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September 2013 Issue

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Carol Whittier



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Member Birthdays!

Vicki Janowicz – September 5th

Jill Dupont – September 10th

Ginny Chrisenton – September 17th

Paulette Scarlett – September 26th

I can't believe fall is just around the corner. But the fun is not close to ending yet. There are many events in the fall, and I would like us to attend as many as we can as a club. The big events like Carlisle, Vettefest, and Mountain Melee are all coming up. These are pre-planned events and different groups will attend each one depending on what you booked for. I hope everyone has a great time and writes about it for the newsletter [*Editors Note: Me too!*]. There are also a lot of mixed shows that are nice, and I will forward info as I get it. If anyone hears of something new, let us know! Also, don't forget Vettes to Vets is coming soon. I would love a huge showing from GCCC.

I also want to thank each and every one of you who came out for the CCRI show, as we only lost Best Club by 2 cars. That is awesome. We had 17 cars make the drive; now that's what I call Gate City Strong. We will get them next year!

We have a nominating committee now; please see Larry G, Mike D, and Gayle Z if you are interested in running for office.

The next meeting is Sept 13th. We will be discussing Christmas plans, Charities, party plans, what we are going to buy our president for Christmas etc. You know, the normal stuff. We will also discuss Spring Fling 2014 and maybe some changes. Please try and attend as we need your input.

And as always don't forget SAVE THE WAVE AND GATE CITY STRONG.

See yah in September!

Carol Whittier
President

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. 39 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.

Secretary Report:

Up to 50 likes/followers on Facebook.

Discussed possibly making updates to our website soon, with Brian. Looking for any suggestions of sites you like from a 'look and feel' perspective. What, if any, features would you like added to the site? Send Larry S. any URLs of websites that have things you like about them.

Discussed and agreed upon the advertising rates that we'll be continuing forward with in the club. Web ads on our homepage 160x80 image with link, \$75 a year. Advertising in the Newsletter: Business card size - \$50/year, ¼ page - \$70/year, ½ page - \$100/year, full page - \$150/year.

Motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting was made by Ruth Wintle and seconded Larry Goelz. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Report:

Was not present to give a report, in person. Details were sent to our club email list.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Dan Feidler, Seconded by Mike DeCampo. All voted in favor.

Officer at Large:

- CCRI event on Sunday
- August 22nd – Corvette Heritage cruise night @ Prince Pizza, C1-C4 Corvettes featured
- Corvettes at Carlisle at the end of August
- August 25th – ECCC Merrimack Valley Hospice event, all vehicle show
- Sept. 5-8 Mountain Melee

There are many more events as well, please contact the Officer at Large for any info, also for more details on events of interest, or for information about the many cruise nights going on.

Vice President

Bob mentioned the Vette Fest event on Sept. 6th – 8th. Many will be going up on Thursday the 5th, the day before, for a cruise on the lake (\$12.99 a person). 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. Rooms are currently sold out, but some additional ones are going to be released from a wedding party – so might become available.

Old Business:

Carol requested that we get as many cars as possible to attend the CCRI show to help support their show. Around 12 cars will be going down in the 8AM group. They had around 21 cars come to our event this

year, and it's good for us to help support them in return. Further coordination for the drive down as a group will be done through our email list.

New Business:

Bob discussed a show called "made in America" with Larry the Cable Guy, where they discussed the Corvette.

About 8 people expressed an interest in doing a Geocache drive that Larry S. is thinking of putting together.

Larry G. mentioned he is helping coordinate any GCCC members interested in attending the North Shore club picnic. They invited GCCC and South Shore members to attend.

Elections Committee! Larry G., Mike D., and Gail Z. have volunteered to help find nominations for the board for 2014. Some nominations were made – it was asked if Heather S. was interested in Secretary – but she is not. Dan F. nominated Larry S. for president, Bob R. nominated Carol for VP, Claudia nominated Dan F. for treasurer. More nominations will be discussed & collected between now and elections in November. Contact the committee if you have an interest in running.

Jill hopes to have an update on the King Arthur Flour trip soon. Carol W. asked if people have considered more opportunities to get the club together during the year. She asked if Norm was considering running the Castle in the Clouds drive this year (yes, but probably earlier this year). Jill also asked if people were interested in a possible bowling night. Dan F. mentioned that he might run an overnight drive up to the Manchester, VT area this year (around Halloween).

Veterans Affairs:

No update.

Corvette Caravan:

Over 120 cars signed up at this time. Contact Larry G. for more info.

The winner of the 50/50 was Al Whittier for \$58 dollars.

The winner of the Membership drawing was Denise Cote, but she was not present. Next month will be \$20.

The next club meeting will be on September 13th.

Motion to adjourn by Ruth Wintle, Larry Goelz seconds.

