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**September 2014 Issue**

## *First Word*

*Larry Shields*

How do I capture the last month's activities? I don't think "wow" captures it sufficiently. We had a bunch of folks head out to Carlisle for the annual big gathering of Corvettes. The same weekend, a bunch of us headed down to Danbury, CT for the kick-off weekend for the New England Corvette Caravan. The trip was an incredible experience for everyone who was involved – and there are some pretty awesome stories of the sights, drives, and experiences along the way. For those who joined in, there was also an epic return trip back from Bowling Green that involved a drive of some incredible driving roads. It was very much a trip of a lifetime.

The Adirondack Hot Road show happened a couple of weeks ago, the Fall JANE Autocross event, and I just finished re-detailing BUHBYE (see also: JANE Autocross) to get ready for the Great Bay Corvette Club "Driven to Make a Difference" show this weekend. Next weekend, down to New Jersey where I'll hit another show, and then try to make it back up to Vettes to Vets on Sunday. This may be the end of the Corvette season, but it's certainly going out with a bang. We still have a couple of events coming up in October as well, such as our cruise to Castle in the Clouds. Hopefully the weather will cooperate to give us a slightly extended Vette season this year.

It's also that time of year where we're looking for people to volunteer to run for next year's board. If you're willing to help pitch in and keep our club running, please talk to Bob Eaton or Larry Goelz about your interest in running for a position. As well, we've got Heather Shields who has volunteered to begin organizing our "Adopt-a-Child" planning for this year – and she'll be needing some volunteers to help be shopping elves. Keep your eyes peeled as we get closer to the holidays for announcements of when we'll be going out to acquire all the goodies for the kids. Also, Jill Dupont has taken point on starting

to organize a plan for our club Christmas party. If you have any ideas of things you'd like to see, make sure you talk to her about your ideas.

Finally, a reminder that next year will be our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Fling event. This will be a big event for us, and we'll probably try to plan a few things to make it special. We'll need lots of volunteers to help make it run smoothly, and to avoid over burdening just a few members. So please think about how you can help contribute...

Until we meet at the next event,

SAVE THE WAVE!

-Larry S.

*Vice President / Activities Director*

*Carol Whittier*

Hi All,

Well, it's that time of year when we are starting to wind down and put our summer memories on the shelf...but it is also the start of our fall season with still more events in the future. I am glad everyone had a great and safe time in Carlisle and on the Caravan to Kentucky. I know we did.

The next big event is **Vettes to Vets** and I hope many will join us in this great cause. We will be meeting at Kohl's parking lot exit 6 off route 3 and caravanning down to the hotel at 7:30.

Also in the future we are planning a trip up to **Castle in the Clouds** for a picnic and a social outing. We enter the back way and park on the grass at the picnic area. There are fireplaces with grills to keep us warm if needed and also to cook on. We all bring a dish to share, your choice of beverage (yes you can bring adult stuff) and your adult Sippy cup and just hang out with good conversation and a lot of laughs. We have been doing this for a few years and it is a great way to get to know your fellow members. So mark the date **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. If the weather is not good we will make changes. Please watch your e-mail for updates.

Well, until the next meeting. Save the Wave!

GATE CITY STRONG

Carol

### **Great Bay Show Update – Heather Shields**

Congratulations to **Al and Carol** for taking **Best in Show** at the Great Bay show today!



The weather was overcast and on the colder side, but well worth the trip! We got a shout out from Steve P. to Gate City Corvette Club for showing up. I guess we may have had the largest club group there. On a second side note, congrats to Nancy Liberty who won the grand prize in the cash drawing.

President Larry began the meeting by expressing our appreciation to be back at MacMulkin's for the monthly meeting. A restaurant suggestion for after the meeting was made and a dinner count taken.

**Membership Director:** John B. introduced Bob and Sheila, potential members with a 2008 atomic orange C6. Other potential members are Jim and Dania with a '66 yellow roadster.

**Secretary:** Prior to the meeting, Allie sent an email link to the August newsletter containing the most recent secretary's report. She thanked everyone for contributions of articles, letters and photos for the newsletter. Ruth made a motion seconded by Sue 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 meeting, particularly \$60.00 paid out to Heather as the winner of last month's membership raffle. The club has saved the required \$5000.00 to be carried over to next year as well as the funds for this year's charitable contributions. Rick made a motion seconded by Norm to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was carried and the treasurer's report was accepted.

**Officer at Large:** Joe M. was unable to attend the meeting. Larry S. talked about the Jane Autocross for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Great Bay car show is on September 20<sup>th</sup> and about 300 cars are expected.

