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Member Birthdays!

December 4th – Bob DiMeo
December 13th – Dan Feidler
December 14th – Maureen Granger
December 18th – Jim Gorman
December 31st – Richard Pratt
January 6th – Muriel Gorman
January 14th – Richard Raff
January 18th – Ruth Wintle
January 29th – Allie DeCampo



First Word

Carol Whittier

December 2013 Issue

Hi All!

First, congrats to all the new 2011 officers. It looks like we are going to have a great crew. We have a lot of new ideas for the club. We want to start to give back to our members, and bond more as a club.

Well it's that time... we have put our last toy to bed for the winter. But the holidays are just around the corner, so we are all busy with other things.

It's been one heck of a season but, I think we all pulled through GATE CITY STRONG.

Don't forget, we have no meeting in December. The Christmas party is January 11th at 5:30pm at the Londonderry Lions hall. I will be sending out an e-mail shortly with all the details.

Also don't forget the Ice Cream Social at the veteran's home in Tilton on Dec 8th.

We should have a decision on Spring Fling once the e-mail for a vote has gone out. I have some votes and thoughts already but I need everyone to respond to this PLEASE!

Well, this is short but the season has switched from sun and fun to dark and cold so we are not as busy as we usually are with car stuff. But don't be sad, spring will be here before we know it (yeah right). Everyone have safe and happy Holidays!

And remember, Save the Wave GATE CITY STRONG

See Yah Prez Carol 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.

<u>Meeting Minutes – November</u>

Larry Shields

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. 28 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 tonight.

Our club now has its first C7! Bob Eaton has traded in his 2005 C6 Coupe on a Velocity Yellow Coupe. Don't forget Red Brick Clothing is our club's official clothing provider – makes a great Xmas gift!

Secretary Report:

Up to 57 likes/followers on Facebook.

Correction to the October minutes – Sue Wood was not the second vote for closing the meeting. Unfortunately the notes do not have the correct name.

Motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting, as amended to reflect the noted correction above, was made by Larry Goelz and seconded Norm Wood. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Report:

Lisa was not present to provide a detailed update.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Ruth Wintle, Seconded by Larry Goelz. All voted in favor.

Officer at Large:

Cindy was not present to provide a report.

- Club shopping for Adopt-a-Family will be happening on December 4th. Call for shopping elves will go out on the email list.
- Veterans Home Ice Cream Social will be on December 7th at the Tilton Veterans Home.
- Club Christmas Party will be on January 11th at the Lion's Club Hall

Vice President

Bob was not present to provide an update.

Veterans Affairs:

John Slavin was not present to provide an update.

Old Business:

Christmas Party – Dan booked the hall for the 11th of January, with an expected start time of 6pm. Club members can start showing up around 5:30pm to help getting the hall set up. Carol W. will send out email to the club to help coordinate the food for the event. There will be a \$25 Yankee Swap if you choose to

participate. If you bring a gender specific gift, please label it as such clearly. Jim E. will bring music to play at the event.

Heather S. mentioned that she will be leading the group's Xmas elves in a shopping trip for the adopta-family on December 4th, at 6:30pm. It will be held at the Walmart in Amherst on 101A, as in previous years.

Dean let the club know that he heard back from AB about possible dates for the Spring Fling event, based on our request to see what other dates might be available. The dates of May 25th, June 8th, and June 22nd are available. A discussion took place among the members in attendance around desires to either consider shifting the date or keeping it the same. There were discussions about some of the events we might end up conflicting with if we were to change the date (e.g., Back to the Beach is likely to be the June 8th weekend, and may draw over 200 cars). Larry S. took a task to capture some of the conversation & send out an email to the club list to drive conversation and begin collecting votes/interest about moving the possible date.

Corvette Caravan – Larry G. mentioned that if you are hoping to get involved with the caravan, it'd be a good idea to sign up soon if you want to stay with the group in our hotels. The NE Caravan will also be buying a bench at the Museum, and there will be purchased commemorative bricks from NE Caravan participants around our bench. The rooms are definitely going quickly though, so don't delay too long if you're interested.

Rick P. mentioned that he won 6 time slots for the plant tour, for those going on the Caravan. He & Cathy will be using 2 of them, he's committed 2 others, but he still had 2 unspoken for. If a club member is interested in those 2 time slots, please let him know.

