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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

August 2014 Issue

First Word

Larry Shields

I want to thank everyone in the club once again for a great meeting in August, where we were able to successfully discuss and vote on our new club logo. I will be actively working to get information for shirt pricing from Red Brick as well as a couple of other possibilities to see what it will cost to get shirts made for everyone. I will also be looking into the name tags for everyone as well. I think it's great that we're going to be able to move forward on these items – and look forward to sharing the results of what I learn with everyone.

That said, getting it all done before the next meeting may be a challenge. Why? Because a bunch of us are, as I type this, doing our final packing for the Corvette Caravan, or have already left for Carlisle! Tomorrow morning I will wake up before I really want to, to get the final packing loads done, to meet the first cars up in Bedford, before heading down to gather more at the 495 rest stop, and onwards to Danbury, CT for the kick-off weekend. Randy and the state leaders have put so much work into making this an amazing trip for everyone involved – I can't wait to share it with many of you, and to tell the “no ****, there I was...” type stories when we get back.

The inside of my Vette looks like a tech explosion, with my lighter having power lines running to my cell phone that's on a vent mount clip so I can run “Waze” for route planning and road conditions. It's also running a 2nd line up to my GoPro camera that I've mounted in the front window to get some video of notable parts of the drives. I'll also have our Motorola headsets in the car drink holder, paired to a Plantronics Voyager Legend Bluetooth headset, to try and be able to hear and talk a bit easier while driving with the top down. We'll see if it's going to be loud enough or not in action on this trip.

We've got lots of events still on the calendar for the rest of this summer, and I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for messages coordinating folks who are going to various events. Our Facebook page has a list of many upcoming events in the area on it – give it a look over and see which ones you can attend! If something you want to do is missing, let me know so we can get it added!

Look forward to seeing you all in September with a lot more miles on the cars, and a lot more stories to tell over dinner & drinks!

SAVE THE WAVE!

-Larry S.

Vice President / Activities Director

Carol Whittier

Hi All,

The summer has flown by. The best is yet to come, though. Some of us are getting ready to go on the caravan while others are leaving for Carlisle for a long weekend. I hope everyone has a great and safe time; we can all share our stories when we meet again in September.

In September we have Vettes to Vets and Great Bay's car show. We will also be doing a cruise to Castle in the Clouds on October 5th for a relaxing picnic. I am keeping this short and sweet as I have to finish packing for the caravan myself.

Thanks to all who attended the picnic and to Sue and Norm for getting us a place to have it. Also, thanks to Dan for his grill skills. The food was great and the company was just as great. We even found a new way to vote in a president (only kidding Kathy).

The CCRI show was very nice. Paul Masse even paid everyone's admission. We had 7 cars go down from GCCC. The weather was great and we had a good time. Thanks CCRI!

Till we return...

SAVE THE WAVE
GATE CITY STRONG

Carol



President Larry began the meeting at 7:28 pm. The meeting was held at Blake's in Manchester due to MacMulkin Chevrolet's ongoing renovations. Several members arrived early to order dinner or ice cream.

Membership Director: John welcomed Jeff's wife Marlow to her first meeting. John also introduced Jim, a prospective new member with a 1966 yellow roadster.

Secretary: Allie sent an email link to the July newsletter containing the July secretary's report prior to the meeting. She thanked everyone for contributions of articles, letters and photos for the newsletter. Jill made a motion seconded by Ruth to accept the secretary's report. The motion was carried and the secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer: Prior to the meeting Dan sent out the treasurer's report by email. He said that he will update with additions from last month's and this month's meeting. The club has saved the required \$5000 to be carried over to next year as well as the funds for this year's charitable contributions. It was pointed out that money was saved by foregoing hiring a caterer for the annual picnic. Larry G. made a motion seconded by Ruth to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Officer at Large: Joe said that he received the NCM magazine along with a request for donations from NCM. Donations can be given to Dan or sent in. He also received a letter from the Nashua Children's Home requesting donations. Events include: Great Bay Corvette Club's Corvettes and Coffee Breakfast Cruise 9/6 and Driven to Make a Difference Car Show on 9/20. Corvettes of Carlisle is August 22nd – 24th and National Caravan August 24th – 30th.

Vice President/Activities Director: Carol Whittier thanked Norm and Sue for procuring a great spot for the picnic and Dan for being the chef.

She mentioned that 7 cars from GCCC attended the RI show and she hopes that more will attend next year.

Vettes to Vets is scheduled September 28th at Veteran's Hospital in Bedford, Mass. Last year 450 cars participated. Some of our members plan to stay close by overnight.

A trip to Castle in the Clouds is planned for Sunday, October 5th. In the event of inclement weather the trip can be rescheduled for the following Sunday.

Dan F. is planning an overnight trip to Manchester, Vermont for the weekend of October 25th. We have done this in the past and had a very enjoyable time. (Rubber duckies beware.)

Dan also talked about the Corvette museum and encouraged members to join and visit the museum and take the plant tour. Those who order a new Corvette with museum delivery get a special tour of the plant. The museum is auctioning off 2 special cars with one of a kind striping and the NCM logo on the hood. A limited number of tickets will be available.

