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### **Member Birthdays!**

Cindy Collins – March 5<sup>th</sup>

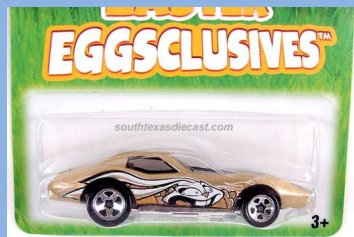
Shelley Northup – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Phyllis Nowak – March 8<sup>th</sup>

Mike DeCampo – March 13<sup>th</sup>

James Grimes – March 24<sup>th</sup>

Emile Tetu – March 27<sup>th</sup>



*Happy Easter!*

### First Word

Norm Wood

Well we are past the half way point in February and March seems to be just around the corner, but Mother Nature doesn't want us to forget winter as she teases us with nice 40-50 degree weather one day and hits us with a snowstorm the next day. There is not too much going on at this time but I have a couple of items to address.

Our February meeting was delayed a week with a major snowstorm dumping almost 2 feet of snow on us. We have started the ball rolling for Spring Fling as Dean outlined all the tasks that need to be done by the membership. He should be emailing the committee list shortly and I hope there is something that interests you to sign up for and help the Club have a successful event. Again, as you have heard many times before, we need the membership to seek trophy sponsors for this show. This is the largest cost factor associated with this event. New sponsorship forms and letters will be available shortly which will make the task of explaining the process easier.

As our organization continues its growth, especially through our sponsor MacMulkin Chevrolet and their potential of adding members, we must all take a look at what we have accomplished and what direction we would like to head in. We each have a reason for being a member... whether it is for the fellowship, knowledge shared, or the ideals that this organization puts forth. We all must remember that without participation from our members an organization cannot survive. One should not always count on the same people to do the majority of the work every time. Each of us must take some time to think of what you could give back to the organization. Whether it is seeking new members, participating on a committee, helping at one of our events, or finding sponsors for an event: getting involved is what creates a vibrant, healthy, and successful organization.

The Calendar of Events meeting will be taking place on February 24 (*Editors Note: This event was moved to March 10<sup>th</sup> because of an expected snow storm*) and I will be attending to promote our event. I

**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.

will also get the first of many fliers for other events scheduled over the upcoming season.

Hopefully in 5-6 weeks we can pull our Corvettes out of storage and start the cleaning process as we ready them for the summer. To help with that process there will be a Detail Clinic at MacMulkin Chevrolet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM. Come and socialize with your fellow Corvette owners and replenish your cleaning supplies at the same time.

At the next meeting on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at MacMulkin Chevrolet, I am sure we will have a full agenda of items and events to discuss on the upcoming season. Hope to see you there.

Norm Wood  
President

### Meeting Minutes – January

Larry Shields

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. 26 members in attendance.

The meeting began with a thank you to MacMulkin for use of their facilities for the meeting.

#### **Membership Report:**

No new members in attendance tonight. Remember that Red Brick is the official clothing store for all club related apparel and accessories. Find a link on our webpage.

#### **Secretary Report:**

Larry asked that people keep the content flowing in this year. It's not going to be a good newsletter without content from the membership.

Reminder to the membership that the club has a Facebook presence now, and will try to keep events & current happenings flowing out to people. You can find the page (and "Like" it to get the updates in your newsfeed) at <https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub>

Motion to accept the minutes from the January (Xmas Party) meeting was made by Larry Goelz and seconded by Ingrid Goelz. All voted in favor.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Lisa provided the details of our current treasury balances.

Lisa's old address was still on the website, so some membership checks may have been sent to the wrong 'old' address. If anyone needs to confirm her new address, please just drop an email to the email list or a board member.

Larry commented to all members to please look at the club member roster in the "Members Only" section of the website and make sure all of your information is correct: address, phone number, email, cars, etc.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Roger Collins, Heather Shields seconded. All voted in favor.

Dan Zelonis also noted that he has completed our 2012 taxes and they're ready for submission.

## **Officer at Large**

- February 24<sup>th</sup> (editors note: this was postponed!) – His & Her's day at Harbor Freight and Michaels/Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Meeting will be at Dunkin Donuts on 101A in Amherst at 10am.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Detail clinic at MacMulkin Cheverolet.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – North Shore Corvettes hosting a Winter Dinner Dance in Saugus, MA
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Detail clinic at Corvette Mikes.
- June 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Bloomington Gold Event

## **Vice President**

September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, VetteFest in the Adirondacks. Bob has already booked and is encouraging other club members to sign up as well. Contact Bob for information.

## **President**

Board voted in appointments: Dean Gagne as the Spring Fling chair, and John & Carol Slavin as the Veterans Affairs director.

## **Other Topics**

Larry Goelz spoke about the 2014 Corvette Caravan. Several club members have already signed up, with over 100 couples from New England signed up so far. The 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of June will be a Meet & Greet in Stowe, VT for everyone thinking of going. \$335 per couple for the Meet & Greet. A third Meet & Greet event is being scheduled on the Cape in October – more details to come. Reminder if you're going: you need to register for both the NE Caravan \*and\* with the Museum for the event.