Meeting ended at 7:38pm.

As would happen, the Gate City Corvette Club annual picnic fell on the same date as my US Submarine Thresher Base's annual picnic. So, what do you do – you attend both. As everyone knows, the GCCC folks know how to make a picnic last and I knew that after my Thresher Base picnic, there would still be a good crowd at the club picnic.

The Thresher Base picnic is held at the American Legion facilities in Seabrook, NH. The Legion members take care of the cooking – lobster or steak, steamers, corn, and salads – and they do a great job. The start of the day began with a Base business meeting, installing members into the Holland Club for those who during the year celebrated 50 years since qualifying on their first submarine (I will make that milestone next year), announcing the Submarines that have been lost for the months of July and August, then taking group pictures – of all the Base members then the Holland Club members.



Meeting getting underway.



Base Commander Kevin chairing meeting.



Holland Club induction



World War II sub vet

After the business meeting everyone enjoyed their lobster or steak and a good time was enjoyed by all. As many organizations do, there were items that went up for auction (I won the bid for the USS Thresher poster), and 50/50 tickets were sold. There was also a raffle for a 20 lb. lobster (cooked).



Thresher base members



Now it's time to eat!



Poster up for auction

After we dined and enjoyed member's company we headed north to Emile and Sue's where we found the members all enjoying the day and company. Having only eaten a few hours before, we declined the offer from Sue to have some of the buffet items served earlier; however, I did not decline the ice cream bar. After some hours we headed back to New Boston, glad that we worked both picnics into the schedule.

Dinner Trip on Lake Sunapee

Larry Goelz

On a beautiful August evening, a group of Gate City Corvette Club members gathered for cocktails and snacks at the home of Norm and Sue Wood prior to caravanning up to Sunapee Harbor to take the Mt. Kersarge dinner cruise on Lake Sunapee.



Arrival for cocktails and snacks



Room for several more visitors



Last minute instructions



Who wants the last hors d'oeuvre?

Once we consumed most of the appetizers (but not most of the cocktails!), the group headed out for Sunapee Harbor. We took I-93 to Concord then picked up I-89 until we reached Exit 12 for Sunapee. Although we were on the highway, the ride was nice and as always, the scenery was great. Upon entering Sunapee Harbor we headed for Lake Street where we would park and meet the Mt. Kersarge.

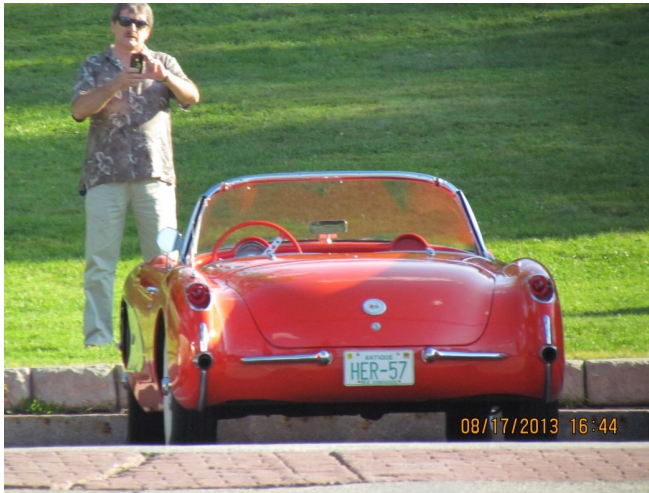
At 6 PM, we boarded the ship and were escorted to the upper dining area and shown our tables. A good friend of Norm and Sue's, Rich, was on board (along with his wife Nancy). Rich is involved in the wine industry and held a wine tasting prior to the ship setting sail.



This is the place



Ladies returning from a pit stop



We know who owns this one



Ready for boarding



Ship's bridge



Getting settled

Once we were all seated, and were finished with the wine tasting, we set sail for the cruise and dinner. The dinner on the Mt. Kersarge consists of a buffet where there are salads, meat dishes, vegetables, and deserts as well as “beverages” of choice (additional charge). As in the past, the food was quite good and all enjoyed. The evening was great, as was the journey around the lake. After several hours, we arrived back at Sunapee Harbor where we disembarked the ship and started our journey home. Thanks to Norm and Sue for setting this great evening up!



Moments in Club History

Al Whittier

This was our president Carol, driving our 1968 Corvette 427 / 400 HP Tri-Power car at a Seacoast Vettes “Drag Day” at New England Dragway back in 1982. Look at the lift she had on the front end! By the way, she did not win this pass as the girl sand-bagging in the other lane drove like Shirley Muldowney!



Another interesting item - the license plate says “1 Bad 68”. This was the first time anyone used the term 1-Bad and the year on the license plate. The plate and term became famous when this car was the centerfold in Vette Magazine in 1982. The license plate stuck out like a sore thumb in that article.

