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## First Word

Carol Whittier



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Ingrid Goelz – August 10<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Granger – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Paul Nowak – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Norm Wood – August 15<sup>th</sup>

Sandra Gagne – August 21<sup>st</sup>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support you have shown me. I don't know if you could tell but I was overwhelmed at the meeting with how many of you came out. It meant more to me than you will ever know.

For those of you who could not make the meeting and do not know me, I would like to tell you a little about myself. My name is Carol Whittier, and I joined the club in 1981. I have been a past president 4 times. Vice President, Secretary, and officer at large several times, you get the picture. So I am not a newbie to this.

I would like to pass on the message I expressed at the meeting: I was saddened by what happened last month, so here is what I would like us all to do. Let's make an effort to move forward. Try to get along. Be respectful of one another, you don't have to be best friends, but keep the negative out. We need to stop the dividers (people who try to divide the club). It is very simple, if people or a person is talking negatively, just say 'I am really not interested' and either change the subject or just walk away. When dividers have no listeners or followers they will stop. If they don't, you can come to me. I would really appreciate that very much, because I have NO PROBLEM talking to the person or people that try to divide this club. I WILL NOT PUT UP WITH IT.

Let's get back to the positive. Too many clubs are no longer around because of dividers. Instead, use your energy to get to know your fellow members you may find some best friends, even people you consider like family here. I know I have, that is why I am sitting here. Let's start anew right now.

Let's be GATE CITY STRONG.

With that said I would love to see as many members as we can get to go to the CCRI show on July 28<sup>th</sup>. They are one of our biggest supporters and a great club.

Also, let's come up with some ideas, fun stuff to do to bring us closer and get to know each other better. I would welcome any suggestions: examples potluck trivia, Pictionary cookout, or anything else we can come up with.

Also next month, we will be looking for a committee to look for officers to run for next year. Start thinking about helping us out, or even running yourself.

As of now, the sun is shining and the rain has stopped, so let's have some positive fun! I saw a sign on my way home which is so true: "BE SAFE, HAVE FUN, THIS IS LIFE. IT'S NOT A REHERSAL." See you next month.

SAVE THE WAVE AND REMEMBER GATE CITY STRONG

Carol Whittier  
President

*Meeting Minutes – June*

*Larry Shields*

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. 40 members in attendance.

The meeting began with a thank you to MacMulkin for use of their facilities for the meeting, and birthday wishes for all the recent club birthdays.

**Membership Report:**

No new members in attendance at the meeting, and no new prospects currently known.

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:**

Up to 46 likes/followers on Facebook.

Brian was able to fix the website issues, the site should be more stable again.

Thanks to everyone who has been providing content & pictures for the Newsletter. Some pictures from Mike Dupont were provided tonight as well, of his trip down to Lime Rock – includes pictures of a Lime Rock Green C7!

Motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting was made by Ruth Wintle and seconded Jim Gorman. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer Report:**

Coverage of the current balances for the club, including the final totals from Spring Fling, the T-Shirt costs for the Veterans Home, price for the DJ, vendor licenses, crown trophy, musicians from the Veterans event, initial donations made to our charities, etc.

We received the last check from ING, but they evidently contacted us and asked about receiving a refund because they were not satisfied with the event. The decision was made not to refund the money, the show ran as expected, and there seemed to be no good reason to return the money since they did come & exhibit at the show – which is what they paid to do.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Michele Roy, Seconded by Cathy Pratt. All voted in favor.

### **Officer at Large:**

- 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
- July 13-14: Rutland, VT RAVE car show.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Gilford, CT Moroso Corvette show
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Club Picnic @ noon.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Lancaster NH, Historical Society – Car/Bike/Truck show.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – Shrewsbury Classic Cruise at the Candy Mansion
- July 26-27, Wolfboro Inn, "Escape to the Lake" event.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – Telegraph Motorman Event
- July 27<sup>th</sup> – CCRI Corvettes by the Sea at the Marina
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Frito-Lay Wounded Warrior Event
- Camaro Club on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hill House Field in Hudson

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

Larry S. also mentioned that he's happy to add new stuff into the calendar of events in the Newsletter that people plan on attending. Just let him know if you plan on going to an event, and he'll get it on the list.

### **Vice President**

Bob mentioned the Vette Fest event on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Many will be going up on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, the day before, for a cruise on the lake. Bob has lots of information about the event, and mentioned that the Adirondack Nationals happen at the same time (the hot rod show). They're very close to each other, but it's a different event than the actual Corvette show.