Vettes to Vets is scheduled September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Hospital in Bedford, Mass. Last year 450 cars participated. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring along a goodie bag of personal items for the vets. (Please see list of items on page 21.) All donations go directly to the Veteran's Home. Members of the Air Force provide a cook-out and the veterans vote for their favorite Corvette. A banquet is held the night before and some of our club members stay overnight at a nearby Marriott. The event is held rain or shine.

**Vice President/Activities Director:** Carol W. mentioned the RI club barbeque on September 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be supplied and guests are asked to bring a side dish. A response is requested by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Norm is planning a trip to Castle in the Clouds for Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. In the event of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled for the following Sunday. Caravan meeting place is the Bonsai Restaurant at the Massabesic traffic circle at 10:00 am. We usually enter the picnic area via the back entrance and there is no entry fee. Please bring along your desired picnic cuisine and chairs. Caravan meeting place is the Bonsai Restaurant at the Massabesic traffic circle at 10:00 am.

Dan F. is planning an overnight trip to Manchester, Vermont for the weekend of October 25<sup>th</sup>. We have done this in the past and had a very enjoyable time.

On behalf of the NCM, Dan F. thanked everyone who went on the Corvette Caravan. He informed everyone that museum membership is \$100.00 per family per year, \$50.00 for individual membership per year, and \$1500.00 for a life-time membership. If you plan to join, please be sure to write Dan's name on the application. Contact Dan for further information.

**Veteran's Events Update:** John S. informed everyone that the next ice cream social at the Veteran's Home in Tilton is planned for December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Carol will create a flyer and send out to all members. John requested that members consider donating \$50.00 to adopt a vet. Carol will send out information about the program along with the necessary form.

Ruth asked members to consider donating to Mooremart, an organization started by her former boss that mails packages to service people who are currently serving overseas. 100 % of all funds donated are used for our troops. Ruth requested the club donate \$100.00 to help with the cost of postage. A motion to do so was made by Ruth and seconded by John. The membership voted and approved the contribution.

**Old Business:** Larry G. talked about the election committee. Every year we vote on all board positions. Terms are limited to 2 years. Contact Larry if you are interested in running for a position.

Larry G. also presented a wrap-up of the Corvette Caravan. He said everyone enjoyed a great trip. The return trip was especially exciting and included drives through the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Tail of the Dragon. They received "We Slayed the Dragon" shirts. Larry said Randy Flock did an outstanding job coordinating the caravan. Randy raised \$24,000 to benefit the museum. Larry S. displayed a Civil War diorama that Randy had made as an award.

Larry S. thanked Larry G. for his part in organizing the caravan.

Larry S. mentioned that next year will be the Gate City's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 35<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling. Planning will start early.

He said that he has been unable to proceed with name badges because the website for Great Lakes Trophies has been down.

He has obtained three quotes for 100% cotton t-shirts in ash gray with 4-color embroidered logo. He is looking for a company that is economical when ordering individual or small orders. He will send out pricing specifics in an email and request member feedback. Also, the club will have future discussions about a special t-shirt with a silk screen design on the back for Spring Fling.

**New Business:** Heather S. kindly volunteered to lead the Adopt-a-Family committee. Jill D. kindly offered to lead the holiday party committee.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Ruth Wintle.

The winner of the membership drawing was Al Whittier.

Larry concluded the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.



*Carol and Joe's Z06*





This little gem is listed on a car auction site in Baton Rouge, though not available yet for your bids. This 3LT Z51 black on black C7 is a bit more black on black than it used to be. The radio is listed as missing, along with the VIN marker. Apparently the car doesn't start, the odometer is blank, and the odometer status is "BURNT". But if you're looking for a fixer upper, maybe this is the Vette for you...

*Corvette Trivia of the Month*

*Dennis Granger*

**Question of the month:** Which "Star Wars" actor went through the windshield of his Corvette shortly after making the first film in the trilogy? (Answer provided in next month's Stress Kracks.)

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

**Question:** What was the 2001 Z06 first ever exhaust feature for a mass production automobile?

**Answer:** A titanium exhaust system

## Member Birthdays



OCTOBER

Jim Ecke	10/23
Dan Zelonis	10/28

# THE 2014 NEW ENGLAND REGION CARAVAN

**By Larry Goelz**

**Photos courtesy of Heather Shields**

In 2011, while attending the Vettes to Vets event, Bob Brooks approached me and asked if I would like to be the 2014 NCM Caravan NH state leader. Not knowing what that meant, I asked questions and finally agreed to take on the position. Good thing that I did not know what I was in for as I may have declined the offer!

