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First Word

Larry Goelz

July 2013 Issue

First, let me say that I did not expect I would be writing a First Word article ever again – I guess one should never say "never", so on behalf of the Officers of the Club, here is the July Newsletter. At the June club meeting, the membership was surprised with the resignation of our President, Norm Wood. I want to say I was disappointed with Norm resigning (I understand his reasoning), as he has contributed much to this club over the years and has always stepped up when either called upon or when there is a need no one else would volunteer for.

Being the club President for two years, I can say that this club is a family of individuals, who year to year support the club's activities, and enjoy most everyone's company. Yes, there are some members who have issues with others, but in general, we have gotten along well and I would hope that we continue to do so. My message to everyone, is if you have a problem with another club member, try to resolve your concerns directly with the individual in question.

Speaking for the club Officers, I want to thank Norm for his contributions to the club and look forward to his continued participation and support. Personally, I want to again thank him for being my Vice President while I was President (I know he really did not want to take another board position), so I would have someone in the VP chair who "has been around". This was key in keeping me on track and I called upon him on several occasions.

Now, on to more pleasant items. Although we had to move Spring Fling to our rain date, and a number of members could not make that date, Spring Fling was again successful. This was due, in no small part, to the members who stepped up and made it successful. Thank you all! GCCC also wants to thank all those who brought their Corvettes for judging, and those who went into the Corvette Corral. GCCC also wants to thank all the Vendors who set up at the show and to all the trophy sponsors and businesses that made donations to our penny table and raffle. See you all next year.

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.

We are now in the throes of another Corvette Summer and there is no lack of events to participate in. When you read this newsletter we will have held another NH Veterans Ice Cream Social at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton, NH. Look for coverage of the event in the next newsletter.

On July 20th, the club will be holding its Annual Picnic at Emile and Sue Tetu's home at 44 Norris Street, Manchester, starting at noon. This will again be catered with the club providing non-alcoholic drinks. Individuals may bring their own alcoholic beverages, as well as any appetizers and desserts.

I want to remind members to put the Corvette Club of Rhode Island's July car show on 28 July on their calendars. CCRI supports this club extremely well with their participation at Spring Fling and I want to see all club members that can, join in and attend this show. At the next club meeting we will discuss who is going and where we all will meet up for the drive down.

As the NH State Leader for the 2014 NCM Caravan, I will use this platform to remind everyone that the final Meet and Greet for those who have signed up for the Caravan, and for those who are still on the fence regarding attending, will be held on October 18 – 20 at the Sandwich Lodge/Resort on Cape Cod. Visit http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/ for all the information and registration form. I have NE Caravan clothing – t-shirts, hats, flags, and decals available so let me know if you are interested.

Get Out and Enjoy the 2013 Corvette Season, Larry S. Goelz, on behalf of the 2013 GCCC Officers

<u>Meeting Minutes – June</u>

<u>Larry Shields</u>

Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm. 43 members in attendance.

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

Membership Report:

Two new members were brought into the club tonight! Jay Houghton (2011 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe) and Rick Raff (1990 Dark Red Metallic Coupe) both joined and we look forward to their participation within the club!

Reminder that Red Brick is our club clothing supplier – any shirts, jackets, or other items you want with a club logo – they have many great things to choose from.

Secretary Report:

Larry mentioned that we have had some great club exposure via the Facebook club page. The buzz around Spring Fling saw a surge in followers – we're up to 44 currently. We even have people following our club page from Canada, Mexico, and Italy! There was some good feedback right after the show as well from a couple of people who won at the show (and included some pictures).

It was mentioned that the website was down earlier in the day. Larry would follow-up with Brian to see if there was any problem.

Motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting was made by Ruth Wintle and seconded by Carol Whittier. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Report (Lisa not present – Larry S. provided status):

Larry read the current bank balances, current income & expenses for the last month.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Ruth Wintle, Carol Whittier seconded. All voted in favor. Question was raised if our club donation to the American Cancer Society (from the profits from the 50-50 at Spring Fling) could be used to sponsor Gayle's walk team that also gives its proceeds to the American

Cancer Society – since the money will still go to the same charity.