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.

### **Old Business:**

Carol mentioned that she was very sorry about what happened at the meeting last month. She asked that everyone please make an effort to not allow people to divide the club. Just say you're not interested in listening to people who are trying to cause any factions or split in the club – use your energy to find friends instead. You'll find some great people around you. She urged us all to be "Gate City Strong".

### **New Business:**

Club Picnic – Asked if we needed to bring apps, if we wanted to split based on last names again. It was mentioned that last year we had decided to mostly bring just deserts, as the food arrives shortly after we

all get there, and the apps weren't really needed. It was confirmed that the ice cream bar would most definitely be open this year as usual.

CCRI show – Their club so heavily supports the Gate City show, we want to encourage all of our members to come down for the cruise down to their show on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Larry G. volunteered to talk with Dan F. to coordinate possible caravans down the morning of the event. Gates open at the event at 9am, about a 2 hour drive down. Will finalize coordination through the email list.

#### **Veterans Affairs:**

John Slavin thanked the club for the continued support of the Veterans home. He's working now on scheduling the holiday Ice Cream Social event. He mentioned that we'll likely do the "Adopt-A-Vet" again this year as well. The club also extended thanks to John & Carol for all the hard work they did setting up the event. Getting to have this last event outside was really great, the veterans seemed to really enjoy being able to see the cars up close.

Question was asked if after the drive around the building, would it be possible to offer a ride to some of the Veterans? It was mentioned that this had been discussed, but at the time had been decided against because of the liability concerns. It may be something we could look further into, if members are really interested.

#### **Corvette Caravan:**

Larry G. mentioned the Meet & Greet in Stowe, VT. Twelve of us from Gate City made it to the event – not a single Corvette amongst us (darn the weather). If anyone is still thinking of going, there is another Meet & Greet being scheduled in October (posted on the Caravan website), on the Cape. Over 100 cars are scheduled for the Caravan so far, and more are coming on board. Talk to Larry G. with any questions.

The winner of the 50/50 is, once again... Cindy Collins! She won \$61.

The winner of the Membership drawing was Larry Shields for \$10!

The next club meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing setting up our 2014 elections committee at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ruth Wintle, Michele Roy seconds.

Meeting ended at 7:52pm.

#### *New England 2014 Caravan – Stowe, VT Meet & Greet*

*Larry Goelz*

Given the weather that we were experiencing coming up to the Meet and Greet date, it looked like we would be in the rain. On the Thursday evening prior to heading up to VT, it was decided by the GCCC contingent to use the metal cars – a disappointment to say the least!

On Friday morning, Ingrid and I headed out for The Commodore Inn at Stowe with the first stop at the I-89 rest area to meet up with Larry and Heather Shields. Dan and Gayle Zelonis headed up on Thursday, while Joe and Carol Michalik, Al and Carol Whittier, and Rick and Cathy Pratt were making their separate ways on Friday.





**The Inn in Stowe**



**Arrivals**



**More Arrivals**



**Getting Busy**

Upon arrival, we pitched in to help Randy and Judy Flock set up the Caravan clothing display and the items for the penny table and for the raffle in the Inn's conference room. As the afternoon went on, the rest of the GCCC group arrived.



**Good help is hard to find!**



**Making progress**



**Finishing Setup**



**Dan Z. lends a hand**



**The "BOSS"**

Friday evening, we held a cookout on the deck area of the Inn with yours truly and Bob Best playing prep cook (we sliced a LOT of onions and tomatoes). Then, we grilled hamburgers and chicken. We served over 100 attendees and all had enough to eat and were satisfied. Toward the end of the grilling it started to rain but we were mostly under cover so no problems.



**Who has the matches?**



**The Inn's 'Bob' lights the fire**



After dinner, people assembled in the lobby area and wherever there was room. The GCCC group took over the conference room and enjoyed refreshments (beer, wine, etc.) along with snacks. After much conversation and imbibing, the party broke up at 1 AM. Boy did the morning come quickly!