Over the next 3 years the assembled team for the 2014 New England Region Caravan worked to put together a Caravan experience that all would remember for years to come. Based on the feedback from those who did the caravan, they will remember it for a very long time. Success! We also made a number of new friends.

Finally the day came when Ingrid and I packed the Corvette (coupe for the room) and headed for Danbury, CT on our 18 day odyssey. It was a moment that I had been looking for but it was also a moment when all the planning, work, meetings, Meet and Greet events, and crafting the Route Book came to an end. The barrage of emails daily from Randy, team members, and others would end. I felt a little sad that this was the end of the planning but also it was the start of a great adventure – experiencing the travels to Bowling Green, KY with this great group of folks, and taking a different routing for the way home and experiencing new adventures along the way.



Two weeks in a Convertible



Off we go!

We started in Danbury for 2 days, with Lime Rock Park a main attraction, plus the kick-off banquet. Lime Rock Park, where I met a cousin by marriage's brother who drives the pace car for the track, teaches "Survive the Drive" to teenagers, was a professional race car driver and teacher, and rode with me during the Auto Cross – which was unique as there was a "mini-track" just for Auto Cross. Bob Eaton had a blast as they had to flag him off the course.



At the Track

Who can forget Georgie's participants and drivers meetings – UGH! However, he did cover details that all needed to hear but then he rambled. His meetings took too much time from enjoying participants and cocktails.



Waiting for ....



PIZZA!



Trouble Makers are dangerous when bored

From Danbury we head to Gettysburg where we meet up with the rest of the Caravan who first went to Carlisle. Here we focus on the Civil War at the Gettysburg National Military



Battlefield Park and Visitors Center where we tour the museum, have cocktails and appetizers, then dinner.



Gettysburg Cyclorama



Dawn's Early Light



Battlefield Vista

From Gettysburg some head to Summit Point Motorsports Park in West Virginia which offered pace laps (at 80 MPH plus), have a race driver drive you around the track in your car, and/or ride with a driver in a vintage race car (which was broken that day). Again all had a great time.



Foggy Tracks ...



Won't stop us!



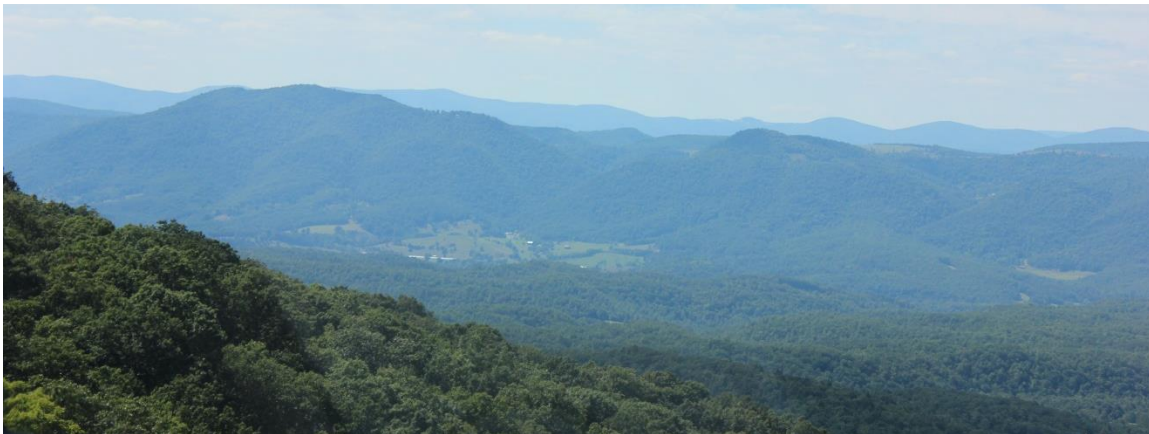
On the way to Stonewall Resort we take Rt. 33 from Harrisonburg, WV to I-79, which provides much enjoyment for road course enthusiasts. What a ride!



Picnic at.....



Seneca Rock



Stonewall Resort was a great place, the amenities were great, folks got to take a boat ride around the lake, and the food was very good.

On to Lexington and The Campbell House whose renovations were not complete and the registration back-up proved to be a major annoyance to many. However, the rooms were clean, the food was good, and they provided a car wash station with toweling. Dinner was at the Keenland Race Track (horse) which is a great facility and the dinner was very nice.



Well at least Pool is nice



Mini-Jockeys



Photo Bomb!

