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Officers 2014

President: Larry Shields
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Officer-at-Large: Joe Michalik
Membership Director: John Bosco
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First Word

Larry Shields

November/December 2014 Issue

What a beautiful start to November we had as Corvette owners. Unlike past years where we've had to get our toys tucked away before Halloween (unless you're an intrepid all season driver), we had several days of temps into the 60s late into the month. While enjoying the day off on Veterans Day, Heather & I both enjoyed a fun cruise in the Vette with the top down, amazed at the weather but enjoying every minute. But now, as I write this, with a big snow storm predicted for tomorrow, I think our luck has run out on this year's driving season. The car is tucked away in the garage after a final quick cleaning, a bottle of Sta-bil in tank, and hooked up to my CTEK charger. I'm anxiously looking forward to after the Christmas holiday season, when I'll hopefully have a few new toys to put on my Vette before next driving season.

But just because the cars are away, and our last club meeting of the year is behind us... we're not done yet! We're still looking for more shopping angels to help us with our adopt-a-family shopping on December 2nd. We also have our Winter Ice Cream Social with the Veterans at the Tilton home scheduled for December 6th. Invitations for the club holiday party in January have also been sent out (let Jill know if you're a club member who hasn't seen it)! We'll be working on scheduling a special meeting in January to discuss some more planning for Spring Fling 2015, so more to come on that as we can get things organized.

Finally, I want to thank all of our members for an amazing 2014 as Gate City Corvette Club. We had a very successful Spring Fling event, our Summer Ice Cream Social, lots of participation & trophies collected for participation in various shows around the area, great social events, the Corvette Caravan (and return trip), auto-crossing, plus many new members getting involved with the club in addition to

the long-time members. All of you have helped make my first year as President a very memorable and successful one. The club doesn't run without everyone helping make it a fun & successful group. It makes me happy to see that we've been so successful in remaining GATE CITY STRONG. Here's to 2015!

SAVE THE WAVE!

-Larry S.

Vice President / Activities Director

Carol Whittier

Hi All,

This is my final report as VP. I want to thank everyone for their support this last year. I also want to thank my activity committee, Larry, Ingrid, Allie and Jill for their time and ideas. It is just too bad we ran out of time to do all the great things we had come up with. We can share ideas with Jim who is looking for activities to do. I also want to thank Norm and Sue for a great idea for the club picnic and all the members who made it a great one.

It has been fun working with a great board this year. I know Jim will make a great VP and I hope everyone supports him as well.

This year is a big one for Spring Fling and the club so I hope everyone jumps on board. I plan to be more evolved in the planning for Spring Fling this year also.

Don't forget the ice cream social at the VA in December.

And the next big thing will be the Christmas party in January....watch for your e-vite. It should be a good one.

Well one last time...

Save the Wave!

GATE CITY STRONG

VP CAROL

Meeting Minutes – November

Allie DeCampo

President Larry began the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance. He also thanked MacMulkin for the use of their facility. A dinner count was taken for after the meeting.

Membership Director: John B. welcomed Barry Coglin (2014 night race blue C7) attending his second meeting and Paul Hines and Diane Allen (2014 red coupe) attending their first meeting.

Secretary: Prior to the meeting, Allie sent an email link to the October newsletter containing the most recent secretary's report. She thanked everyone for contributions of articles, letters, member profiles and photos for the newsletter. She asked that new and established members consider filling out a member profile including a photo if possible. A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Ingrid to accept the secretary's report. The motion was carried and the secretary's report approved.

Treasurer: Dan was unable to attend the meeting. Larry S. supplied information on the most recent expenditures for the month. The club is in good financial shape to cover this year's charitable contributions. Jim G. made a motion seconded by Larry G. to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was carried and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Officer at Large: Joe M. said the mail has been light. He received a magazine and catalog from National Corvette Museum. The Museum is offering special weekends to Corvette clubs including museum tour, box lunch and plant tour.

Vice President/Activities Director: Carol W. reminded everyone that there is **no meeting in December** due to the busy holiday season. A brief meeting will be held at the holiday party in January.