Saturday was a day for all to get out and explore on their own. Joe and Carol suggested we take a ride up the mountain road past the ski areas, so we all headed out. At one point the road (which is closed in the winter) was only one lane wide for short distance. The mountain views were great and we stopped for photos. At one stop Larry and Heather Shields announced that there was a geocache within 40 feet of where we were standing, and in several minutes Larry had uncovered the cache. He then proceeded to explain what geocaching was all about to those unfamiliar with it. We continued along the road for a while, then turned back and headed for Ben and Jerry's for lunch (someone inadvertently got the special banana-less banana split!). Afterwards, we stopped at the Cider Mill, made a much needed beer run to Shaw's grocery store, then returned to the Inn in mid-afternoon.



**Breakfast**



**On the Mountain Road**



**Trying to move a mountain**



**No, Joe isn't!**



**It's okay! No bears here!**



**Beer run!**

Back at the Inn, we went on the deck, moved several tables together and proceeded to lay out snacks that everyone brought and had afternoon cocktails. After about an hour or so it proceeded to rain, but again, we were under cover. At about 5 PM we broke up to prepare for the dinner banquet in the Inn's restaurant.

We all assembled in the dining room for the Commodore Inn's buffet, then afterwards, the penny table raffle was held, along with other items which were raffled. All had a great time. As you can expect, the GCCC group again took over the conference room for cocktails and snacks. Dan Zelonis won the bourbon package and when we were in the conference room, Dan got right to it and sampled his winnings. When Randy stopped by to see if we were doing ok, Dan talked Randy into helping him sample (multiple times) the bourbon. They did it justice! Some of us departed at 11 PM while others again stayed until 1 AM. Again the morning came early.



**The Banquet**



**Raffle after dinner**

Sunday morning found us all at the buffet breakfast, where we enjoyed the fare, said goodbye to all our friends, and after checking out, departed for home. All-in-all it was a great time and everyone I talked with said they enjoyed it and were looking forward to the Meet and Greet on Cape Cod in October. See you all there!



So, while on our trip to Stowe, VT for the Corvette Caravan Meet & Greet event, I had a chance to get in a couple of geocaches. Everyone seemed to be quite interested in just what the heck Heather & I were doing as we looked around for the hidden cache, and were even more interested in what we were doing when we actually found it. So, I promised to write an article for our newsletter that describes just what this is all about.

I often describe geocaching to people as hiking for nerds – because being a rather nerdy guy myself, it was a great way to get me out of the house & walking in the woods. At its core, geocaching is a treasure hunting game, using GPS coordinates to tell you where the treasure is hidden. Your GPS device (or these days, your GPS enabled cell phone apps) can guide you in by map & compass to where the person hid the item in question. The challenge comes in that the GPS units are only accurate to within so many meters (even less accurate under heavy tree cover), so the person hiding the cache who logged its latitude and longitude had some error in his position – and you have some error in your position as well. So even when “right on” the cache according to your hand-held unit, you might still be off by over 10 yards. You have to learn how to look for where the caches might be hidden.

**Finding where a cache is located:** There are two ways to find caches. The most powerful way is to login to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and look around based on your current location, or based on where you’ll be going. It can tell you what caches are in a given area, and provide high-level information about the cache itself. First, take a look at how hard it will be terrain-wise to get to the cache. Some are very easy terrain, e.g., you can just drive right up to the area, get out of your car, and go pick it up (like the ones we found in Stowe). Others may require special gear & equipment to get to (e.g., I’ve done one that was on a boat that was sunk in about 20 feet of water, in a fresh water lake down on the Cape. It required SCUBA gear, or someone who can hold their breath a while. =)). Next, you can get an idea of the size of the cache – will you be looking for something that is VERY tiny (e.g., I’ve found one once that was a magnetic device that was about the size of a pencil eraser, stuck on the bottom of a cannon in a public park), or something really big (e.g., one cache I found was in a 40mm ammo box – it was \*huge\*). The entry will also often provide a little history about the area the cache is hidden, or why it was hidden where it was, etc. Finally, there is often an ‘encoded’ clue, which can be used if you get to the hiding location and just can’t find the darn thing and want a hint.

The other way, is that some of the “Intro” geocaching apps on smart phones will just tell you about some number of the “nearest” caches. This is great for opportunistic caching, but makes it hard to plan ahead (and isn’t useful at all for certain kinds of caches called ‘multi-caches’). But even with those free style ones that limit you to just the closest ones, if you use the website to figure out where you want to go, then just use the app once you arrive – it will work fine for the majority of simple caches.