On we head to our staging truck stop where we met eastern PA and NJ Regions. Will Cooksey showed up at the truck stop with NJ and many had the chance to talk with him. It became obvious that each Region wanted to be in the lead heading out and it seemed like it became a "for each his own", but on we went to Bowling Green, KY. We were the first group of cars to get to the museum which allowed us to pick up our registration materials without waiting in line.



How many millions worth of car?



The Convict and the Captain

Here we had the bench unveiling, Lifetime member's dinner, Hall of Fame dinner, the NCM Motorsports Park grand opening on the 26<sup>th</sup> which was open to all for parade laps – which most of us did, Georgie's Civil War Rally, and the 2014 NE Caravan Banquet. The Banquet offered good food, trophies by Randy, live music, chances to win raffle items (12 free nights) and a silent auction as well as a regular auction of items. Randy provided to his State Leaders (and to several others), a handmade desk set containing a brick (with certificate of authenticity) from the Flint, MI GM plant where the first Corvettes were produced.



The Great Unveiling



So, Sunday we head for home in a roundabout fashion. First stop is Mammoth Caves where the guided tours were full so we had to settle for a self-guided tour which lasted about 1 hour. It was enough to give those who have not been before an idea of what to expect should they return. Then to Makers Mark where one of us dipped a bottle of their Bourbon into the red wax. We spent the night in Crossville, TN at a nice Super 8 (surprising).

Next day we are heading for the Tail of the Dragon which offered us 318 turns in 11 miles. What a rush and we did it 3 times. Then on we go to find the end of the Blue Ridge Parkway and make our way along its 469 miles. Our next stop is Asheville, NC where we stay at the Country Inn and Suites (2 nights).



Tamers of the Dragon!

On Tuesday we head for Charlotte, NC and the NASCAR Museum and Hall of Fame. If you get a chance to visit this museum you should do so as it provides a great deal of historical information about NASCAR and it also had some great racing simulators.



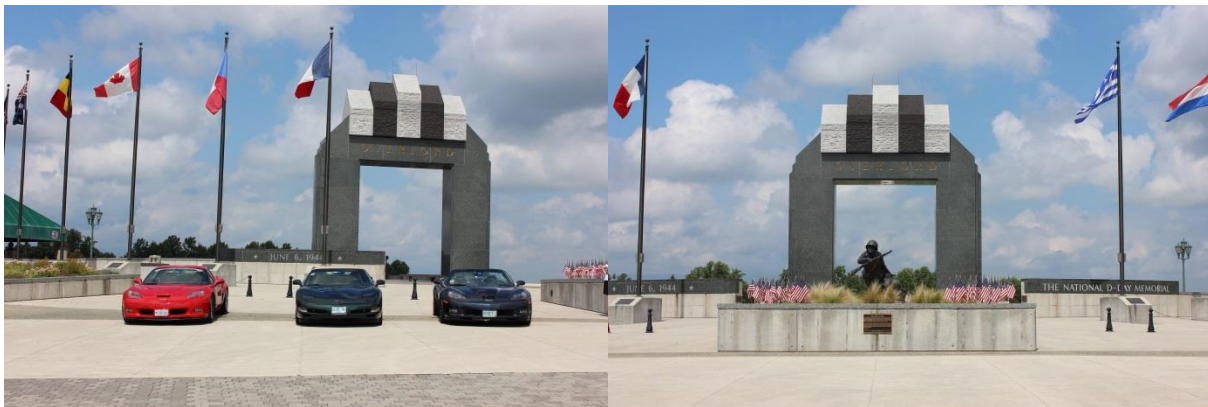
NASCAR

After another night in Asheville, on Wednesday we head back out on the Blue Ridge Parkway and stop at Blowing Rock, Blue Ridge Music center, and Galax, VA where we stayed at the Hampton Inn.



Blowing Rock

On Thursday we head for D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA (a moving tribute to those who fought and died on the beaches in Normandy), then on to the Natural Bridge and Caverns where we will stay at the Natural Bridge Park and Historic Hotel in Natural Bridge, VA. The Natural Bridge has a road going across it and it is quite a site when standing beneath it. The Caverns were a surprise as they are not as well advertised as Mammoth Caves and others, but these caverns were awesome. Quite a find!



D-Day Memorial



Natural Bridge

On Friday we complete the Blue Ridge Parkway then pick up the Sky Line Drive (105 miles long, and some had to pay to drive it as it is in the Shenandoah National Park). We head for the Towne Place Suites by Marriott in Harrisburg, PA where we have a great dinner at a near-by restaurant, and turn in early. Tomorrow our destination is HOME.

Saturday we grab breakfast and head out for NH. Most arrived home by 5 PM. What a trip!!!