East Coast Camaro Club – Make a Wish Event at the Budweiser Plant – Larry’s pics



Packard Roadster



And a Packard coupe



A duplicate of Bumblebee from Transformers

I find myself drawn to the old late 20's – early 30's cars lately... I can easily see something like this as one of my next 'fun' cars, next to the Vette in the garage. I really loved these two Packards – they were in great shape, and just really pretty to look at.

When I first walked up on the yellow Camaro on the left, I thought it was a total PoS. Stepping around to the front and reading the board – it was actually an accurate reproduction of the poor condition Camaro that was the original form of “Bumblebee” from the first Transformers movie. They had accurately reproduced the car, down to the Bondo, aged paint, etc. It was an interesting clone of the movie car.

CCRI Corvettes by the Sea Event – Heather’s pics



Gathering at the Kohl's Parking Lot



Dean – Which Kohl's are we meeting at?



Arriving and Cleaning



Grabbing a spot in the shade



We have found ICE CREAM



Bill waiting in line for his trophy presentation



Bill receives a trophy for Neat-1



1BadZ06 and Dan also won a trophy

I had mentioned at the CCRI show, to some of the members of GCCC that I felt some vibration in the steering at certain speeds. They all suggested that I have the front tires balanced, which made sense. I set up an appointment with MacMulkin three days later.

I arrived at 9 AM and expected to be on my way in a couple of hours as that's how long it would normally take. Two and a half hours later, I inquired at the service desk, how far along the jobs was... They told me that one of the front tires wouldn't balance. It was defective and they were installing a new pair of front tires (as they always install Vette tires in pairs). Good!

Around 1 o'clock, I inquired again about the new set. One of the new tires... defective. But not to worry, they sent to Quirk Chevrolet in Manchester for another one, because they had no more in stock. At 3:30 PM, I asked again! Seems that tire was defective too!

After spending all day at the dealership and having lunch there as well, instead of committing suicide, I asked for and got a loaner and was on my way. The next day they were able to get another tire from a warehouse and had my car PERFECTLY BALANCED and ready by noon.

Three new defective tires in a row. Wow, S—T HAPPENS! I think MacMulkin service dept. does excellent work!

Some Numbers for 2013

Larry Shields

For those who may have purchased a last model year C6, the detailed numbers are available with complete breakdowns on all the various option packages and what % of cars were ordered with each of the packages. Because of the combinatorial nature of things getting out of hand very quickly, they can't tell exactly how many are made with a specific combo of packages – but you can use extrapolation to get you in the ballpark (If there were 1000 cars, and 10% were white, and 10% had ebony interiors – you can extrapolate 10% of 1000 (100), and 10% of 100 (10), to determine that roughly 10 total cars have that combo). The numbers are too detailed to include the full breakdown by body type & all the various options – but here are a few highlights for those interested. If anyone wants the full Excel spreadsheet of info, drop me an email and I'll forward you a copy to peruse at your leisure.

Using the 427 specific numbers, it looks like I've got a fairly rare beast on my hands. 2,552 were built – but only 12 with the Engine Build Experience (PBC option) - just .5% of the total. Only 4.3% (110) were built with the Dark Titanium interior trim option. So just those two options alone theoretically put me at a unique car! Also somewhat amusingly, only 208 427's were built with the Night Race Blue color – which means 1% of all NRB 427's ever made are in our club!

OPTION	OPTION DESCRIPTION	GRAND TOTAL	%
		13466	100.0%
10U	Color Exterior, Arctic White	2938	21.8%
17U	Color Exterior, Blade Silver Metallic	787	5.8%