**Types of caches:** There are a bunch of different types of caches. I’ll describe the three main ones you’re more likely to care about/encounter:

1. Traditional Cache – these are the traditional “go to the spot indicated & find the cache” style that I’m describing in this article. It’s the mainstay of geocaching.
2. Multi-cache – Involves 2 or more locations. The final location is the actual cache – but you have to go through a series of discoveries to find the final resting spot of the actual cache. The GPS coordinates listed are usually to the first clue location... not the final cache.
3. Mystery/Puzzle Cache – This type involves some sort of puzzle you need to solve to figure out where the final cache location will be. It may involve gathering facts from a series of historical facts, at the end of which you can figure out the coordinates... I’ve seen another that was based on needing to complete an

amino acid sequence on a DNA chain (using the appropriate adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine pairings) to solve the cache location.

**Finding the cache:** So you've gotten to the area where the cache is. That's a great start, but you're not done yet. Sometimes it's right nearby where you've parked, other times the cache may be hidden quite some distance from the nearest parking area. Some of my favorite caches were after long several mile hikes on wooded trails. When the cache is off in the middle of the woods somewhere, the cache information will usually include a GPS position of a nearby parking area that you can use as well. It's a very good idea to mark your GPS coordinate of where you parked on your hand unit, if you have one where you can do that. Much like climbing, just because you summit, doesn't mean you're done... you still have to get back to your car again when it's over. There's nothing quite like thinking, "Woo! I found the cache! Crap, where is my car?"

Once your device tells you that you're "right there", it's usually best to stop looking at the device & just start looking around you. Look at the physical layout of things around you, and where you might hide something you didn't want people to find accidentally.

Here are some rough rules of thumb that can be handy for someone just starting. The caches in wooded settings will often be things like small Tupperware containers or ammo boxes. You can usually tell when you find them, as they will generally be tagged as being a cache as well.



When you're in more urban settings, the caches usually get smaller so that they're easier to hide. You'll frequently see things like magnetic key boxes used, or small film canisters.



Now, these are just common themes. Some people go through ungodly lengths to hide their caches – where half the challenge of the find, will be recognizing the cache, even if you're staring right at it.



Fake Mushroom



Fake Tree Stump Cover



Inside a log

Usually the really hard to find ones will include some sort of warning that it's going to be really tough to spot. In general, for most caches, just look around you and think where you'd hide something. In wooded environments, look for unusual stacks of rocks or branches/twigs, especially if right at the base of a tree. Don't forget to look up! Sometimes you'll find them in notches of trees, hanging from a tree branch, in a rock wall, etc.

In urban settings, look for metal surfaces something might have been stuck to (e.g., a bridge frame, street sign, or a guard rail). Look for walls where the 'back' of the wall is generally in a non-public view area, where someone might have hidden something in the stacked stone of the wall.

**I Think I Found it! Now what?:** Especially if you're in an urban environment, play it cool. One thing to keep in mind is something the geocaching community calls "muggles" (Yes, after the Harry Potter books. I told you this was for nerds. ;) ). Muggles are non-geocachers, and while many people are good at heart and would never do anything mean... that's not everyone. It is a main goal while geocaching, to prevent muggles from seeing that you're pulling a hidden object out of something/somewhere. First, it can cause some people to panic (e.g., 'oh my god, people could be hiding bombs!') about what you're really up to. Second, other not-so-nice people may "muggle the cache", meaning after you leave – they may pull it out of hiding again, decide "this is some silly/stupid nerd thing" and then destroy/steal the cache. If you're in the middle of the woods, this isn't usually an issue – but if you're in a public area, this can add a lot of extra challenge to retrieving the cache (and a lot of fun as you try to come up with stupid ideas to help be a 'cover' as you get the cache from its location).

Once you take the cache out, be careful of your surroundings. Many people have made the mistake of retrieving the cache, only to drop it into a nearby lake/stream. Open the cache and look at what you've found. The mainstay of every physical cache is the logbook. Larger caches will usually have a pencil or pen with the book, making it easy to sign. Really small caches often don't have enough room to have one, so you always want to carry your own with you. You can't take 'credit' for a find on the geocaching website unless you sign the log inside the cache. You can sign it with your account name/nickname if you don't feel like using your real name. If the cache is of a medium size or larger, there will also usually be 'treasure' inside as well. I say 'treasure' in quotes – because the items inside of caches are usually not exactly high quality items. An unfortunate mainstay in most caches are what's known as "McToys" – little plastic figures or toys from a fast food meal package. This is great for people who take their kids caching – but in general, it's rather anti-climactic if you were hoping to find something really cool for



yourself as an adult. Every now and then though, you do find something kind nice or cool/different that you'll be interested in.