Bob and Mimi Gearin joined our return trip. They had purchased a C5 several months ago (their first Corvette), signed up for the Caravan, and then heard about our return plans and asked if they could join. Of course we said yes. They fit in quite well and enjoyed it all. They live in Kingston, NH and maybe are potential members of the club.

I was privileged to be a part of this 2014 NCM Caravan and especially of the NE Region Caravan. Working with Randy was a treat (and sometimes painful) and to see the amount of energy he put into the planning and raising funds to pay for the costs associated with setting it all up, and to donate to the NCM, was well worth the efforts I put into it. I was thrilled to see how great the Route Book turned out and all during the trip folks would comment on how useful it was, and some commented how much they enjoyed the article I wrote about Dan and Karen Gayle. Thank you Randy!!!

**At the end, Randy and team were able to donate \$24k to the museum – by purchasing a bench, bricks, and cash donation – largest of the 28 Region teams. The next highest donation was about \$4k.**

## *Potluck Picnic at Castle in the Clouds*

Sunday, October 5, 2014  
Caravan meeting place:  
Bonsai Restaurant  
2264 Candia Road, Manchester, NH  
At the Massabesic Rotary  
Meeting time: 10:00 AM



Back roads journey will take about 1 – 1 ½ hours.  
Other items to bring: warm clothing, beverages, and chairs!  
Rain date is the following Sunday.  
Contact Norm if you plan to join the caravan.  
[woodnorman@comcast.net](mailto:woodnorman@comcast.net)

# MY HIGH LIGHTS FROM THE CORVETTE CARAVAN TRIP

**By Larry Shields**

It was an incredible trip to Bowling Green, and coming back was also just as much fun. There are so many memories that I'll never forget, and I figured I'd pass along a few of the parts of each day that stood out most in my mind.



## **8-22-14: Departure to Danbury**

Heather & I somehow managed to fit two weeks (and a little over) worth of clothes and enough electronics to launch a space shuttle into the back of our 427 Convertible. Years of playing Tetris finally served me well in real life. We had a great cruise down with other Gate City members to Danbury where we met up with others at the hotel.

## **8-23-14: Lime Rock**

Lime Rock was an amazing day, getting to run the small road course autocross was fantastic. I definitely took a bunch of miles off my tires, as I flung the car around the track at a good clip. Was a fun & challenging course to get around, and I learned a lot doing it. The parade laps on the main track were also a blast. I love the large hill elevation change on the back part of that course.



## **8-24-14: Travel to Gettysburg**

Arrived in Gettysburg, PA with our Atomic Orange group, my first day of the caravan running as the official caboose. We watched the Fields of Freedom movie at the theater, and went to the museum afterwards where we talked to re-enactors acting as General Robert E. Lee and his wife. The restored Gettysburg Cyclorama of Pickett's Charge was also a memorable thing to see firsthand.

### 8-25-14: Summit Point Motorsports Park

Though the day started out foggy, it turned into a great day. Ran my parade laps and enjoyed my time driving on the track, and then got to enjoy *really* going around the track at speed as a passenger with an HPDE instructor in a Z06. Definitely an amazing run to be in the car running at such speeds through the turns. Rt. 33 to Roanoke was also an amazing drive on some incredible twisty roads. Butch and I will never forget that crazy drive, and some of the passes to get around slower moving cars (and school busses).



### 8-26-14: Lexington and Keeneland Race Track

Another nice day of driving and we found ourselves arriving into bad traffic in Lexington, and long lines to get checked in to the under construction hotel! But the room was serviceable enough for sleeping. A quick detail of the car was needed, and then a trip over to the Keeneland horse racing track, where we got a nice tour of the grounds and buildings before having dinner.



### 8-27-14 Arrival in Bowling Green

We met up with the other north-east caravans and arrived (with a lot of drama thanks to the 'me first' folks trying to get to the front of the caravan) in Bowling Green. We got registered, went and did the Plant Tour (my first chance to see the new Daytona Sunset Orange... me likey. Very similar to my old Daytona Sunrise Orange car), and managed to get one of my 'must get' photo ops.







## 8-28-14 Bowling Green

Spent most of the day at the museum seeing all the exhibits. Some great cars and amazing history to see. Made our way in to see where they have the one and only 1983 Corvette that survived, and the sinkhole (you can just make it out in the back of this picture) that swallowed up the "great 8" cars. It was amazing to see how badly mangled some of the cars that fell into the sinkhole were... you couldn't even tell they were once Corvettes.