Elections:

Ruth W. made a motion to have the secretary cast a single ballot, as all positions are running unopposed. Larry G. seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Results of the election:

President – Larry Shields Vice President – Carol Whittier Officer at Large – Joe Michalik Treasurer – Dan Feidler Membership – John Bosco Secretary – Allie DeCampo

New Business:

Mike D. (on behalf of Jill who wasn't there) brought up some details about the King Arthur Flour Trip she's been working to arrange for the club. Despite Mike's loss in the last cooking competition, he's still helping coordinate this trip. If we can get between 16-32 members, we can have a weekend class with just club members. The more people we get to attend, we can get a reduction in the price of attending. Right now, it will be \$65 a person – though we may get 10% off per person if we can fill the class. Final pricing will be made available once we get a confirmed attending list. Tentative date is Sunday, March 30th, at 9AM. It would be a 3 hour class called "Pizza Perfected". Hand stretch dough, make pizza, calzones, etc.

Question: It's March – would people take their Corvettes?

Answer: Probably not – but that's okay. We agreed it's still fun to get together even in our metal cars. Question: Can we eat what we cooked?

Answer: Yes! If like last class, there is an instructor cooked item all can sample from – but you're welcome to eat the product you make, or box it up to bring home.

Initial interest for the KA Flour trip was gauged, with 18 people present at the meeting expressing an interest. Likely we can fill more slots from the club as we raise awareness, or we could offer spots to other clubs if they'd like to join us if we can't get to 32 on our own.

Gail Z. asked about buying a brick to go in front of the bench at the Caravan next year. There are three different sizes available for purchase. Question was if people from the club would want to get a brick. Many members indicated that they have already purchased or are planning to get bricks there, and GCCC does have a brick down there already as well.

The winner of the 50/50 was Ruth W., for \$40 (\$81 raised).

The winner of the Membership drawing was Carol W.

The next club meeting will be at the Christmas Party on January 11th to close out the old board & introduce the new board.

Motion to adjourn by Larry S., Carol W. seconds. All in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:52 pm.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

As you all know from last year, I took my 2 month old 2013 coupe drag racing down at the Cecil County Dragway in Rising Sun, MD. I went again this year to hang with pals, & beat a personal best (PB) I had set for myself.

Another club I'm with goes to this track this time of year for a few reasons. First & foremost, it's a great track. It's WAY better than New England Dragway as far as tech & as far track prep goes, as they prep the track very well.







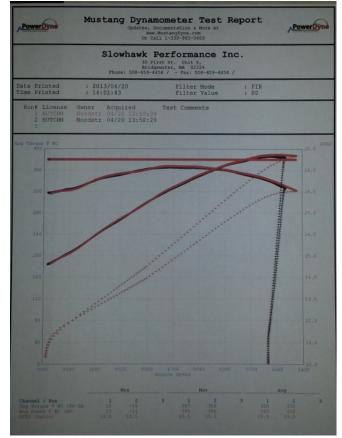
With the same weather conditions at each track, one will get their best 60', ET, & MPH at Cecil vs. NED. And the last reason, the air & ambient temperature is "just right". It's also the end of year "hurrah" and get together.

Anyway, last year I took my coupe to this track with just 2K miles on it, bone stock. As a reminder, the best I was able to attain was a 12.41 @ 115 MPH, on the stock Goodyear run-flat street tires. Not too shabby, but after analyzing my time slip I knew there was more in the car, but it was not to be had that day.

Fast forward 6 months, I had installed American racing Headers (1 7/8" long tubes) & a 3" hi flow catted X pipe installed & of course, a tune. And no, this tune is not like the "tunes" a lot of install shops, mail order, or those install bays at Carlisle sell. Those shops usually just tune out the CEL (Check Engine Light) but do not properly tune your car for optimum performance & efficiency.

A real tune is basically where it is street & dyno run for optimum all-around performance & drivability.

For example, my coupe when stock put down on a Mustang dyno (the most accurate & gives much truer numbers that a Dynojet) 389 HP & 367 Torque (TQ). After the headers, X pipe & tune, 419 HP & 404 TQ. With a near perfect Air/Fuel (AF) ratio across the powerband! Great improvement!