John Slavin talked about the annual Ice Cream Social at the Vets Home in Tilton planned for December 6th. Members are asked to provide a goodie bag (list of items on page 21.) If you wish, you may make a personal donation of \$50.00 to Adopt-a-Vet. The money is used to buy two \$25.00 gifts for a veteran (form on page 20.) The club agreed at the September meeting to contribute \$200.00 to adopt 4 Vets. John also requested \$200.00 to pay for a singer for entertainment. The membership approved the entertainment expenditure. The meeting place to caravan to the event is the Hooksett Liquor Store on Route 93 at 1:00 pm. There has been some interest from other clubs regarding the event. Info will be posted on the club's Facebook page. You may contact John and Carol S. for further information.

Heather announced that she has been in touch with the Front Door Agency in Nashua and has signed up for 4 children. She explained that \$200.00 will be allocated per child for clothing and other gifts. She asked that the club donate an additional \$49.00 to make an even \$800.00 for this purpose. Heather is coordinating a shopping trip to Walmart. Please call Heather if you would like to help with shopping.

A motion was made by John Slavin for the club to donate an additional \$200.00 for the adopt-a-vet gift program and an additional \$249.00 for the adopt-a-family (bringing the total donated to adopt-a-family to \$1,000.) The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. Also, an additional \$200.00 donation for the Nashua Soup Kitchen was approved.

Larry mentioned that in 2015 we will celebrate the 35th annual Spring Fling and the club's 40th anniversary. The event is held on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Expected turn-out is around 130 – 140 cars. Planning and organizing will begin after the holidays. Discussions will include a special t-shirt for members to wear at the show along with something special for participants. Larry welcomes ideas from the membership.

Jill will be sending out an e-vite to everyone for the holiday party planned for January 10th. She will maintain a list of food items that members are bringing for the pot luck. There is a kitchen available.

BYOB. Yankee Swap gifts are to be marked for male, female, or either and have a value of \$25.00. Claudia is planning games to add to the fun.

Old Business: Election of 2015 Board Members: Larry G. distributed ballots. The voting process took place during the meeting (including absentee ballots) and Larry G. announced the results. This year we were fortunate to have 2 candidates running for the position of membership director – Joe Michalik and Jeff Koehly.

The election results for board positions for 2015 are as follows:

Larry Shields: president Jim Gorman: vice president

Dan Feidler: treasurer

John Bosco: officer at large Allie DeCampo: secretary

Joe Michalik: membership director

The 50/50 was won by Larry Shields. The winner of the membership drawing was Norm Wood. Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:00.



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insurance or has a pile of spare cash lying around...

There were unfortunately many strong candidates for this month's entry, but in the end this one called out to be our featured story. This yellow 2014 C7 coupe was participating in a track day, traction control off, getting into it... when they lost the back-end, slid into the barrier, and end up flipped onto the passenger side. I sure hope the owner had paid for track day

Corvette Trivia of the Month

Dennis Granger

<u>Question of the month</u>: What year were luxury amenities such as power steering, air conditioning, and leather seats first available? (Answer provided in next month's Stress Kracks.)

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

Question: What year were sun visors (called "sunshades") first made available as an

option?

Answer: 1959

Member Birthdays
Happy Birthday

DECEMBER & JANUARY

December 4 Bob DiMeo Sharon White January 9 December 13 Dan Feidler January 14 Richard Raff December 14 Maureen Granger January 18 Ruth Wintle December 18 Jim Gorman January 29 Allie DeCampo Richard Pratt December 31

ONE LAST CRUISE

By Larry Goelz

Well, I had the two Corvettes cleaned, covered, and insurance reduced for the winter, when, on Friday the 24th, when Norm sent out an email to the club saying that several folks were going to do a cruise for lunch at Long Trail Brewery in Vermont, then do some "shopping" in Quechee, and to let him know if you wanted to join. As Ingrid wanted to go (as did I), off came the cover on the 2013 427, on came the insurance, put the umbrellas back in and we were ready to go.