## 8-29-14 Nashville, TN

Today we took a bus into Nashville to get a tour around the town. Who knew there was a Parthanon replica building in Tennessee? We also got to spend time touring the incredible Gaylord Opryland hotel, and its amazing indoor gardens. After returning to Bowling Green, Heather & I rushed out to make progress on the Civil War Rally. I'll never forget four caravan couples all running around the same graveyard looking for that one elusive headstone "near the big 'ol tree" (hint: There were over a dozen trees, all about the same size) that had moss on it (hint: they ALL had moss on them). We did eventually find it!



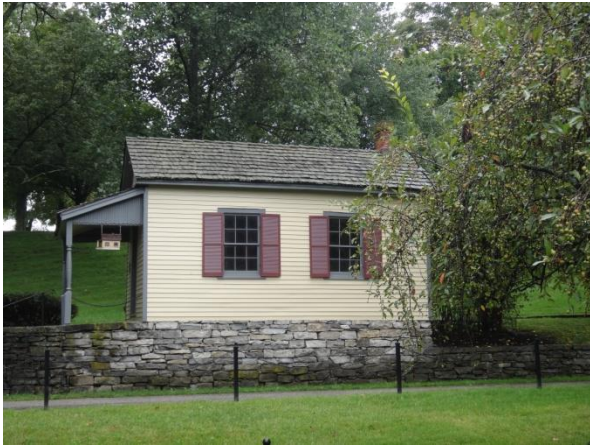
## 8-30-14 Bowling Green



The last day of the Caravan was a busy one. Up and out early to finish the Civil War Rally, back for the car display, then off to the NCM Motorsports Park to do a few parade laps at the track. I went back to the museum to do the exhibits again, but this time with the audio-tour to provide more info. Finally, back to the hotel for the closing night party. Heather & I won the rally, and thankfully the Dan & Gayle offered to take the diorama trophy back to NH for us, since there was NO way it was going in the back of the 427. A really great closing party with all our Gate City and Caravan friends!



### 8-31-14 Bowling Green and Staging towards the Dragon



We were now on the extended return trip that I had helped organize. We visited Mammoth Cave, driving out there with rain falling from the sky. We were able to do a self-guided tour but they were so busy we couldn't do one of the bigger guided tours. To console ourselves, we then went to Maker's Mark, where we got to do a bit of sampling. The picture is of the oldest liquor store in the US... it seemed a fitting Gate City destination. Finally, we made our way off to a hotel closer to the Tail of the Dragon which we would do the following day.

### 9-01-14 The Tail of the Dragon and Starting the Blue Ridge

The road that started the idea for the return trip. We ran the Dragon 3 times total and had some amazing fun running this twisty road. Some fun & energetic driving was had, and I was happy at how many cars were willing to move over when you caught up to them. Not as thrilled with the bikers general "I'm not going anywhere" position. After slaying the dragon, we proceeded on to Cherokee where we started running the bottom of the Blue Ridge Parkway. LOVED running through the various tunnels by dropping down to low gear and punching it to hear the engines /exhaust echoing (Listening to Butch's car behind me doing the same thing – I gotta get headers & a tune)!



### 09-02-14 Visit to the NASCAR Hall of Fame



Today we drove out to Charlotte, NC to visit the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Had a great time seeing the cars and learning a bit about the history of the sport (as a non hardcore fan, a lot of this was new to me). They even had a '59 Corvette from a Brad Paisley music video... though I'm pretty sure those rims weren't stock on the '59. The racing simulator was a blast as well, and if I had been there alone, I likely would have spent another hour or so playing.

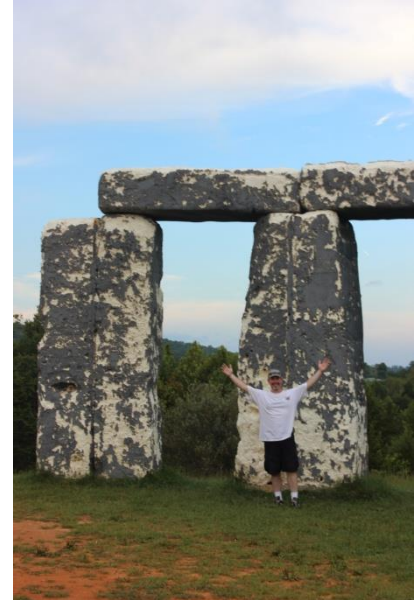
## 09-03-14 Blue Ridge to Galax, VA



First a stop at the Southern Highland Craft Guild where we did a little shopping and perusing of art & craft items. Then on to the Museum of North Carolina Minerals. We then visited Blowing Rock and took in some amazing views of the area (though strangely, it wasn't very windy as I had expected). Finally found an open place for lunch at The Spotted Trout, and then back on our way North. While we made great time on the Blue Ridge, we were slowed down by the one lane construction segment... made memorable by one very, very, very, very, very long red light.

