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Brad Davis – April 5th

Linda Davis – April 10th

Ron Cote – April 12th

Carol Whittier – April 13th

Mike DuPont – April 19th

Larry Shields – April 24th

Susan Wood – April 26th

First Word

Norm Wood

As I sit here writing my article for the next Club newsletter I find myself trying to adjust to my surroundings. Blue skies, aqua-colored ocean water, 85 degree temperature with a slight breeze, and a lot of white stuff at our feet. I believe the white stuff is called “soft tropical beach sand”. With all of these distractions (there are other distractions but children may be reading this) it is tough to concentrate on writing, but as your President it is my duty to fulfill certain requirements. So far, the only road that is Corvette worthy is the new 4 lane highway from Punta Cana to Santo Domingo. This new road cut our travel of 2 hours from the airport to LaRomana, our destination, to about 50 minutes. It is a long, straight, and lightly travelled road but has a couple of problems; those are called speed bumps just before the toll booths. These are not healthy for the front spoilers.

I was not able to attend the rescheduled “Calendar of Events” meeting on March 10th, but our past president (Larry G.) attended, and will submit an article about what took place.

Spring Fling is starting to take shape as members are stepping forward to organize and run some of the subcommittees. As you have heard many times before, we need members to solicit businesses to become trophy sponsors. There are about 58 trophy positions, between “Classes and Specialties” that need to be filled. Please help out and try to contact local businesses and people to seek the support needed. We are also looking for vendors that would like to attend our event and set-up a site for their business. Contact V.P. Bob Roy if you have a vendor that is interested. There are forms available for sponsors of trophies or vendors that need to be filled out. If you need these forms contact Dean Gagne, Bob Roy, or I and we will get them to you. Also if you have donations for our raffle table or penny table, contact Jill Dupont or Michele Roy. They are also asking members to contact local businesses for donations for the raffle table.

Some upcoming events are:

March 30th – North Shore Corvette Club is having a dinner & dance night. This is a sister club that has helped support all of our events. Hopefully we can have a large group from our club to reciprocate and support their event.

April 13th – Corvette Mike New England will host an Adam's Detail Clinic in Plymouth, MA. The event starts at 11:00 AM with the product line on display and available to purchase at show prices. The Adam's crew (Norm's Detailing) will demonstrate the procedures and are available to answer questions.

April 14th – Corvette Club of Rhode Island (CCRI) is having their annual "Shakedown Cruise" up to Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant in Meredith, N.H. and has invited Gate City Corvette Club to join them.

It has been brought to my attention and I was asked why Gate City Corvette Club does not have a "Shakedown Cruise". It is possible to have one if the members wish to have one. I am thinking that maybe the first weekend in May might be good, but I am passing this request on to our Activities Director & V.P. Bob Roy to see what may be possible. If you need any more information about any of the above events, contact me and I will forward what I have.

Dan & Claudia Feidler have offered their home as the location for the Spring Fling Judging Clinic and grab bag stuffing that will take place usually a week before Spring Fling Show. More information will be posted later.

I am also sure many of us will be looking forward to taking our cars out of storage during the month of April. I am hoping all that cold white stuff on the ground is gone by the time my vacation ends (looks like I will not have that wish come true). It is not a pleasant thought of leaving this tropical paradise and arriving in a winter wonderland. My... train... of... thought... is.... beginning.... to leave... me.... as... the sun rises higher.... and my thirst for a tropical drink..... increases as..... I waste away in..... Paradise.

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Hope to see you there.

Norm Wood
President

Meeting Minutes – March

Larry Shields

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. 31 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:

Reminder to the membership that the club has a Facebook presence now. You can find the page (and “Like” it to get the updates in your newsfeed) at <https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub>
Thank you to those who are contributing content for the newsletter.

Motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting was made by Larry Goelz and seconded by Carol Whittier. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Report:

Lisa was not present. A copy of the February treasury report had been sent to the members on the email list.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Jill Dupont, Michelle Roy seconded. All voted in favor.

Officer at Large

- March 30th – North Shore Corvettes hosting a Winter Dinner Dance in Saugus, MA Much register before 3/25.
- April 13th – Detail clinic at Corvette Mikes.
- June 28th-30th – Bloomington Gold Event
- July 4th-6th – ALMS at Lime Rock
- July 12th and August 16th – Classic car rally at the beach. (Contact Cindy for info)
- June 28th-30th – 2014 Caravan Meet & Greet in Stowe, Vermont
- September 29th - Vettes to Vets

Vice President

The club will be making a His & Her shopping trip to the Harbor Freight and Bed, Bath, and Beyond / Michaels plaza on Rt. 101A in Amherst on March 10th. Meet at 9:45am at the Dunkin Donuts at the same plaza location.

