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Larry Shields



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Officers 2014

President: Larry Shields

Vice President: Carol Whittier

Secretary: Allie DeCampo

Treasurer: Dan Feidler

Officer-at-Large: Joe Michalik

Membership Director: John Bosco

Immediate Past President: Carol Whittier

It's still several months before the salt will be cleared and the roads will be in good condition for our cars to emerge from garages and storage locations, but that doesn't mean things aren't happening in the Corvette community! There's news to be had for Corvettes, our club, and other clubs in the area. First, I'd like to start with a big thank you to the outgoing members of the board who served our club through 2013: Norm, Carol W., Bob R., Lisa, Cindy, and John B. More big thanks to our new board for 2014: Carol W., Joe, Dan F., John B., and Allie. There's a lot of work that needs to go into keeping a club like ours functioning smoothly, and the more people that step up and spread the load makes it easier for everyone.

Next up, we've had some great news coming from Chevy about our cars. At this point the C7 convertibles are now shipping and available at dealers. As most of you know, I'm rather partial to the drop-tops myself. The long wait and wondering is finally over for the C7 Z06 as well – a supercharged 6.2 liter V8 engine putting out at least 625 horsepower. It will have a 7 speed manual, or an all-new 8 speed automatic transmission with flappy-paddle shifters. Outfitted with the top end Z07 package, Chevy has claimed that it will be faster around the track than the 2013 ZR1!



In the local NH Corvette club news, there is a new club called the Great Bay Corvette Club that will be focused around the seacoast of NH, Maine, and Massachusetts. They're just getting the ball rolling in forming up, but had about 30 people show up at their first meeting, so here's hoping they have success in bringing more Corvette owners into our club community! On the downside for Gate City, their new Treasurer is none other than our Lisa Dole. Lisa will be focusing her

efforts into helping ensure the success of the new club, so regrettably we'll be losing Lisa from Gate City. However, it sounds like she'll still be as active as ever with Great Bay, so we'll still be seeing her at events. Best of luck to Great Bay, and I hope to have the opportunity to attend an event of theirs this coming year.

Finally, while there's still a little time before the calendar of events will be put together for 2014, the dates of events are starting to come out. Keep an eye on our newsletter calendar and our Facebook event list. There are club events like our upcoming trip to King Arthur Flour to take the 'Pizza Perfected' cooking class, work is starting on organizing our club's Spring Fling event, and dates for the upcoming Bar Harbor event have been circulating. I encourage everyone to start penciling in some of these dates on the calendar, and think about joining others from the club as we attend these events. The more, the merrier! I look forward to seeing all of you at our first club meeting of 2014, on Valentine's Day (February 14th)... it may not be perfect timing, but there's still plenty of time after the meeting for a romantic dinner with your significant other! Until next time...

Save the Wave!

-Larry Shields

Vice President / Activities Director

Carol Whittier

Hi All,

Not much going on yet. I hope you have all considered going to the King Arthur Pizza making trip in March. If you do want to go, contact Jill Dupont or myself and we will see that you get added. I hope at the February meeting I can get together an activities committee so we can start doing more fun things as a club. If you have any ideas please let me know. I would be interested in trying new ideas. We will be gearing up for Spring Fling at the next meeting so try and be there and give us your input. I am very excited about the upcoming year. I can promise you it is going to be a good one!

Well, like I said not much to report yet. See you at the February meeting!

SAVE THE WAVE
GATE CITY STRONG

Carol, VP

Meeting Minutes – January

Allie DeCampo

A brief meeting for January was held at the annual holiday party. Outgoing president Carol Whittier presented Larry Shields, our new president, with the official gavel. Carol talked about some of the challenges the club faced during this past year and expressed her hope that the club will continue to be strong in the future. She thanked the past board members and introduced the new board members for 2014.

Larry also thanked the old and the new board members. He talked about our upcoming year and enlisted everyone's help to make Gate City a fun Corvette club. Members are encouraged to consider planning an activity or cruise. For example, Jill is planning the King Arthur trip for March. Larry is planning a cruise and geocache trip. There was a reminder that Spring Fling is a huge undertaking that requires the full support and participation of the club.

Dan Feidler also encouraged everyone to get involved and suggested a bowling night or dinner at a restaurant. He may plan a fall trip to Manchester, Vermont as he has done in the past. He informed everyone that annual membership dues should be paid by January 31st. The amount due is \$46.00 and can be mailed to his home address.