## 09-04-14 Galax to Natural Bridge

Today's most notable stop was at the National D-Day Memorial. It was a fantastic memorial and park honoring those who served in all capacities in supporting the landing in Normandy. It was a very memorable experience, and I'm hoping I can do justice to it with some of the video I shot while there. We then arrived in Natural Bridge via an amazingly fun twisty road that we'd get to do again the morning going back to the Blue Ridge. There, we saw the aforementioned "Natural Bridge" and then walked a mile to see the "water fall" (not really much of a water fall). Finally, the capstone of the day, with evening coming... I made my pilgrimage to Foamhenge! It was everything I expected it to be. Biggest surprise & joy of the night... 18 year-old Glenlivet, priced at the same cost as the 12 year-old (all they had in their bar register) with "\$2 doubles on any drink"... to include the Glenlivet. Larry G. & I were all over that mistake.



## 09-05-14 Finish the Blue Ridge and Skyline Drive



We started our day by visiting the Caverns at Natural Bridge, and getting a private tour for our group – since no one else was around when they opened like we were! Very impressive to see, and our guide was amazingly knowledgeable and passionate about his work. Then we were on to finish our run of the fantastic drive that was the Blue Ridge, and then run Skyline Drive (one of the signs in the picture was correct ;). It was a shame to finish these amazing driving roads. We celebrated and mourned the end of our trip with dinner and drinks at a nice microbrewery.

## 09-06-14 Everyone Heads Home

We all packed into the cars for the last time, and began the long drive home on boring highway roads. At least we made good time, and were back home by late afternoon on Saturday. This gave us plenty of time to unpack, start some laundry, and think about just how amazingly DIRTY the car had gotten. But there would be time tomorrow to clean it a bit.



It was really an incredible journey, made all the more special by the folks we got to spend it with. A big shout out to all Gate City members who were on the trip, the many folks who decided Gate City were the fun people to hang out with and joined us at various times throughout the trip, and Bob & Mimi Gearin who joined Larry & Ingrid, along with Heather & I for the entire return trip home. I got to experience a lot of once in a lifetime moments, and saw some incredible scenery, while really enjoying my car. Heaven help me... I'm looking forward to doing it again sometime. :)



## **THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETTES TO VETS DAY**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**

Follow me! It's that time again - Vettes to Vets is Sunday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can all join in. I promise I will not get you lost! If you have never been it is an amazing experience. Last year they had 450 Corvettes caravan into the Bedford Veterans Hospital, Bedford, MA.

#### **Meeting at Kohl's exit 6 off route 3 at 7:30 am**

We will caravan down to the Marriott Hotel in Billerica where they have a breakfast available for \$10.00 per person. It is a fun morning of just hanging out with your fellow Corvette friends and watching as the cars add up. There is no charge for the show, but each car is asked to bring a goodie bag that will make the veterans comfortable on a daily basis. (I am attaching a list of needed items.) Also please bring an American flag to wave on the caravan to the hospital. The people in the neighborhoods all come out to cheer us on as we pass by.

The veterans look forward to this all year. The Air Force Association provides lunch with no charge, but they are very appreciative of any donations to defray the food costs. They have live music which has always been very good and the honor guard will present the colors. It is very impressive to watch! Also talking with the veterans who can come out is always a nice feeling. To learn more about this event you can visit their web site [www.vettestovets.org](http://www.vettestovets.org)

Please let me know if you will be attending so no one gets left behind!

Thanks,

Carol

# HONOR OUR VETERANS BY JOINING US AT THE 11TH ANNUAL VETTES TO VETS DAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014  
GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY**



**DATE:** Sunday, September 28, 2014 ~ Rain or Shine

**TIME:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (Drivers meeting at 11:30 -  
Caravan to hospital departs at 11:45)

**MEET AT:** Marriott Hotel - 270 Concord Rd, Billerica, MA  
(Same location as last year)

The hotel is offering **fantastic rates** - \$83/night! Call the Marriott at 978-670-7500 and mention Vettes to Vets when reserving your room. **(Reserve your room by September 5th to guarantee this special rate)** The hotel is offering a special rate on our V2V Saturday evening buffet for \$20/pp (doors open at 6pm) and Sunday Breakfast for \$10/pp. Both meal rates include tax and gratuity.

## OVER 450 CORVETTES CAME OUT LAST YEAR TO SHOW THEIR RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR OUR VETERANS!