Dan Feidler made the motion to use the money to sponsor Gayle's team, seconded by Ruth Wintle, all voted in favor.

Norm talked through some of the specifics of the income & expenses from Spring Fling. There are still a few final misc. expenses to be tallied in (some additional receipts were received by Norm at the meeting, plus question on the pizza post-event expenses). It was noted that we saved some money this year by recycling the unused trophies from last year's event. There was then a general discussion on how we split the money/profits last year amongst our charities (Nashua Soup Kitchen & Adopt-a-Family).

Ruth proposed 50% of the profits go to Soup Kitchen (half now, half at Thanksgiving), 50% to Adopta-Family. Dan seconds. Question was raised around Veterans home donations. It was mentioned that we did do a donation late last year for them. Recommend that we should look at the balances later in the year to see if we should consider making an additional donation to against this year. Mike Dupont recommended a rewording of the proposal on the floor for clarity:

Of the money coming in from Spring Fling, 50% will stay with the club, 25% will be donated to the Soup Kitchen (half now, half at Thanksgiving time), and 25% will be donated to Adopt-a-Family. Ruth & Dan agreed to the rewording of the motion. All members voted in favor.

Officer at Large (Cindy not present, Bob Roy read events):

- Cruise-in: First Saturdays of the Month –Corvettes & Coffee event, Roundabout Diner in Portsmouth (9am-Noon)
- Cruise Night: North Shore Corvettes cruise at the Sylvan Street Grill in Peabody, Tuesday night's from 5pm-Dark
- Sunapee Lion's Club, June 23rd, in Newbury NH (Antiques & Classics)
- Nashua, NH Eckler's Event 4 days. June 26th-30th.
- \bullet Camaro Club on August 25^{th} at the Hill House Field in Hudson
- Cars for Pets event June 22nd 10-3pm, in Salem MA. \$20 per car.
- July 20th, Field of Dreams in RI.
- July 26-27, Wolfboro Inn, "Escape to the Lake" event.

Contact the Office at Large for more information on any event of interest, or for information about the many cruise nights going on.

Vice President

We discussed the club picnic. The price of the meals increased a bit this year. The event will be held on July 20th, and the cost will be \$14 per person / \$28 per couple.

The question was raised for club reimbursement of the picnic costs to the members. There was mention of only reimbursing those who assisted / participated at the event. Norm explained the event and process to our new members, that people must pay in advance for the event. If you attend the event, that you

receive your check back (though many choose to donate that money to our charities). It was mentioned that the event will start at noon, have catered food, BYOB for any alcohol (soda & water usually provided by the club). Ice cream, popcorn, slushy machine will be present. There is also a pool, but you must bring your own towel (and bathing suit!). Next meeting we will further discuss if members want to bring apps/deserts to supplement the main course.

Larry Goelz motioned for the club to pick up the cost of the caterer, including a tip similar to last year's. Rick Pratt seconds. All voted in favor.

Rick asked about the tip (which we believe was \$50 last year) and asked if a 10% would be appropriate. Members noted that the caterer is generally only delivering the food & putting it on the table for us, the rest of the logistics of set-up and the rest is all done by club members. Rick agreed the \$50 flat amount sound reasonable.

Veterans Affairs:

The club's Ice Cream Social with the veterans will be next Saturday from 2-4pm. We will be leaving from our usual Rt. 93 liquor store meet-up point. Be there by 12:45, ready for a 1pm sharp departure time. We described the event & what we'll be doing to our new members. Event will likely be outside in the back parking lot if the weather is good.

Spring Fling:

Dean mentioned receiving positive feedback from the show. There was an oops with one show class category where the judges seemingly judged the 2 car category, putting the scores on the other car's paper sheet. It seemed very obvious based on the score sheets once discussing with the person who felt they likely should have won, when comparing his statements to the information on the judging sheets. Important for judges to double check they're working on the correct forms.

Question about how much the rain date impacted the income from the event. It's hard to say for sure, but we probably got around 40 cars less than we likely would have on the original date. The choice of weekend was discussed, and why Gate City has the event on the holiday weekend.