BEFORE MODS & TUNE

AFTER MODS & TUNE

	Min			Max	
nannel / Run ng Torque T WC (Ft-Lb ng Power T WC (HP) FR2 (Ratio)	1 15 13 19.5	2 -10 -11 19.5	3	367 389 19.5	2 365 386 19.5

Numbers on Dyno Before Mods & Tune

	Min			Max	
hannel / Run	1	2	3	1	2
ng Torque T WC (Ft-Lb	343	342		404	400
ng Power T WC (HP)	200	198		419	417
FR2 (Ratio)	12.9	19.5		13.5	19.5

Numbers on Dyno After Mods & Tune

November 9, 2013 rolls around and the car was just ready to turn 16,000 miles on my 14 month old car! And that's with not driving it last winter! As of this writing the car has 16,800 miles on it.

I arrive at 7:15 AM at the track & it was coooold! I waited a while to make my 1st pass for the air and track to warm up a bit. I also wanted to let the heavy haulers with slicks run a bit to help the track be a bit stickier, as I was still running on my Goodyear run-flats.



My goal was to be at 11.999 or quicker on street tires by year (2013) end.

Up comes my 1st pass, which was also my 1st pass since November 2012, as I had worked a lot of crazy hours this year. I did a quick clutch dump to light the tires up & clean them off. Street tires do not perform well hot, believe it or not. I staged and put the car in competitive mode to keep the rear end from breaking loose and me doing a fishtail if it got loose.

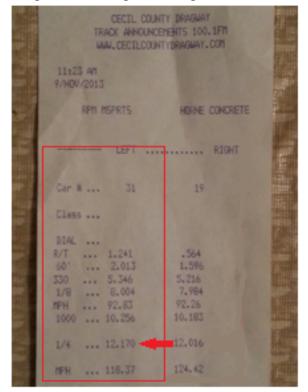
I brought the RPM's up to 4000, launched on the 3rd yellow light (leave on green and your reaction time (RT) is no good, & if it's a heads up race, the other guy will take you at the light), slipped the clutch a bit and when I got my time slip I saw a 12.143 @ 118.89, NICE!!!

By looking at my time slip, the 11.999 I sought was in reach if I perfected my launch, which is hard to accomplish with a manual. Too many things can happen that will affect the launch with a manual vs. just putting an auto in "D" & mashing the gas. Examples are: RPMs too low & clutch dump (BOG), RPMs too high & clutch dump (wheel spin, or worse, wheel hop - which also leads to differentials breaking), and of course, shifting too slow, or worse, (gasp!), the dreaded missing a gear, to name a few.

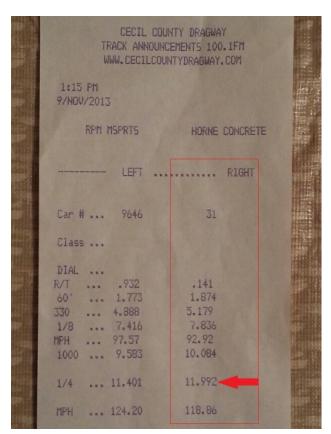
That said, my 2nd pass was a bit slower, 12.170 & 118.37, good, but not good enough!



Run 1 – 12.143 @ 118.89



Run 2 – 12.170 @ 118.37



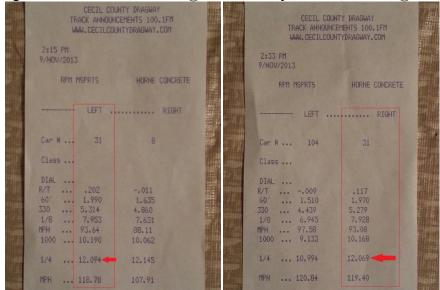
Looks like my car & the track were going to make me earn that coveted time slip that I had driven 6 hours and 378.5 miles for!

My 3rd pass, I staged, upped the RPMs a bit from 4000 to 4500 & launched. Shifts were crisp and firm, which I shifted each run at 6500 RPM, & the end result was worth the extra 500 RPM. The result of that extra 500 RPM was an 11.992 @ 118.86, on street tires no less!!