Any magazine, newspapers, or radio stations in the area, please let Bob know so he can contact them for advertising for Spring Fling.

Old Business:

Larry Goelz spoke about the 2014 Corvette Caravan. Please contact him if you have any interest in joining the caravan or any of the upcoming caravan events.

New Business:

Jill Dupont asked about club interest in another King Arthur’s Flour cooking class. The club went up 2 years ago & had a great drive and learned to bake brownies and tort. There seemed to be good interest from the club, so Jill will look into what classes are available and see about setting something up.

Spring Fling Update

- Bob Roy volunteered to contact magazines with info about the event.
- Gayle Zelonis sent out requests for goody bag items, Dean already receiving some items.
- Bob Roy will also be contacting various newspapers & radio stations about the event.

- Norm looked at trophies, there was about a 10% price increase. Club is going to add a special “Del Liberty” trophy for this year as well.
- Heather Shields had a draft of the dash plaque image available for review.
- DJ Richie O said he’ll do the event & will plan to bring his live band again this year.
- Larry Goelz responsible for the banner. Broached the idea of replacing the banner with sponsors listed on, because of the costs of swapping names each year (it used to be free – we’re now being charged). If we’re going to put all the trophy sponsor information & ads in the event booklet that was demonstrated by Heather Shields at the last meeting, we can use that instead of the banner. The club could then see about getting new club banners – perhaps one for the club itself and one generic Spring Fling banner that could both be set up at the event. Larry G. will look at what banners can be done, and if it could be done in time for this year.
- Al & Joe will be running judging.
- Bowtie Shop will be buying 3 trophy sponsorships. Bob has many trophy sponsors already lined up. Also 6 sponsors so far, including Jake’s Ice Cream, Living on Shortcakes, Luxocity, Corvette Rentals, etc. Food vendor as well.
- Jill Dupont & Michelle Roy will be running the Penny Table & Raffle Table. In the past members have donated many items. If you're thinking of going to ask local companies to donate gift certificates or the like for the raffle table, coordinate with Jill & Michelle so we don't double ask from the same places. Everyone agreed to also go with raffling a 'free entry in next year's Spring Fling'.
- People also may need to bring some folding tables to help hold all the raffle/penny table items
- Idea from John Bosco: A single trophy for the Corvette Corral. We could possibly give a participant choice or buy ticket for voting. Mike said maybe a gift certificate instead of a trophy. Others agree that making it a raffle idea... anyone in the corral could win. Maybe just draw until you have a winner, must be present to win. Idea needs to be fleshed out.
- Motion from Bob DiMeo that the board considers some sort of a raffle for the corral for spring. Carol Michalik seconds. All in favor. Board will decide on an option.

The winner of the 50/50 is... NOT Cindy. Cathy Pratt wins \$40.

The winner of the Membership drawing was Lynne Nault who was not present. Next month’s member drawing will be for \$20.

The next club meeting will be on April 12th.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Michalik, Roger Collins seconds.

Meeting ended at 7:56pm.

On Sunday 10 March, Seacoast Vettes held their annual Calendar of events meeting in Dover, NH at Roger's Pizza (great pizza). The meeting brings a number of New England clubs together to develop a calendar of all club events for the year. Those clubs which cannot attend generally provide the information to either a member of Seacoast Vettes or to another person who will be attending.

As Norm was in the Dominican Republic on the beach with a drink in each hand (one was for me!), he asked that I attend in his place. It was a nice day and the drive up to Dover was pleasant and sunny. There were a number of folks there when Ingrid and I arrived. Clubs attending the gathering bring event fliers, etc. and spread them out for attendees to take back to their respective clubs. I laid out our club fliers, along with Norm's Adams fliers, for others to take.

Once most folks had arrived, Buddy Braun started the meeting and proceeded to have a minute of silence in honor of Del Liberty. Then the calendar process was started and we proceeded through each week of each month, with those having an event for that period standing up and describing the event and the date(s) it was scheduled for.

When it came to May, I reviewed our 33rd Spring Fling show. Then when June was up, I discussed our clubs efforts regarding NH Veterans, what we accomplished last year, and that our next event would be in June. Karen Blandini (Vettes to Vets) thanked our club for its work in developing a Veterans program.

Nancy Liberty spoke on the 40th Mtn Melee event in September and mentioned that it may be the last one, but she would not know until after this one. She also said they will hold their 21st Rally on 27 October, starting at 10 AM at Molly O's in York, ME. As many of us have enjoyed these rally's and wally's, it was good to hear that there would be another one to attend.

I spoke to North Shore folks and was told that Richie Gureghian and others have started the R Corvette Club and have about 28 members.