Discussion of great support from the RI club for our event. Dan mentioned that it would be great for more members of our club to go down and support the RI event in July, as a thank you for the great support they give us for our event.

NCM Ambassador Update

Dan has tickets for the last 60th anniversary Coupe for the Corvette Museum at \$10 a ticket. See Dan if you'd like to get one.

Old Business:

Corvette Caravan – June meet & greet is at the end of the month, still 1 room left. Final meet & greet is in October in Sandwich, MA. It is now open for registration. Larry G. will have t-shirts, jackets, hats, etc. for sale to any interested in getting them.

New Business:

Norm Wood handed a letter to Larry Shields to be read into the record, and departed from the meeting. Larry read the message to all of our club members that were present (copy will be made available to members who are interested – summary only is provided here by Larry S. in good faith to capture the intent of the 2-page memo), which described recent concerns/complaints that had been raised to Norm about his job as President of the club. The message addressed Norm's point of view for the concerns that

were raised to him, but the stress being placed on him and Sue was just too much. Norm respectfully tendered his resignation as the club president, effective immediately.

Much discussion occurred amongst those present about this issue. The question was asked if we had to accept the resignation (general agreement was yes, we have to respect his wishes if he really wants to step down). Many members stated that we should attempt to talk to Norm about his choice to see if he would change his mind. Dan F. stated that he had spoken to Norm about this, and he doesn't think Norm will change his mind at this point. Jill Dupont stated the she loved the club & the people in it, and would hate to see this sort of thing tear apart the club. She hoped that we could learn from this and get through it and come out strong, staying positive going forward. Dean talked to one of the concerns raised about Norm as a vendor at the event, and how Norm was a paid vendor for the event (and has been requested to be a vendor at our show) yet was still available to help judge cars for the show.

The winner of the 50/50 is... Jill Dupont (who donated the money to the Veterans) for \$60

The winner of the Membership drawing was Al Whittier for \$40!

The next club meeting will be on July 12th.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Whittier, John Bosco seconds.

Meeting ended at 8:18pm.

Scotch Eggs and Golden Steeds

Heather Shields

After a week of miserable weather, which ruined many plans the weekend before, it was a great relief that Thursday dawned, if not bright and sunny, at least nice enough to be able to drive with the top down. A fortuitous start to our first time going to a Vettes of Costal Maine event.

Meeting Larry G, Ingrid, John, and Carol at the Roundabout Diner in Portsmouth, the six of us started the trip northward hoping the mild day would continue on throughout the coming weekend. Soon after crossing into Maine we left the fast pace of the highway for the scenic views of the Coastal Highway. We wound our way though shady tree-lined streets interspersed between open views of the rapidly sun-soaked seaside. It proved to be a fantastic and relaxing drive, which had me wishing I had brought at least one of my cameras into the front seat with me. (Okay, minus the idiot in the Honda who rode our rear bumper for about half an hour, until my Larry was able to take a left turn at double the idiot's capable speed and we finally lost him. Have to admit, it was amusing to see him even try and attempt the same tight turn, at speeds we were able to make with ease, and practically end up off the road.)

Halfway there we stopped at a nice little diner for lunch, then finished the rest of the trip uneventfully and made it up to the Wonder View Inn by early afternoon. By now the weather was all anyone could ask for, bright sun, a light breeze that kept the higher temperatures from being too unbearable. This proved to be the first bit of great luck on our trip, but not the last. Checking in, we found that one of the upgraded rooms down the hall from where everyone else was staying was available so we quickly snatched it up and soon we were all settled in for the weekend with large comfortable rooms with fantastic views of Bar Harbor below (or as Bob Roy would insist I pronounce it; Baaah Haaarbaaah).





After relaxing with drinks on the brand new deck of the Looking Glass restaurant, located on-site, the six of us joined up with people from VoCM and drove down into the center of town for dinner and great company. Picking the new Irish Pub style themed restaurant located right on the main corner, we all enjoyed a good mix of Irish and American style food. From the bright BRIGHT green 'Irish Mojito' to the authentic Scotch Eggs served patio side with a great view of downtown. It was a great kick-off to the weekend, that was topped off with (what else) Ice Cream and a walk along the Costal Path at sunset.