The picture here shows a few of the items I've taken & bothered to keep over the years. The little robot warrior thing on the left was from my first cache, the middle item is a cool spider made out of a large paperclip that was interesting, and a Ty McDonalds beanie baby. On the more useful side, I've also found a nice mini-screwdriver set, a small emergency blanket, a really small form factor pen (handy when geocaching), etc.



The important thing to note, is that if you're going to take an item from the cache – you have to replace it with something you brought with you. So if you take something, you have to leave something behind in the cache for the next person. If you think McToys are really annoying... do something about it for others, and leave something that you think would be really cool for someone else to find. If enough people do this, it means the game gets more interesting for all of us. But it's not required to do the swapping at all, if you don't want to. I very often find myself just signing the log, and using geocaching terms in the log – TNLNSL; TFTC. (i.e., took nothing, left nothing, signed log. Thanks for the cache.) If you do decide to swap, it's nice to note in the log (if it's a bigger log book where you have room) a little message for the person who runs the cache. They do come out and maintain the caches over time, replacing logs as they become full and such. I usually will note something about the conditions when I found it, if I swapped, what I took & what I left, and thank the person for the effort of hiding the cache.

**How do I get started?:** If you're interested in giving it a shot, the geocaching.com website and a smart phone app will get you started pretty quickly & cheaply (if you have a smart phone already). You do need some sort of GPS receiver to play, one that supports being able to specify latitude and longitude positions as a navigation point. Some car units (e.g., Garmin, Magellan, etc.) have this capability – but you have to watch for how long they'll stay powered up on just battery (e.g., if you're planning a 5 mile hike to find a cache – if the battery is only good for 20 minutes, you're gonna have a bad time). You can get a nice dedicated GPS unit, optimized for geocaching new on Amazon for a little over \$100 (just search on "Geocaching GPS" on Amazon). Of course, the other cheap way is to find a nerd that already \*has\* one of these devices (like yours truly) and say "Hey, can we go find some geocaches some upcoming weekend?".

**Interested?:** So, after stumbling on two caches on our recent Corvette trip, there are a few people in the club that expressed interest in trying to find caches in the future. With this in mind, I'm asking people that might have interest in doing some caching to please drop me an email ([larry.shields@comcast.net](mailto:larry.shields@comcast.net)) and let me know. If there's a few people, I will try to put together some caches that look like they might be fun – tailored to interests of people who are interested (e.g., no 5 mile hikes for people who really don't want to trek through the woods – or maybe 5 mile hikes if everyone is interested in a day hiking in the woods!). If there's interest – I could also try to put together a Corvette friendly geocaching cruise. I could chart out a nice drive that has some easy "grab and go" caches in places friendly to Corvette parking, and lead a group of us to all go find the caches at the same time. (Note: you still get credit for a 'find' if you're part of a group that finds the cache – even if you're not the individual who actually discovers its location).

There's a lot more to geocaching if you really get into it. There's the concept of 'cache in / trash out' to help leave the places we go cleaner than we found them. There are 'Trade bugs', which are objects left in caches with unique tags/identifiers, which you can use to find out an 'objective' of the item. For example, someone may leave a trade bug of a model car that has a goal of visiting other cool cars – then people who find it will try to take its picture with cars, take it to race tracks, etc. before putting it back into another cache for someone else to find. These bugs can move all around the world trying to accomplish their goals – and you can follow the history of one you find – or you can place your own & give it an objective and follow its exploits as it moves around from place to place.

Hope to hear from some interested people!

### Mustang Mania Car Show

Larry Shields

During our club picnic a few people mentioned that they were considering heading over to the Mustang Mania Car Show on Sunday morning, and the event was running as an all-car show at the Anheuser-Busch site where we run our own Spring Fling event. Heather & I decided we had nothing better going on Sunday – so decided we'd go to the event too. Slight hiccup in the plan when Sunday morning came and Heather looked at me as I woke up to go clean the car (as Mike Dupont pointed out at the picnic, "Dude, your car is a mess.") and said "Yeah, you know what, you go... I'll join you at like... noon." She promptly rolled over and went back to sleep.