Randy Flock was in attendance with a number of CCRI events and discussed the 2014 NCM Caravan. He also mentioned that the meet and greet this June in Stowe, VT had only 4 rooms left so if you want to attend you need to book it very soon.

Overall, the attendance was quite good based on observation from attending last year, and the number of events also seemed to have increased. For those who know them, Vulture and Mrs. Vulture were also in attendance.

After the meeting, folks went downstairs for lunch. Ingrid and I dined with Barry and Deb Shepard from Vettes of Coastal Maine. As usual, the pizza was great.

Some pictures of the day's gathering:



The Journey of the 35mm Slides

Larry Goelz

Many of you know that I was in the US Navy submarine service. I served aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, SSBN 600 (States Ship Ballistic Missile), and the USS Henry L. Stimson, SSBN 655. Both were Polaris missile submarines with 16 missiles each and each missile contained multiple warheads. It was quite an experience to serve in the submarine service and be a part of this country's defense system.

I joined the Navy in April 1963 at the age of 18, after coming to the conclusion that I was not prepared to apply myself to studies in the junior college that I was then attending. A close friend (also in the same school) and I decided that given we were good candidate for the draft, we should enlist in the Navy and submarines sounded like something fun to do. So in we went, going first to boot camp in the Great Lakes US Navy Training Center where we started to grow up and mature.

From boot camp we were both sent to Naval Training Facility in Bainbridge, MD for our Fire Control Technician 'A' school (not fighting fires, as this rating was technical and deals with control systems for missile control and guidance systems, gunnery radar systems, and torpedo control and launch systems) which lasted several months. At that point our paths split and it would be several years before I ran across him in South Carolina.

Next stop was New London, CT for submarine school (which included entering at the bottom of a 50' tank filled with water, taking a deep breath, and then going up to the surface – quite a rush!). During the school we got to go aboard several WW II submarines (nicknamed River Boats) out in the Long Island Sound area to become acquainted with maneuvers. As completion of sub school was approaching, and hearing that my next school, Fire Control Technician 'C' school, was full and it would be some time before I would get orders to attend it, I felt that I would be ordered to one of the river boats, which caused me to think what I would do on one. Not wanting to be in the seaman gang (do all the menial tasks) I took a class after sub school to be trained on the torpedo fire control system on the river boats. At the conclusion of this class I received orders to the USS Theodore Roosevelt. So much for planning – I never again set foot

on a river boat, and the training on the torpedo fire control system was of no use. Additionally, my first job on the Roosevelt was in the Seaman Gang.

I reported to the Roosevelt in New London, CT and within several months I was on a plane from the Navy base at Quonset Point, RI heading for the Navy submarine tender USS Hunley, located in the inlet by Holy Loch, Scotland on the river Firth of Clyde. I am not sure when I met John Davis (he was one year older than I), but we were both on the plane with the Gold Crew of the Roosevelt (there were two crews – Blue and Gold – and each would replace the other on a rotating basis for 3 months each rotation – the 3 months were split into one month of upkeep and preparation for going on war patrol, and 2 months of being on war patrol, under water, moving along predetermined courses in the patrol area assigned).

We were assigned various tasks being in the seaman gang (as I was not trained on the fire control systems for the Polaris missile system) – while the sub was alongside the Hunley, we spent the first week doing mess cooking on the tender, then when our crew took over the Roosevelt, some in the seaman gang did mess cooking, some did scraping and painting of the sub's decks, and others moved supplies from the tender to the sub. Not very challenging work but someone has to do it.

During this time I got to know a number of the fellows in the seaman gang (as well as those in the Missile Control Center and for which I would be trained when I went to the 'C' school. John Davis struck up a friendship and at one point we went together to Edinburgh, Scotland for a weekend. John was always taking pictures, inside and out of the sub, and everywhere we went (at some point he showed me a number of the slides he had taken, when we were back in New London, and I had taken them home to view).

During this first patrol I qualified on all the systems on the sub and earned my dolphins (the symbol one wears on the uniform when qualified) which meant that I was now part of a small group of submariners. John would qualify the next patrol. Then the patrol was over and we flew back to New London, after transferring the sub to the Blue Crew.



Dolphin Medal Worn on Uniform

We did another patrol then the Sub was brought to Electric Boat in New London by the Blue Crew for overhaul. John and I stayed with the sub as we were part of the overhaul effort. He was ordered to another sub several months into the yard work, and thereafter I was ordered to Damn Neck, VA for my 'C' school where I would be trained on the Polaris Fire Control System.

It was during this time that I realized that I was still in possession of John's slides, but not knowing where he was, I thought little about them. After 'C' school I was ordered to the Polaris Facility Atlantic in Charleston, SC for shore duty where I tested and repaired the computer and guidance systems used in the Polaris missiles, then after 2 years got orders to the USS James K. Polk, SSBN 645. However, these orders were superseded with orders to the USS Henry L. Stimson as they were several days from flying out to the sub and were in dire need of a Fire Control Technician – so I never saw the Polk and within a few days (leave was cancelled) I was on a plane heading back to Scotland for the Polk – Blue Crew.