While Friday morning offered a 'Sunrise Coffee Stroll' along the shore, and the weather was perfect for it, we opted instead to sleep in a little longer, then walk down the road for breakfast at the 2 Cats Inn and Public House. A great, quirky, little converted home that had a great selection of the normal and unexpected for breakfast fare (Elvis Presley Pancakes anyone?). Walking back we started on the weekend long quest for the Horses, since we had been told there were nearly 100 horses of all sizes scattered around the hotel grounds and downtown. Then we gathered up with the rest of the early arrivals, and headed off for a cruise through Acadia Park.

We stopped for lunch at Jordan Pond, featuring the best Popovers in the area, followed by a group photo, and ended with a lovely ride up to the top of Cadillac Mountain. Friday evening started the official kick-off of the weekend, with a meet-and-greet downtown, followed by breaking for dinner, and then enjoying a walk around town looking for more of the prize horses. Then we ended the evening at the small Improv Club for a night of much laughing (Though I think the most laughter was had by the five of us turning to John and either asking him 'So she's a manager at MacDonald's?' or asking if he wanted more cranberry in his juice. I've never seen John laugh so hard he started crying before.).









Saturday morning dawned again with the promise of a day of prefect weather. In fact, we heard this was the first year that there wasn't even a hint of rain for the whole weekend! (Guess we're a lucky charm!) By the time we got back from breakfast at 2 Cats again, we had found five of the prize horses among the Gate City group. Lunch time saw everyone gathered at the baseball field for the car show, and while we wandered in and out of rows of shiny Corvettes casting our best-of-group and class ballots we were treated to the local Mustang Club driving by on their annual cruise. After the boxed lunches were eaten and door prizes were given out (we won a pretty Christmas ornament made by one of the local town shops), we all headed off for a lovely cruise around the island, then headed back to the Inn for a few hours before the banquet that night.









During the drive back, Larry S and I had our next Lucky Charm moment: when turning into the Inn I noticed perched on the antlers of the huge Moose statue, a twelve inch golden steed! Quickly pulling over, I jumped out and raced across the lawn to claim it! (Nearly losing my shorts in the process...) A little while later, Larry G, Ingrid, and I decided to take a small break, while Larry S, John, and Carol headed back into town for root beer floats at the Route 66 Restaurant.

Meeting up again as a group that evening, we all headed off to the banquet in our Derby finery. Though we were all dressed to the nines, John in his bright red jacket was looking very sharp indeed. While our group opted for more traditional Derby wear, there were others who went all out. Of my favorites were the matching Jockey outfits, the 'Money' suit and mini-dress combo worn by one of the Canadian couples, the 'Horse and Jockey' outfit worn by another woman, and by far the 'Grandest Hat of them All' was worn by Kelly Kelly with her black and white feathered Chapeau.





Though it turned out our herd of six horses was not enough to win a prize for most steeds found (Partly due to the fact some of the Canadians pooled theirs together for a total of 30+). We did have the pleasant surprise to find the Golden Horse was one of the two grand prize winners which left us with a nice discount on our room rate (\$75 off). Larry G won 3rd, and Larry S won 1st for their respective car classes at the show (and had Larry G brought his 427, I'm sure we'd have seen either a hard fought battle or tie for 'Best in Class' in that category). Larry S and I also won one of the 'key drawing' prizes, which was good for another \$75 off our stay at the hotel!











After all the trophies were awarded, many pictures taken, and even more laughs had. Sadly, Larry and I had to bid an early farewell to everyone, as we had decided to head back early so we'd be able to make Spring Fling on Sunday. Overall, we could not have had a better weekend. Filled with fantastic weather, amazing views, and some of the nicest people you could ask for. I was very happy we were finally able to make it to one of the VoCM annual events, and look forward to attending many more in the future.