Sunday morning we headed to Macy's which is our meeting place to head north. We arrived to see Joe and Carol Michalik well into their breakfast (or snack). Shortly we were joined by the Shields, DeCampos, Norm in his van (without Sue), then fashionably late (a first for everything) the Feidlers. Norm informed us that he and Sue could not go as Sue's mother had taken ill and they were attending to her. By evening she was doing fine.





Figure 1 Quick Snack for the Road

Figure 2 Norm, Why the Van?

The morning weather looked descent but the forecast indicated we should expect showers as we headed north. It was 57 degrees, there was partial sun and the roads were dry (finally after our 4 day nor'easter). We departed at 0945 and went north to Concord where we took I-89 North. About 15 miles up the highway we started to catch showers which lasted to just before Lebanon, where the temperature was down to 48 degrees. Although the foliage was well past peak, the vista views were still quite nice.

Into Vermont we took Rt. 4 toward Killington. In Quechee we made a pit stop at the Quechee Gorge Gifts and Sportswear, then headed east on Rt. 4 for the Long Train Brewery and lunch. We passed through Woodstock, which was as picturesque as ever, then on into Bridgewater to the brewery. The weather improved somewhat but was still mostly cloudy.



Figure 3 Pit Stop

We had an enjoyable lunch at Long Trail with some of us trying their seasonal beer, which was quite good (Harvest Ale). The service was very good and the food satisfied all. There is a dining deck overlooking the river which must be quite enjoyable in the summer. We have to plan on returning.



Figure 4 Yes, the Long Trail Pub



Figure 5 Is the rest of the Moose on the other side?



Figure 6 Contemplating Lunch Choices

All being satisfied, we headed east on Rt. 4 heading to Quechee and the Simon Pearce Glass factory. In the "factory" there are several large areas of product displays, a restaurant, and in the lower level there are glass blowing demonstrations. What surprised me was upon exiting the store, no one in our group had a shopping bag in hand (no purchases!).





Figure 7 Simon Pearce Stop

Figure 8 No One Looks Overly Excited!



Figure 9 What A Surprise - NO Bags!

We then headed to the Quechee Gorge Village Shoppes where there is a Vermont Spirits store, Vermont Woodworking store, Cabot Cheese store, antiques plus, and the Quechee Diner and Restaurant. We started with the Vermont Spirits store, and then headed to the Cabot Cheese store which included a small general store. I think we all sampled most of the Cabot cheeses that were available. While in the store we saw an odd "Vermont Cow" whose face looked oddly familiar. Upon exiting the stores, some had shopping bags with purchases.





Figure 10 Quechee Gorge Village Shoppes

Figure 11 This cow looks familiar!

As we approached our cars, Dan suggested Ice Cream and it was agreed to head for Blake's in Manchester, NH. We headed east on Rt. 4 then south on I-89. Norm and Sue met us at Blake's where Sue said that her mother was doing very well. We all were glad to hear that. Orders were placed for ice cream and/or pie (except Dan, who "helped" Claudia with here ice cream) and enjoyed. There is an Ice Cream Bucket on the menu which includes 10 scoops of ice cream plus stuff. Dan offered Joe, that if Joe ordered the bucket, he would pay for it. Joe declined and instead opted for the banana split. Good choice!



Figure 12 Blake's in Manchester, NH



Figure 13 Ice Cream and FUN!

All agreed that we had a great time, even with the showers, and now it is time to put the cars away (washing first). Thanks to all for making this another great Gate City Corvette Club CRUISE!!

ANNUAL DRAG RACING REPORT

By Butch Nordstrom

Happy end of 2014 GCCC peeps!

This year flew right by, didn't it!

For the 3rd year in a row I bring you my annual drag racing report.

With working so much this past year (you'd never know my company is moving production by years end to our Canada plant by how much we are working), again I did not get to the track as much as I'd have liked to, OK, not at all again, but I did make the annual trek on Nov. 15th (I've been going their 14 years now) down to Cecil County Dragway in Rising Sun MD, (It's a mere 386 miles one way), to race with a bunch of "old" friends.