Aside from the brief meeting, we all enjoyed a scrumptious potluck buffet and lively Yankee Swap. Gayle Zelonis and Carol Whittier oversaw the gift tables and kept the momentum going. The gifts were varied from Corvette models to alcoholic spirits to negligée and thong. Dan Feidler was kind enough to model the thong (thankfully over his clothing.) Larry Shields had lucky “number one” and thus had his choice of any of the gifts. He originally started with a crockpot and wine package which quickly got grabbed from him leaving him with a bag of various candies. He made his final swap for a bendy snake light and vice grips. Dan Zelonis created a fun and challenging holiday trivia game that prompted much discussion and laughter. Who knew the names of the 3 kings? Apparently, Curley, Moe and Larry were not the right answers. And crossing a snowman with a vampire...frost bite!!!



Holiday Ice Cream Social-December 7, 2013

We want to thank the club and all those that attended and helped out at the Veteran's Home. It was a great time and I could see by the expressions on the veterans faces that it was well received. We presented the plaque which will be hung in an area for all veterans to enjoy. Also, the total amount raised for the Adopt-a-Vet was \$4400. Charlie Hickey donated 48 t-shirts that were passed out to the vets as they came into the hall. We raffled off 10 gift bags with teddy bears and personal care items; also, 7 shawls and lap wraps that were donated by The Centralville United Methodist Church in Lowell, MA. It was an enjoyable day for all. Again, we really appreciate the support we have received from the club members.

Please put June 21st on the calendar for our car show and parade around the home and of course.....ice cream!

Thanks again,
John And Carol Slavin



Member Birthdays



February

Mark Collins	2/2
Dean Gagne	2/4
Sue Tetu	2/7
Joe Michalik	2/20
John Bosco	2/21
Jacquelin Garian	2/22
Amos Wintle	2/24
Deb Hill	2/25
John Slavin	2/25
Lisa Dole	2/27

Corvette News

Allie DeCampo



Barrett-Jackson

“This 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Coupe was sold by Barrett-Jackson for \$3.85 million, the most ever paid for a Corvette. Hagerty said the L88 was like the "mythical fish" in the car world—very rare, highly prized and of outstanding quality. Corvette only made about 20 of the L88s, and even the most selective car collectors recognize it as an exceptional machine.”

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/muscle-cars-gone-wild-3-9-million-corvette-2D11972075>

Corvette will let owners record, share drives.

The 2015 Chevrolet Corvette will have a new system that lets owners record their drives and share the video with friends. The system uses a windshield-mounted camera, a microphone and a recorder to track.

HD-quality videos can be reviewed in-car when parked, or downloaded to personal computer for sharing via social media. Data can be uploaded to Cosworth Toolbox telemetry software, similar to that used by Corvette Racing, to improve driver's techniques and lap times.

Four recording modes and three data overlay options are available with the PDR system:

- Touring mode records and displays video and audio of the drive with no data overlay.
- Performance mode records basic performance metrics such as zero-to-60 mph acceleration, quarter-mile speed and elapsed time and zero-to-100 mph times.
- Sport mode shows fewer details on the overlay but includes data such as speed and G-force.
- Track mode shows the maximum amount of data, including speed, rpm, G-force, a location-based map, lap times and more.

Chevrolet said the PDR feature will be available when the 2015 Corvette starts production in the third quarter of 2014, and that pricing will be announced closer to launch.



Information and photos from GM News:

<http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/gm/news.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2014/Jan/14naias/Corvettes/0105-corvette-pdr.html>



Not a lot of details for this month's poor Vette. This red Z51 C7 looks like it didn't enjoy its drive in the snowy conditions in Milwaukee, WI. With the amount of snow rammed up into the engine bay and the front wheel well, it looks like it went nose first into a wall of the stuff – causing the air bags to deploy.

I think I'll keep my 427 in the garage until the white stuff is all gone...

<http://www.gtspirit.com/2013/12/31/red-c7-corvette-stingray-crashes-in-the-snow/>

Photo credit: GTSpirit

Corvette Trivia of the Month

Dennis Granger

Question: What year, due to Federal mandate, was the first Corvette with an 85 MPH speedometer? (*Answer provided in next month's edition of Stress Kracks.*)

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

Question: How many model year 1983 Corvettes were built?

Answer: 43 pre-production, however, due to quality issues production was delayed then released as the '84 model that ran for 1 ½ years. A single '83 was hidden by plant employees and survives at the Corvette museum today.



Corvette Museum

2013 GCCC Activities & Events

If you plan to attend an event that isn't listed on the calendar, please contact me (Allie DeCampo) so that I can add your event to the following month's newsletter. In addition, let me know if you are willing to be a club contact for a given event and I will add your name to the list of contacts. This way other club members who may be interested in the event will know who to contact for coordinating – especially if people are going to caravan out to the event.

February 14, 2014	
7:00 pm	Club Meeting at MacMulkin, in Nashua, NH
March 30, 2014	
Leave 7:15am	King Arthur's Flour, Norwich, VT - Pizza Perfected class. Contact Jill for further details.

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **February 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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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 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

To find out more go to our website: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/newengland/>
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