## **Spring Fling Update**

- Dean Gagne will forward out a list of items that need doing for the event to the email list.
- Event will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>, with a June 2<sup>nd</sup> rain date.
- Dean needed the full page flyer/ad for the event to give to Anheuser Busch (Norm provided) and the insurance binder (still waiting for that).
- Gayle Zelonis volunteered to contact magazines & such with information requesting donations for the Goody Bags and Penny Table.
- Need volunteer to contact magazines & newspapers with the advertising information or the show as soon as possible.
- Norm Wood will do the trophy selection process for this year.
- Bob Roy is going to help organize vendor locations for everyone this year.
- Heather Shields volunteered to create a dash plaque design for this year.
- We're going to go with Richie O again this year as a DJ
- Larry Goelz is looking into the trophy sponsor sign update. Last year we were charged for the changes made to the sign. Going to look at price options for a new sign vs. updating the old.
- Joe Michalik & Al Whittier will take lead on the judging of the cars for this year.
- Looking at price for trophy sponsorship. Has been \$60, may need to raise based on possible cost increases for the trophies.
- Discussion on vendor prices. Used to be \$60. Considering increasing to \$70, with general agreement from the membership present.
- We need to allocate more space for the Corvette Corral this year.

- Bob Roy will coordinate the pizza for the after-show party.
- Joe Michalik will do the signs again this year.
- Need a coordinator for the penny table, also need donations for it as well.
- Carol Michalik motioned for a same size as last year (half page) ad to be placed in the Corvette Calendar of Events, Heather Seconded. All in favor.

#### Veterans Events

Heather Shields provided some information for the Slavins, who were not present. The Ice Cream Social event for the Veterans home will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-4pm. We have a list of items that they'll be looking to acquire for donations. We're looking to start putting some goody bags together for the Veterans.

The winner of the 50/50 is... who else... Cindy Collins, for \$34.

The winner of the Membership drawing was... this is like a theme... Bill Balcom. \$10 for this months draw.

The next club meeting will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Zelonis, Heather Shields seconds. Rick Pratt voted against, all others in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:04pm.

#### *That Poor Vette...*

*Larry Shields*



*Picture posted by "gpetry" on Digital Corvette Forum*

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2013/02/12/pic-2014-corvette-stingray-coupe-crashes-in-arizona/>

It's not even out yet, and it's already had its first accident. A 2014 Laguna Blue, C7 Stingray Coupe got itself into an embarrassing crash during test drives in Arizona. The event happened between 3-4pm on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chevy confirmed, "...a Stingray was involved in a one-car accident. During evaluation, due to driver error the inside tire caught the edge of the pavement during a tight corner, leading to the accident. Thankfully, no one was hurt..."





December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Arrived Home: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012  
3,355 lbs  
175.6 inches  
VIN #: 1771

Another happy customer for Tommy Jr. at MacMulkin Chevy! Larry Shields, the proud father, received his long awaited 427. The weather & roads were pretty snowy, so with some great customer service, the new car was delivered on a flat bed and dropped right into her new room. Her shoes never even had to touch the snow...

### 2013 GCCC Activities & Events

Saturday Jan 5 – Annual Holiday Party  
Friday Feb 8 – Club Meeting  
Friday Mar 8 – Club Meeting  
Sunday Mar 10 – His & Hers Event  
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  
Sunday Sep 29 – Vettes to Vets  
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 **March 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*



*An impressive Corvette "burn out"*

Photo by Dave Milcarek - <http://www.draglist.com/Pictures/POD-Jun-2002/POD-062402.htm>

### *Trivia of the Month*

**In 1986, twenty Corvettes were sent to England for what purpose?**

**Last month's trivia:**

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

**Answer:**

*1969 as the ZL-1. Although the Corvair in 1960 and the Buick 215 V8 were also all-aluminum, prior to the Corvette.*

**SAVE THE WAVE**

# 2014 NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN 2014

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



**Danbury, Connecticut KICK**

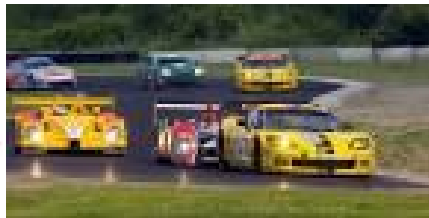
**OFF Weekend**



**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!**



**DANBURY FAIR**







## 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/>  
On Facebook **New England Caravan 2014**





**Our 5<sup>th</sup> 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-Cadillac

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Showroom

3 Marmon Drive

Nashua, N.H. 03060



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For more information contact:



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## Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**



THE CORVETTE SPECIALISTS

**When:**

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:**

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Place:**

Corvette Mike 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. **See the huge inventory of new & used cars on display.** All makes and models are welcome – you certainly don't need to drive a Corvette! **Attendance is FREE!**

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