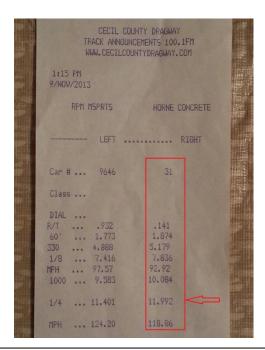
To recap, our Shelby Dodge club used to rent the track for the day & as numbers dwindled over the years, Mustang Evolution took over the rental & only allows 200 cars max so we, barring breakage, could easily get 10-12 runs in. More cars = less track runs.

Further recap:

Bought my 2013 coupe Sept. 2012, took it to Cecil with about 2K on the clock, ran a best of 12.41 @ 115, which beat GM's advertised time, my best MPH was 117, which also beat GM's advertised MPH, nice!

In 2013 after adding American Racing headers & a tune, I attained a personal best (PB) of 11.992 & 118, which exceeded my goal of breaking into the 11's on street tires.

Here's my last time slip from 2013:



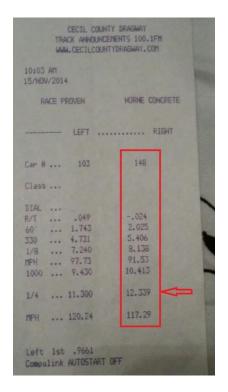
Now, for 2014, all I did was change tires to Michelin Pilot Sport all season ZP (run flats, still kind of a hard tire, but much quieter than the stock Good Year run flats) & my goal was to best my last year time, not due to tires, due to seat time as by the end of 2013 I only had 12 passes down the ½ mile with this car.

I was aiming a PB of an even 11.900 or a mid. 11.8 at 120 MPH.

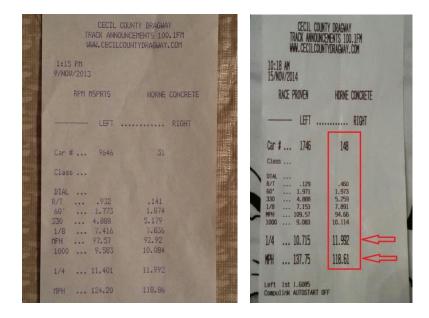
That said, let me get to it, temps were a balmy 30F at 9AM (just like last year) when racing started (track opened at 8) so I waited for some "big boys" to make some passes to help sticky up the launch area & track with their slicks spreading the VHT, which Cecil always preps for to get better launches by having less wheel spin.



My 1st pass at 10AM or so, still in the lower 30's for temps, was horrible, lotsa wheel spin & I ended up with a 12.339 @ 117.29, not bad, but I know it can be better.



My next pass was much better, 11.992 @ 118.61, same exact ET, & .005 MPH less that my final run of 2013.



Track was still cold so for the next 1.5 hrs. while waiting on it to warm up, I spectated & hung out with pals.

I made 10 runs & hinged in the 12.0 / 118 MPH range until my last run.



This 2014 was an automatic & with slicks ran a blistering 11.369 @ 130.42! (Where I would be with slicks).



Here's a couple of Z06's from NY that ran low 10's.



And the massive Front Mount Intercooler (FMIC) on one of them!



It was about 3:30 & about 45 degrees & I felt the car launch well, shifted as I usually do at 6200 RPM & as shifted as quick as one can with a stock shifter & saw my speedometer read a tad over 120MPH when I went through the traps.

To my astonishment when I got my time slip I not only attained my self-imposed goal, I exceeded it!

This makes 3 years in a row I exceeded my goals!

My final run was a speedy 11.884 @ 123.05 MPH!



Based on my 60' time, the car is capable of being much quicker than that if I were to put on drag radial or slicks.

Rule of thumb is for every tenth of a second (.1) you reduce your 60' time you reduce the final ET by 1.5-2 tenths (.15-.2).

This means if your time slip shows a 60' of let's say 2.0 & an ET of 12.000 then you launch better & get a 60' of a 1.9, theoretically you should be seeing an ET in the 11.8 range.