I cleaned up the car a bit, still a bit bleary and made the mistake of doing it pre-coffee. But I thought I did a good enough job for it to be seen in public, so cleaned myself up & drove over to the site. I arrived a little after 9AM (registration opened at 8:30) and found that Norm was already there with his Vette and Butch & Barbara were there with "BUTCHN" as well. I checked in ("I have to get out of the car?") and drove around to join them in the grass along the road. A little while later, Dan F. arrived in his Vette, and Al & Carol W. had come in the Ford hot rod. They joined us as well, and we had a row of our Gate City cars all nicely lined up as we finished up our cleaning. Norm helped clean up a smudge for Butch ("It was bugging me."), Butch pointed out my car was still a mess (In my uncaffeinated state, I had totally missed all the road dust right behind the front wheels on the lower panels – at least I missed it on both sides and was nice & consistent), now I owe him a cookie.



Al didn't have a hood - he had to open his door (Photo by Butch)



Sun shining bright on the cars (Photo by Butch)

Cars finally clean, hoods up – it was time to sit our asses down and just relax. We spent a nice relaxing day chatting away with each other, enjoy beverages & several orders of French fries as the day passed.



We talked with a bunch of people about the cars, and while there were several other Vettes present (Around 2 or 3 C1s, a C2, A C5, a couple C6s), the day was mostly about – obviously – the Mustangs. There were a bunch of gorgeous ones – and a few clunkers as well. Plus a spattering of other cars: Datsun Z's, Cougars, Camaros, even a Mark I Austin-Healey Sprite.

Through the day we had a bunch of other club members put in appearances, Jim Ecke dropped by for a bit, Sue Wood arrived and stayed to chat for a while, Heather did indeed show up around noon (and brought me lunch – love that woman), Mike & Jill Dupont dropped in for a while (after Mike finally woke up), and John Bosco arrived near the end of the day to visit as well. Other than one very slight sprinkle (which had everyone scrambling to get their roofs up/on, get their engines covered, etc.) that cleared up in less than 5 minutes – the weather all day was great.

The big story of the event, we found out about as we were wandering around the grounds looking at the cars. As we went into a section down by the horse barns, where they had a bunch of the Mustang SVTs, we were told of what had been going on down that end of the grounds that we hadn't realized. Apparently while a bunch of people were standing around the cars talking, there was a noise & a 'whap' sound as something came quickly down and hit inside one of the guys cars. Turns out, it was a .45 round that apparently came arcing in from somewhere down past the barn area – out in the woods. Seemingly, someone was shooting out there, and somehow one of the rounds came down – thankfully missing all the people and kids – and hit the inside of some poor guy's car. It was a convertible, so it went straight into the passenger side seat – where it was eventually taken out by the police when they arrived to investigate.



Wanted a Bullitt Mustang, got a Bullet Mustang (Photo by Heather)



This is going to be an interesting insurance claim (Photo by Heather)



Beer mug trophy - Works for me! (Photo by Heather)

As the day finally wound to a close, it was time to see if we won anything. There was one class for all Corvettes – apparently the judges liked old school – a 59 and a 62 C1 won first & second, and apparently they also liked Verts – and “BUHBYE” won 3<sup>rd</sup> place (now I really owe Butch a cookie). But we also had a non-Vette in our group, and Al won first place in the Street Rods class. Except... Al & Carol had already left about 15 minutes earlier, because it was starting to look like we might get some rain again. Dan went forward and received the first place beer mug on Al's behalf.

It was a fun day in the sun (even if my legs did get a little crisped), and it was definitely a good time. Looking forward to hitting more events as the summer goes on... next week CCRI!



Some additional shots of cars from the event from Heather:



**Heather fell in love with this one...**



**We almost needed to use this to shoot back**



**Blue Roush 427R – quite a sweet ride**



**The 62 that took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Vettes**

*Roger's Photo Corner*

*Roger Collins*

**From Fredericton Fiberglass Alley Event, 2013 by Roger Collins:**



**Welcome to Canada!**



**Handfuls of Funny Money!**





**Breakfast – A great reason to be in Fredericton**



**All ready for a car show!**



**Kelly is giving everything away!**



**GT1 LeMans Special Edition**



**The White One is Wearing Angry Eyes**



**Ladies & Gentlemen... your winner!**





**New C7 in Lime Rock Green**



**Check out the new interior**



**Familiar but new door interior design**



**A look under the hood at the LT1**



**Very sharp looking from the front**



**The Flock's perhaps shopping for something?**





**What keeps it all together**



**Some other nice cars too, I suppose**



**Race Prep for SRT Motorsports**



**And for the C6.R of Corvette Racing**



**A Bugatti comes out to play**



**Nice cars – and even Mike's car!**





**Gathering for the Drive**



**Cars assemble at the Veterans home**



**Some other cool vehicles were present**



**Veterans gathered for the music**



**Everyone getting to their seats**



**The Ice Cream was a hit as usual**



<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2013/07/09/pic-corvette-caught-in-torontos-flash-flood/#more-15240>