In 1970 I was discharged from the US Navy after seven years of service and 5 patrols on the Polaris Submarines. As I was approaching my discharge date I sent out my resume and landed a position with Digital Equipment Corporation located in Maynard, MA.

Over the years when I would come across the slides, I thought how nice it would be to return them to John. But how would one find someone with such a common name, not knowing where he came from, and not having the Internet.

Jump ahead to 2013. Having joined the United States Submarine Veterans Inc. (Sub Vets) in 2010 I had access to all the members of the organization. Several times I even looked up names of guys that I had served with, but to no avail. Early in 2013 I was reorganizing my workshop (which had piled in and around it a lot of household “stuff”). There were boxes of photo’s, negatives, and slides. This collection was amassed from our own life time of taking pictures plus all that our parents collected. So I decided to repackaging them.

As I was doing the repackaging, it came to mind that I still had John’s slides and I really felt badly that I had not worked harder to find him. That evening I went onto the Sub Vets site and went to the member’s page and searched for John Davis. Up came three hits for that name. As I looked at each, there was one who had been on the Roosevelt, and qualified in 1965. BINGO! That had to be *the* John Davis. As his email address was in the information I sent a note asking if he was the John Davis that had served with me on the Roosevelt.

After several days I received a reply that, yes, he was that John Davis. He said that all his slides that he had taken in the Navy were destroyed while being stored at his mother’s home and only had one photo from that time and it was in poor condition.

It is quite a feeling that here after a lifetime – we were in our late teens when serving together, and now here we are a lifetime later in our late 60’s and reconnecting. I am proceeding to send the slides to John who will be thrilled to look at them. I am sure they will bring back many memories to John (as they did the other day when I pulled out my slide projector and looked at them). We will keep in touch and who knows, we may get to meet each other again in person and reminisce about the days on the sub.



Larry Goelz on the USS Henry L. Stimson

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From the His & Hers Shopping Day at Harbor Freight / Michaels & Bed, Bath & Beyond:



Before we shop... COFFEE.



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Still thinking about it...



(They didn't actually buy all those boxes...)

Corvette Owner



What my friends think I do.



What my family thinks I do.



What society thinks I do.



What Insurance Companies think I do



What I think I do.



What I actually do.

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That Poor Vette...

Larry Shields



Picture credit: Los Angeles Fire Department

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2013/03/07/corvette-z06-owner-survives-horrific-crash-on-the-405-in-california/>

A black Corvette Z06 meets the back of a box truck... it's not a good day for anyone. Except in this case. While the poor Vette is so much scrap metal, the driver told emergency workers that at the last minute, he ducked. Showing where his head is in the pic... it's probably the move that saved his life.

The first responder to the scene says that the driver had some minor injuries, but was in good spirits considering what had happened. A trip to the hospital was still in order, just to be sure...

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
Saturday Jun 22 – Ice Cream Social @ Veterans Home

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 **April 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



#4 on its way to a win at 12 hours of Sebring ALMS (GT Class)

Photo Credit: Corvette Racing

Trivia of the Month

The original Corvette emblem had to be changed before production, since it contained an element illegal in Trademark use.

What was it?

Last month's trivia:

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

Answer:

To be converted into LT5 powered prototypes for the ZR1 project.

SAVE THE WAVE



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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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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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!**



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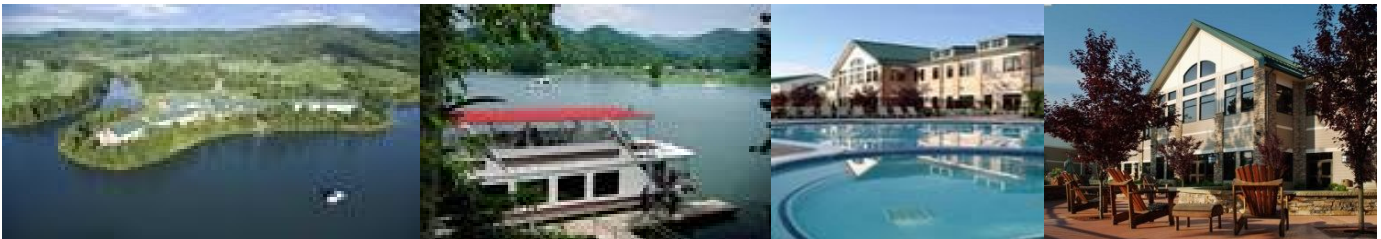


New Engl and Caravan

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/>
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