Now what that means for me is if I put on drag radials, my 60' will easily drop to the 1.5-1.6 range. With slicks (which are not slick at all, they are very, very sticky when heated up), it'll drop even further to the 1.3-1.4 range.

That said, with drag radials alone, my ET will drop below 11.5 & my MPH should be in the 128 MPH range, but my goal is 11.5 or better on street tires.

Looks like I will either invest in a cam this winter, or, gasp, invest in drag radials, which are cheaper than slicks (and a cam install) & less messy on the fender wells when you do awesome smoke show burnouts to heat them up.

That about wraps it up for this year's drag racing report.

If you do not drag race, deciding you want to get into drag racing, or just have question about racing, ask away.

I'll answer as best I can as I've been drag racing since the very early 80's.

Happy Turkey Day, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Butch



Wishing you a

Joyous Holiday Season

and a New Year

filled with

Peace and Happiness

MEMBER PROFILE

Jim Gorman

One day early in the spring of 2007, Joe Michalik walked into my office at Textron in Wilmington, MA and said "Jim, I found the perfect car for you. Remember when you told me not to bring you any more Corvettes unless it was a really special one?" "Yes," I replied. "One of our club members, Emile Tetu, has a 1988, 35th Anniversary model with around 4000 miles on it and he is looking to sell it. It's like new and it won't last long." I said, "Ok, Joe. Let's go see it."

Within the week, we were standing in Emile's driveway going over the car. Joe (who is always right) had found a gem for my first Vette! We agreed on a price and within a day or so I returned with a check and license plates.

Now, many of you know my recently deceased wife Muriel. Well, it seems I neglected to tell her about my recent purchase until I drove it home. Before I left Emile's, I confessed to Joe that I hadn't told Muriel yet and asked him if he wanted to follow me home. He said something to the effect that he was going to let me handle telling her on my own.

It was a cool reception, let me tell you. It took around a week for the temperature to moderate to the point of her agreeing to go for a ride. Her first words were "This doesn't ride like a Cadillac." I went on to say "Think of it as the boat we used to have or an investment." As the temperature started dropping again, I recalled some sage advice one of my bosses gave me; "Jim, when you are in a hole the first rule is to quit digging."



Our next conversation revolved around her unwillingness to want to join a Corvette club, but she finally consented to help me get the car ready for the Gate City Corvette Club Spring Fling show. We collected two trophies, and when she found out about the charitable aspect of the club she was all in! The rest is history.

I lost the love of my life on January 27, 2014, but she still rides with me whenever I climb in the Vette.

Carol & John Slavin

Carol and John Slavin have been members of Gate City Corvette Club for 6 years. They are the original owners of their 2008 LS3 6.2 liter Crystal Red coupe which Carol describes as "mild to wild." Prior to joining the club, they participated in Spring Fling and took home a 2nd place trophy. They joined the club for the comradery of fellow Corvette enthusiasts. Carol and John are dedicated coordinators of events benefiting the Veteran's Home in Tilton, NH.





Gate City Corvette Club,

Invites you to the 3rd Annual

Holiday Ice Cream Social

at the

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







Please join us in honoring our New Hampshire Veterans

December 6th 2014 from 2:30 – 4:30 There will be Ice Cream, Entertainment, and Raffles



John and Carol Slavin will be coordinating details carolaslavin@yahoo.com

Anyone attending that would like to bring a "Goody Bag" (see attached list) or checkers, chess, or a table game may do so.

No food please!

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DONATION FORM

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- · Pre-shave
- Disposable razors
- After Shave: Old Spice, Aqua Velva, Mennen
- Mouthwash
- Lip balm/Chap stick
- Kleenex tissues
- Body Lotion and/or Baby body lotion
- Individually packaged eyeglass cleaner wipes
- Hair cream: V05 or Brylcreem
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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.)

January 10, 2015				
6:00 pm	Holiday Party / Lion's Hall, 256 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH			
Go to https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub for a list of upcoming events.				

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