Photo by "Holly" – Tweeted by Melissa Tait – July 8, 2013

Another victim of natural disaster appears in this month's installment. After a major thunderstorm swept through Toronto in early July, flash floods became a real problem. As you can (just barely) see from the picture – what looks like a Velocity Yellow C6 Vert has been trying out a new life as a submarine.

I can only hope that's not the poor owner just standing there on the walk path staring at his poor car.

### 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.

| <b>August</b>                       |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 9AM               | Corvettes & Coffee Cruise-in at the Roundabout Diner in Portsmouth, NH<br>URL: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NHCorvettesCoffee">https://www.facebook.com/NHCorvettesCoffee</a><br>Club Contact: Heather Shields  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 8AM               | East Coast Camaro Club 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual All Vehicle Show n' Shine<br>URL: <a href="http://mjwrabbit.tripod.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2013flyerfinal.pdf">http://mjwrabbit.tripod.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2013flyerfinal.pdf</a>                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM               | Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 11AM             | All Car Show & Fund Raiser for Lowe Syndrome Assoc., in Saugus, MA<br>URL: <a href="http://northshorecorvettes.com/august-2013/">http://northshorecorvettes.com/august-2013/</a>   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 9AM              | Rain Date: CCRI Corvettes by the Sea at Marina Park in South Kingston, RI<br>URL: <a href="https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ash3/77109_549409458423864_1488444848_n.jpg">https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ash3/77109_549409458423864_1488444848_n.jpg</a><br>Club Contact: Larry Goelz |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 9AM              | Amherst Lions Antique and Classic Car and Tractor/Truck Show, in Amherst, NH<br>URL: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/563256080392180">https://www.facebook.com/events/563256080392180</a>   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> | Corvettes of Carlisle, Carlisle PA<br>URL: <a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/corvettes/">http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/corvettes/</a>   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 8AM              | East Coast Camaro Club – All Vehicle Show in Hudson, NH<br>URL: <a href="http://mjwrabbit.tripod.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2013flyerfullcolor3.pdf">http://mjwrabbit.tripod.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2013flyerfullcolor3.pdf</a>                                      |
| <b>September</b>                    |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">Seacoast Vettes 40<sup>th</sup> Mountain Melee</a> , in Lincoln, NH<br>URL: <a href="https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ash3/537260_549409485090528_1951618165_n.jpg">https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ash3/537260_549409485090528_1951618165_n.jpg</a>                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>    | <a href="#">Adirondack VetteFest</a> , 2013 in Queensbury, NY<br>URL: <a href="http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest_2013.htm">http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest_2013.htm</a>  |



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|                                    | Club Contact: Bob Roy   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM             | Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 9AM             | 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Masse Vettetacular in East Providence, RI<br>(C7s will be revealed & given to first orders)<br>URL: <a href="http://www.paulmasseeastprovidence.com/Vettetacular">http://www.paulmasseeastprovidence.com/Vettetacular</a> |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 8AM             | <a href="#">Vettes to Vets</a> , in Billerica, MA<br>URL: <a href="http://www.vettestovets.org/">http://www.vettestovets.org/</a>   |
| <b>October</b>                     |   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM             | Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> | National Corvette Caravan Meet & Greet, in Sandwich, MA<br>URL: <a href="http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/">http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/</a><br>Club Contact: Larry Goelz                                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 10AM            | Seacoast Vettes 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Autumn Rallye   |
| <b>November</b>                    |   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM              | Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH (Officer Election Meeting)   |

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

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## Photo of the Month



*Corvettes & Hot Rod at Mustang Mania Event*

Photo from Butch Nordstrom

## Trivia of the Month

(Courtesy of Dennis Granger)

**There was a 10 year period where no roadsters were manufactured, spanning two Corvette generations. What years marked the end and return of the ragtop?**

**Last month's trivia:**

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

**Answer:**

*They were last offered on the C4 in 1985, and only 16 Vettes had the option that year.*

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**Dinner and Dance  
Saturday Night  
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