Veteran's Events Update: John Slavin informed everyone that the next ice cream social at the Veteran's Home in Tilton is planned for December 6th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

Old Business: Larry S. mentioned that next year will be the club's 40th anniversary and the 35th Spring Fling. Planning will start early.

Larry tried to consider all feedback received regarding the font for the new club logo and shirt color. Members were asked to vote via email or at the meeting. A majority vote was needed to facilitate a logo change. Larry presented the results: 33 votes for the magneto font and 2 votes for no change; 33 votes for ash gray shirt color and 3 votes for no change.

Dan F. recommended having a special shirt made up for the 35th Spring Fling.

New Business: Larry S. said that he would like all currently paid new and existing members to receive a t-shirt. A motion was made and carried to do so. Sue W. asked that Larry get examples of t-shirts in various sizes for members to try since sizes can vary.

Larry has researched name tag pricing and found that Great Lakes Trophy offers affordable name tags with logos for \$5.00 - \$6.00 per tag. Carol W. recommended that name tags for members be paid for by the club.

Purchasing decals with the new logo will also be considered.

Larry asked for volunteers for the election committee. Bob Eaton was first to volunteer along with Larry G. The club volunteered Gail Z., who was not in attendance.

The club agreed to allow Great Bay Corvette Club to borrow safety vests for their upcoming event.

Dan F. thanked Larry for his leadership in guiding the club through the process of selecting a new logo and shirt color.

Larry concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their cooperation.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle of \$44 was Bob E.

The winner of the membership drawing was Heather S. It was unsure when the membership drawing last paid out so it will be necessary to consult past minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.



Ice Cream Social Veteran's Home Tilton NH
Photo Courtesy of Butch Nordstrom

SCENES FROM GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Photos Courtesy of Heather Shields





This month's installment is a blue C6 convertible that, according to KHOU in Houston, TX, "left the roadway for unknown reasons". I'm guessing, it was because the driver lost control... but I suppose it could have been for some other reason. The poor Vette did an admirable job holding together as it went through a bunch of trees... but it unfortunately didn't fare as well when it hit the roadway electrical box. That pretty much destroyed the front-end. Thankfully, no serious injuries as a result of the crash.

Corvette Trivia of the Month

Dennis Granger

Question of the month: What was the 2001 Z06 first ever exhaust feature for a mass production automobile? (*Answer provided in next month's Stress Kracks.*)

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

Question: The largest fuel tank ever offered was in the '63 to '67 model years. How big was it?

Answer: A 36 gallon fuel tank was available as an option!

Member Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

Jill Dupont	9/10
Jim Ecke	9/17

THE PERFECT CRUISE

By Norm Wood

Well, the dinner cruise day on the MV Kearsarge finally arrived on Saturday, August 9th. Three Corvettes met at Macy's in Bedford to start a caravan to Lake Sunapee on the back roads for a scenic ride. We picked up another Corvette in Goffstown along with a bright red outstanding 1967 Porsche 911, my brother Tim that helps with my Adam's Show joined up with his friend Heather. (It goes to show you the Adam's products look great on other vehicles and not just Corvettes).

I had the roof section off on my new 2014 Stingray for the first time as we headed up Rte.114 through Weare and Henniker. The weather was perfect and very little traffic was encountered as our group traversed the back roads of New Hampshire. As we hit Bradford we then crossed over to Rte.103 then 103B in Sunapee. Arrival time took less time than expected so we had time to walk around and enjoy the local scenery.

At 6:00 pm the Captain of the MV Kearsarge greeted each reservation and escorted them to their tables. Through our connections with Rich Girard, their wine sales person, we were guided to the upper deck and seated at the large VIP table toward the rear of the ship. Rich set up a small wine tasting of several select vintage wines on the lower deck before the cruise started. He then joined our table as the Captain reversed engines and backed away from the dock.

Cocktail hour had started as the MV Kearsarge started her 2 hour slow cruise around Lake Sunapee. Each table was selected and guided to the dinner buffet as the Captain talked about the lake and the residences along the waterfront. Everyone enjoyed an assortment of salads, warm foods, and beverages as we cruised along the shorelines. Some ventured out to the walkways on the outer section of the ship to enjoy the views.



Anchorage Restaurant at Sunapee Harbor

At 8:30 the ship pulled up to the dock to finish the cruise. The ship's staff was very responsive to our needs, the food was very good, the weather was perfect, the scenery was breathtaking, and we were all among great friends to make this an outstanding and memorable time. For those who missed this or had to cancel, let's look forward to another cruise next summer!

ANNUAL HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL KINGSTON, RI

Photos Courtesy of Heather Shields



2014 GCCC ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

If you plan to attend an event that isn't listed on the calendar, please contact the newsletter editor (Allie DeCampo) so that your event is included in following month's newsletter. In addition, let the editor know if you are willing to be the contact person for the event. This way, other club members who may be interested in the event will know who to contact for information (date, time, location, where to meet to caravan, etc.)

Sept 12, 2014	
7:00 pm	Monthly club meeting / Location TBA. Watch for Larry's email regarding the status of renovations at MacMulkin Chevrolet.
Go to https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub for a list of upcoming events.	

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is September 17th

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 third Friday 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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