I garnered the prize I had eagerly, but patiently sought & accomplished my self-imposed goal. SAWEEEET!!

Success! 11.992 @ 118.86

I got 2 more runs in, 12.094 @ 118.78 & my last run, 12.069 @ 119.40.



My goal next year is to get down to the 11.500 range because with the new NHRA rules, cars 2008 & newer can run down to 11.500 without a roll cage. 11.499 & quicker needs a minimum 4 point roll cage, in an "unaltered vehicle" that is.

If I attain the 11.5, I will be in stock Z06 territory (factory spec is 11.7 @ 125), as far as straight line performance goes!!

Finally, here's a C7 that still had temp tags on it and ran pretty well at the track that day. Only one C7, my C6, and 2 heavily modded C5's were in Vette attendance that day. A CTS-V ran low 11's too.











He already had headers, tune, and a 100 HP N20 shot! It ran 10.7's!

So, thanks for reading this far & enjoy the winter while you look forward to spring. I know I will, as I plan on my next year's mods / strategies to attain my new goal.



BICYCLE COPS

Faster than a Corvette

That Poor Vette...

Larry Shields



http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2013/10/31/video-c6-corvette-suffers-a-nitrous-explosion-at-the-texas-mile/#more-17263

Photo credit: Gearhead Flicks on YouTube

This month's installment is a modified C6 making runs at the 2013 Texas Mile event. The driver successfully made a few 180mph runs with his LS3 powered Vette, including a 2-stage nitrous system. But on his last run, it appears the driver missed a shift, spiked the RPMs up too high, blew the engine, and badness ensued. A full video from an inside & outside camera PoV is available at the URL to the left. The driver escaped without injury. The C6... not so much.

2013 GCCC Activities & Events

Corvette season has pretty much come to a close. I don't know of any other events at this point besides the ones listed below. If you're aware of someone trying to do a late season event, please let me know and I'll add it into the next calendar.

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.

December	
4 th @ 6:30PM	Shopping for Adopt-a-Family at Walmart on Rt.101a in Amherst.
	Club Contact: Heather Shields
7 th @ 2:30PM	2 nd Annual Holiday Ice Cream Social at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton
	We will be meeting at the Hooksett Liquor Store on 93 at 1:15pm and leaving at 1:30pm
	Club Contact: John or Carol Slavin
January	
11 th @ 5:30PM	Club Christmas Holiday Party at the Londonderry Lion's Hall

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **January 20**th

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



Great Colors and Amazing Cars Photo from Heather Shields

Trivia of the Month (Courtesy of Dennis Granger)

How many model year 1983 Corvettes were

Last month's trivia:

What was the 1st year Corvette that had two different hoods?

Answer:

1965 had the standard smooth small block hood, and the big block hood with a "power bulge".

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Gate City Corvette Club

Invites you to the 2nd Annual

Holiday lee Cream Social

at the

New Hampshire Veterans Home 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276





Please join us in honoring our New Hampshire Veterans on Pearl Harbor Day,

December 7th 2013 from 2:30 – 4:30

There will be a presentation of a special plaque, honoring all those who served

Musical guest Maureen Salvoni will entertain with a medley of Holiday songs and old favorites.

John and Carol Slavin will be coordinating details

Anyone attending that would like to bring a "Goody Bag" (see list below) or checkers, chess, or a table game may do so. No food please!

New Hampshire Veterans Home Sunshine Cart

The Sunshine Cart provides a wide variety of personal care items for our Residents. The Sunshine Cart is particularly important to those Residents who are not able to attend shopping trips, allowing them to make their own selections FREE OF CHARGE. The Sunshine Cart items are not sold to the Residents. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards Sunshine Cart items, please make your check payable to NHVH Benefit Fun and reference "Sunshine Cart" on the memo line.