From Spring Fling 2013 by Roger Collins:



Parking staff await the next car



35 Years of Spring Fling!



Amazing raffle table items this year



Check-in and car classification station



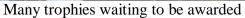
Getting the judging sheets together



Post-event pizza party time!

Some additional Photos of Spring Fling from Heather Shields:







The cars gathering in the grass



A smudge? No wait, that's my reflection...



Waiting for judging



Never too early to hook the next generation



Best in show – what a feeling!

That Poor Vette... Larry Shields



http://www.google.com/hostednews/getty/article/ALeqM5gKVhEizm286cbyMCwlBNRux1l9cw?docId=169285563

Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images

On this edition of That Poor Vette, we have a mixed bag of good and bad. The bad news is that Shane Steelman's 2002 C5, Torch Red Z06, was not in a good place when the EF5 strength tornado ripped through Moore, Oklahoma. The car was in his home's garage when the storm hit... the house and garage aren't there anymore.

The good news is, Shane made it through the storm... and more or less... so did the Z06. It definitely is going to need some work, but it doesn't look like it's totaled. Hopefully Shane and his Z06 both have better times in front of them.

2013 GCCC Activities & Events

If you plan to attend an event that isn't listed on the calendar, please let me (Larry Shields) know and I'll have it added for the following month's newsletter. If you're willing to be a club contact for a given event, please let me know as well and I'll list you. This way others in the club who may be interested in the event know who to contact for coordinating – especially if people are going to caravan out to the event.

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$28^{th} - 30^{th}$	National Corvette Caravan Meet & Greet, in Stowe, VT				
	URL: http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/				
	Club Contact: Larry Goelz				
July					
4 th -6 th	American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock, CT				
	URL: http://www.limerock.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=59				
12 th @ 7PM	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH				
20 th @ 12PM	Gate City Corvette Club Annual Picnic, Manchester, NH				
20 th @ 4PM	Field of Dreams Cruise-In – 35 th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival, Rhode Island				
	URL: https://sphotos-a.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-frc1/603988_549409945090482_1010688107_n.jpg				
28 th @ 9AM	CCRI Corvettes by the Sea (Non-Judged Show) at Marina Park in South Kingston, RI				
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August					
9 th @ 7PM	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH				
10 th @ 11AM	All Car Show & Fund Raiser for Lowe Syndrome Assoc., in Saugus, MA				
	URL: http://northshorecorvettes.com/august-2013/				
$22^{\text{nd}} - 25^{\text{th}}$	Corvettes of Carlisle, Carlisle PA				
	URL: http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/corvettes/				
September					
5 th -8 th	Seacoast Vettes 40 th Mountain Melee, in Lincoln, NH				
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6 th -8 th	Adirondack VetteFest, 2013 in Queensbury, NY				
	URL: http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest_2013.htm				

	Club Contact: Dob Doy			
	Club Contact: Bob Roy			
13 th @ 7PM	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH			
29 th @ 8AM	Vettes to Vets, in Billerica, MA			
	URL: http://www.vettestovets.org/			
October				
11 th @ 7PM	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH			
18 th -20 th	National Corvette Caravan Meet & Greet, in Sandwich, MA			
	URL: http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/			
	Club Contact: Larry Goelz			
27 th @ 10AM	Seacoast Vettes 21 st Annual Autumn Rallye			
November				
8 th @ 7PM	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH (Officer Election Meeting)			

PUBLISHING INFORMATION - The next article/ad submission date is July 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 20^{th} 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



Now that's one patriotic C3Photo from Mid-America Motorwoks

Trivia of the Month

CB radios were once an available option. What was the last year it was offered?

Last month's trivia:

One of the 1954 Corvette options was the Powerglide Automatic Transmission. How many of the 3,640 built that year were ordered with a manual transmission?

Answer:

None! While it was listed as an option, most reports show a manual was not actually available until '55!

SAVE THE WAVE



Original C5 (2004) polished wheels, tires, and wheel sensors for sale. They have approximately 15,000 miles on them. Looking to get \$650 for all four.

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2014 NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN 2014

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



OFF Weekend

Danbury, Connecticut KICK



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 - Stonewal 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