter interesting.

Birthday wishes to all of our club members who would be celebrating their birthdays this January.

Reminder that dues for 2013 are due at the end of January, and are \$45 this year. Please get your dues to Lisa.

Larry G. promised a short speech, which he had timed... and promptly went way over on time anyway. He appealed to everyone in the club to help keep it running & participate in the running of the club itself and its events. He mentioned the Corvette community's loss with the passing of Hank Vezina and Del Liberty this past year. He mentioned the "That Certain Moment" article which was written by our first club president & re-run in the Stress Kracks this last year. He mentioned that he was grateful for his time as President & very appreciative to those who helped keep the club active over the last few years.

Larry G. thanked Lisa Dole for her work with the treasury & with Spring Fling – contacting vendors to get more donations & contributions for the goody bags. He thanked Bob Roy for his serving as an officer of the club & his work in securing so many trophy sponsorships for Spring Fling each year. He thanked Larry Shields for his work on the newsletter & tech support. Thanks to Joe Michalik for volunteering to support the open vacancy on the board without even being asked. Norm & Sue Wood were thanked for helping to do the things others don't or can't do. Ruth Wintle for treasury & her adopt-a-family support. Jill Dupont for her time as secretary & being a shopping elf with adopt-a-family. Roger & Cindy Collins for organizing the Ice Cream Socials and bringing the club together for events, plus Cindy for running for office this year. Emile & Sue Tetu for hosting our club's Spring Picnic each year. Dan Feidler for encouraging him to run for President. Dean Gagne for bringing energy to Spring Fling event for 20 years now. John & Carol Slavin, acting as the veterans director & organizing our two club events for the vets this last year. Heather Shields for helping coordinate the adopt-a-family shopping this year. Ingrid & Michele Roy for helping run the 50/50 at meetings & Spring Fling. Last, but not least, he thanked

MacMulkin Chevrolet for their continued support of the club (and their great discounts for those of us who got new Corvettes this year)!

Larry then introduced the new board for 2013 & passed the gavel to Norm Wood who will be taking over as our club president.

The C7 is Finally Revealed

Larry Shields

On Sunday, January 13th, Chevrolet revealed to the world the new look of the Corvette for the coming generation. With many of us gathered at Blake's Ice Cream, and at least one of us actively keeping track of the Pats score via smart phone... the time came for the reveal. I saw at least 3 phones & one iPad out for watching the streaming presentation on the web to get our first glance at what the C7 would be. While an evolution of the C6 design, there will be no confusing of the two. Notably, they have also brought back the "Stingray" name – there is no 'base model', just Stingrays at this point.



The First 2014 C7 Corvette



Look forward to seeing in person!



The love it or hate it rear-end



Close-up of the new Stringray emblem



View of the Two Seat Styles

Additional information is slowly leaking out. We know there are two seat options available, a grand touring normal seat & an upgraded competition sports seat. The interiors have 5 color options: Brownstone (LT3 only), gray, adrenaline red, jet black, Kalahari (LT2/LT3 only). The C7 will also herald the return of a green external color (can we get Mike back into a Vette?). Color options will be black, Laguna Blue tintcoat, Crystal Red tintcoat, Cyber Gray metallic, Lime Rock green, Night Race Blue metallic, Torch Red, Blade Silver metallic, Arctic White, and Velocity Yellow tintcoat.

SHOWN WITH Z51 PERFORMANCE PACKAGE AND VISIBLE CARBON-FIBER ROOF.



The C7 Site Lets You Preview the Colors



Interior – Addition of Digital Screen to Gauges

The new gauge cluster will be interesting, as it looks to have an analog speed on the left, and a few other gauges like oil temp & such on the right, but the prominent center part of the gauge cluster is a digital screen. It will have about 3 configurable modes (similar to the HUD options on the C6, e.g., sport/track mode) that will feature different information prominently.

We know there will be a Z51 performance option available, which brings a plethora of extras: electronically controlled limited-slip differential; closer gear ratios for the manual; dry-sump oil system; additional cooling for the brakes, differential, and gearbox; larger brakes; additional aero package to improve high speed stability; and 19x8.5" fronts and 20x10" rears.

At this point, we still haven't seen anything about the convertible or about any of the options for upgraded performance versions such as the Z06 or ZR1. The C6 was out for a year before we got the Z06 model... history may likely repeat itself here. As many expected, Rick Hendrick won the bid for the VIN #0001 C7, with a \$1.05 million bid (he also picked up a 68 L88 race car at the same auction for another \$1 mil).

I look forward to hearing that Tommy Jr. has gotten some in stock later this year, so I can go look them over in person. We should start seeing them show up at car shows later this year, for the early adopters! I certainly have no plans of changing out of my new 427 Roadster... so I wonder who will be the first club member with the bragging rights of the first C7 in GCCC!

Sources:

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Official C7 Website: <http://www.chevrolet.com/new-2014-corvette/>

Car & Driver: <http://www.caranddriver.com/news/2014-chevrolet-c7-corvette-stingray-z51-photos-and-info-news>

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Christmas Party Pics

Roger Collins & Larry Shields

Here are a few pics from our holiday party this year. As usual, lots of good food and great conversations all evening long!



Presidential Discussions



Everyone Lines Up for Chow



Mike Pitching his Car Charger Hook-Up



Good Conversation and a Little Wine



Usually Gets Quieter Once Food is Served



Plates Getting Cleared, Desserts Eaten



The Girl Scout Cookie Sales in Progress



You Cannot Hide from the 50/50!



Always More Food than we can Eat



Al helped Vacuum!



Picture by Lucas Jackson/Reuters

<http://news.yahoo.com/photos/corvette-truck-moved-storm-surge-hurricane-sandy-rest-photo-171252461.html>

This yellow C3 was another victim of Hurricane Sandy, a big storm that hit the east coast on October 31, 2012. This Vette was tossed around a bit by the storm surge in Lindenhurst, New York. We hope for the owner that it can still be salvaged... usually salt water and electrical systems don't make good friends.

2013 GCCC Activities & Events

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
Sunday May 26 – Spring Fling!
Sunday Jun 2 – Spring Fling Rain Date
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 February 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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Photo of the Month



***When you have a C4 and the snow just isn't
going to move itself!***

Photo by Tom Hiltz - <https://secure.flickr.com/photos/redvette/51987039/>

Trivia of the Month

What year did Corvette have its first all-aluminum engine?

Last month's trivia:

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?

Answer:

The project was code named "Opel"

SAVE THE WAVE

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!**





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 Campbel I 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/>
On Facebook **New England Caravan 2014**



Our 5th Annual

Detail Clinic

at MacMulkin  Chevrolet

Presented by ***Norm's Detailing***

When: Saturday March 2, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00

Place: MacMulkin Chevrolet-
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Welcome to the 4th Annual Detail Clinic

At Corvette Mike New England

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



When:

Saturday April 13th, 2013

Time:

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place:

Corvette Mike New England

151 Samoset Street

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