- Veteran's Choice Trophy presented to one lucky car.
- One Commemorative Pin given to every car.
- Honor Guard - Live Music - Chow Line
- The Air Force Association fed over 2000 people in 2013 and they were very appreciative of the donations to defray the food costs

**THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE, BUT WE ASK EACH CAR TO PREPARE A 'GOODIE BAG' OF  
ITEMS (SEE REVERSE) THAT WILL MAKE THE VETERANS COMFORTABLE ON A DAILY BASIS.  
PLEASE BRING AN AMERICAN FLAG TO WAVE ON THE CARAVAN TO THE HOSPITAL.**

### DIRECTIONS:

*From the South, take 128/95 to Rte 3 North to Concord Rd, exit 27. Left at end of ramp, left at 2nd light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millipore. Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel*

*From the North, take Rte 3 South to Concord Rd, exit 27. Left at end of ramp, left at next light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millipore. Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel*

### SHOW SITE:

Bedford Veterans Hospital, Bedford, MA -  
Join us at the Marriott for a fun morning and cruise to the Bedford Veterans Hospital together.



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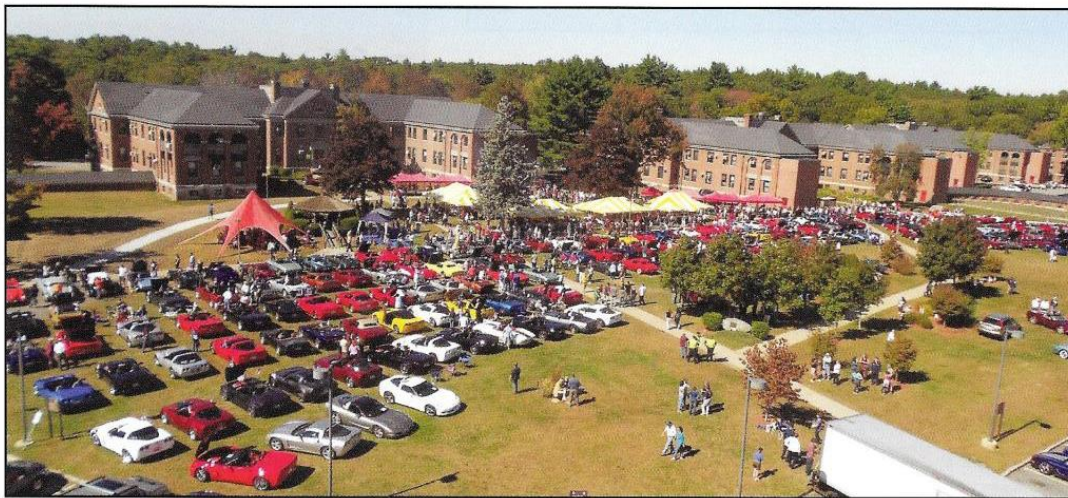


## ITEMS NEEDED BY MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS

- No food please!
- Bottled Water
- Fleece blankets
- Board games
- Chess / Checker sets / Cribbage boards
- Men's clothing: **New** sweatpants / sweatshirts, white socks, white undershirts (LG, XL & XXL), underwear, sweaters, washable slippers, sneakers with Velcro laces, hats, gloves, Winter or Spring jackets, scarves
- Women's clothing: **New** socks, washable slippers, sweaters, jogging or warm-up suits, colored T-shirts, walking shorts, hats, gloves, scarves, belts, Winter or Spring jackets
- Overnight bags/suitcases
- Deodorant (spray or stick - Male & Female)
- Shampoo / Conditioner (*No hotel sizes*)
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Non-alcoholic mouth wash
- Denture cleaner / Poligrip
- Powder
- Body wash liquid soap (*No hotel sizes*)
- Baby shampoo (*No hotel sizes*)
- Disposable razors / Shaving cream
- Electric razors (*rechargeable, new only*)
- Electric pre-shave lotion - alcohol free
- Aftershave lotion
- Cosmetics
- Hand and body lotion
- Hair dryers
- Hair brushes / combs
- Portable electronics (ipod, CD players, etc)

### CHECK DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AS WELL.

Please make checks payable to Vettes to Vets and note 'GPF 9001' in the memo section of the check.



10th Annual Vettes to Vets Event 2013, Bedford Veterans Hospital

## 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.)

October 10, 2014	
7:00 pm	Monthly club meeting / Location TBA. Watch for Larry's email regarding the status of renovations at MacMulkin Chevrolet.
Go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub">https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub</a> for a list of upcoming events.	

### PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **October 17<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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