Residents prefer standard size products that can be used for an extended period. We do not stock travel size items on the Sunshine Cart. Listed below are examples of preferred items:

- Denture cleaning tablets: Efferdent or Polident
- Denture adhesive: Fixodent or Poligrip
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Stick deodorants
- Hair combs and brushes
- Emery boards
- Body wash
- Pre-shave
- Disposable Razors
- After Shave: Old Spice, Aqua Velva, Mennen
- Mouthwash
- Lip balm / Chapstick
- Kleenex tissues
- Body lotion and/or baby body lotion
- Individually packaged eyeglass cleaner wipes
- Hair cream: V05 or Brylcreem
- Shampoo: 2 in 1 Shampoo, Baby Shampoo, or Dandruff Shampoo
- 6x9 inch lined writing tablets
- Envelopes #10
- Postage stamps
- Large print crossword puzzle books and/or word find books

Please NO powder items, or Q-Tips

If you require additional information about the New Hampshire Veterans Home Sunshine Cart, please contact Lisa Punderson at (603) 527-4449 or email lisa.punderston@nhvh.nh.gov



"End of 2013Season Sale"

Americana Premium Paste Wax	\$60.00	Reg. \$62.00	List\$ 69.95
"New" Buttery Wax – 16 oz.	\$16.00	Reg. \$18.00	
Brilliant Glaze - 16oz.	\$20.00	Reg. \$22.00	List\$ 24.95
Car Wash Shampoo – 16oz.	\$ 8.00	Reg. \$ 9.00	List\$ 9.95
Car Wash Shampoo – Gallon	\$30.00	Reg. \$32.00	List\$ 34.95
"New" Clay Bar	\$16.00	Reg. \$18.00	List\$ 19.95
Detail Spray – 16oz.	\$10.00	Reg. \$11.00	List\$ 12.95
Detail Spray – Gallon	\$38.00	Reg. \$42.00	List\$ 44.95
Ultimate Fireman Hose Spray Nozzle	\$43.00	Reg. \$45.00	List\$ 49.95
In & Out Spray – can	<i>\$12.50</i>	Reg. \$14.00	List\$ 14.95
Large 7"Pad (orange, white, black) each	\$10.00	Reg. \$11.00	List\$ 12.95
Machine Fine Polish(older version)	<i>\$13.00</i>	Reg. \$22.00	List\$ 24.95
Machine Super Sealant	<i>\$13.00</i>	Reg. \$22.00	List\$ 24.95
Microfiber Blue Applicator Pad	\$ 2.00	Reg. \$2.50	List\$ 3.00
Quick Spray Sealant – can	\$16.00	Reg. \$18.00	List\$ 19.95
Red Interior Applicator Sponge-2 pack	\$ 5.00	Reg. \$6.00	List\$ 7.95
Revive Polish – 16oz.	<i>\$16.00</i>	Reg. \$18.00	List\$ 19.95
"New" Deep Wheel Cleaner -16 oz. \$	<i>15.00</i>	Reg. \$16.00	List\$ 17.95
Sidekick Blaster by Metrovac	\$68.00	Reg. \$72.00	List\$79.95
Super VRT – 160z.	\$20.00	Reg. \$22.00	List\$ 24.95
"New" Total Interior Detailer – 16 oz.	\$10.00	Reg. \$11.00	List\$ 12.95
Total Interior Detailer – gallon	<i>\$34.00</i>	Reg. \$35.00	List\$ 39.95
Waterless Car Wash – 16oz.	\$ 8.00	Reg. \$ 9.00	List\$ 9.95
Waterless Car Wash – gallon	\$32.00	Reg. \$35.00	List\$ 39.95
Wash Bucket Caddy/Wheel Kit	\$34.00	Reg. \$35.00	List\$39.95

^{*}Sale Prices good until December 25, 2013. <u>Prices good on in stock items.</u>
Not all Sale items are listed above; contact us if you don't see items you want.

Norm's Detailing

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



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OFF Weekend



Friday Night August 22, 2014
Welcoming Pizza Party
Ethan Allen Hotel
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 ENGLAND CARAVAN

KICK OFF — SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2014 - DANBURY, CT NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN DEPARTS SUNDAY A.M. FROM DANBURY



SUNDAY NIGHT - WYNDHAM HOTEL - GETTYSBURG, PA



MONDAY NIGHT - STONEWALL RESORT - ROANOKE, WEST VIRGINIA



TUESDAY NIGHT - CROWNE PLAZA CAMPBELL HOUSE - LEXINGTON, KY



WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY - HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY PLAZA - BG, KY

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