28U	Color Exterior, Inferno Orange Met (End 9/12)	156	1.2%
41U	Color Exterior, Black	2878	21.4%
45U	Color Exterior, Velocity Yellow Tintcoat	605	4.5%
57U	Color Exterior, Cyber Gray Metallic	1198	8.9%
70U	Color Exterior, Torch Red	1896	14.1%
89U	Color Exterior, Crystal Red Met Tintcoat	1260	9.4%
GLB	Color Exterior, Supersonic Blue Met (End 11/12)	302	2.2%
GXH	Color Exterior, Night Race Blue Metallic	1446	10.7%
02I	Interior Trim Red	762	5.7%
19I	Interior Trim Ebony	8105	60.2%
20I	Interior Trim 60th Anniversary Blue Diamond	2059	15.3%
31I	Interior Trim Cashmere	1288	9.6%
78I	Interior Trim Dark Titanium	279	2.1%
84I	Interior Trim Titanium	973	7.2%
1LT	Package 1 - Standard	2390	17.7%
2LT	Package 2 - Technology	2241	16.6%
3LT	Package 3 - Premium	3987	29.6%
4LT	Package 4 - Custom	1054	7.8%
1SA	427 Convertible 2LT	179	1.3%
1SB	427 Convertible 3LT	525	3.9%
1SC	427 Convertible 4LT	1713	12.7%
CFZ	Carbon Fiber Package	1605	11.9%
Z07/PDE	Performance Package With Cup Tires	274	2.0%
Z15	Grand Sport Heritage Package	878	6.5%
17A	Stripe Color Accent, Silver (91)	356	2.6%
40A	Stripe Color Accent, White (91)	88	0.7%
75A	Stripe Color Accent, Red (91)	237	1.8%
90A	Stripe Color Accent, Med Gray (96)	197	1.5%
Z27	427 Heritage Package	691	5.1%
Z25	60th Anniversary Package	2059	15.3%
Z30	60th Anniversary Graphics	1753	13.0%
MYC	6 Spd Paddle Shift Automatic Transmission	7229	53.7%
ME2	Transmission Man 6 Spd, 85mm, 2.26 1st, 0.71 5th, 0.50 6th	291	2.2%
MH3	Transmission Man 6 Spd, 85mm, 2.29 1st, 0.818 5th, 0.67 5 6th	191	1.4%
MM6	Transmission Man 6 Spd, 85mm, 2.66 1st, 0.50 6th, O/D	3923	29.1%
MZ6	Transmission Man 6 Spd, 85mm, 2.97 1st, 0.71 5th 0.57 6th, O/D	1832	13.6%
GM8	Axle Rear 2.56 Ratio	2407	17.9%
GU2	Axle Rear 2.73 Ratio	4822	35.8%
GU6	Axle Rear 3.42 Ratio	6237	46.3%
J6A	Caliper Color Black	417	3.1%

J6B	Caliper Color ZR1 Blue	171	1.3%
J6C	Caliper Color Silver	3756	27.9%
J6D	Caliper Color Dk Gray Met	3087	22.9%
J6E	Caliper Color Yellow	486	3.6%
J6F	Caliper Color Red	3051	22.7%

Thank you from CCRI

Steven Calicchia

The Corvette Club of RI wanted to personally thank your club for the support you gave to our event, "Corvettes by the Sea". I know it's not a short distance but you managed to rally your members to attend. In fact you were very close to getting best club participation, only two cars separated Gate City and Club Corvette of CT. We really appreciate the effort and hope you all enjoyed the event. Hopefully our paths will cross again before the end of the season if not, we look forward to seeing you again in the spring.

Sincerely,
Steven Calicchia
Chairman "Corvettes By the Sea"
Corvette Club of RI.

That Poor Vette...

Larry Shields



<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2013/08/01/accident-2014-corvette-stingray-hit-by-a-lincoln-town-car/>

Photo credit: Zero2Turbo.com

This is reported to be the 2nd documented crash involving a C7 and another vehicle (the first was in Michigan two months ago). Looks like the rainy conditions may have contributed to the Lincoln Town Car T-boning the passenger side of a C7 that was being driven by a GM employee as part of a test fleet.

GM has trucked the car back to the GM proving grounds for the safety team to study how well the car held up in a real world crash. From the picture – it looks like that aluminum frame held up pretty darn well on the C7!

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.

August	
31 st @ 8AM	Cruising Downtown, in Manchester, NH URL: http://www.cruisingdowntown.com/
September	

5 th -8 th	Seacoast Vettes 40th Mountain Melee , in Lincoln, NH URL: https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-ash3/537260_549409485090528_1951618165_n.jpg
6 th -8 th	Adirondack VetteFest , 2013 in Queensbury, NY URL: http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest_2013.htm Club Contact: Bob Roy
7 th @ 9AM	Antique and Classic Car Show, in Concord, NH URL: http://www.concordkiwanis.org
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	
5 th @ 9AM	Rally in Waterville Valley, in Town Square at Waterville Valley Resort URL: http://www.waterville.com/events-deals-apres/event-calendar.html?id=5672
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 September 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



Custom "Z06 Z16" – Turbocharged with '53 Styling

Photo from Heather Shields, taken at CCRI event

Trivia of the Month

(Courtesy of Dennis Granger)

What major option was not available on the 1982, for the first time since 1954?

Last month's trivia:

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?

Answer:

Production stopped after the 1975 model year, and did not return until 1986, due to low sales and safety concerns.

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August 22, 23, 24 2014**



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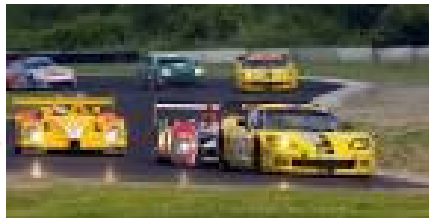
OFF Weekend



**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/>
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