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Vice President: *Jim Gorman*

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Treasurer: *Dan Feidler*

Officer-at-Large: *John Bosco*

Membership Director: *Joe Michalik*

Immediate Past President: *N/A*

First Word

Larry Shields

As I sit here looking out at my backyard, after having just spent a couple of hours roof raking, with another storm predicted to come in tonight... I'm starting to wonder if Spring Fling might need to advertise "All Show Cars on Snow" instead of grass. It's amazing to think how little snow we really had until mid-late January, when winter finally remembered what it was supposed to do. Now I just look at pictures of the cars and fun events we did last year and sigh, and think about the coming year ahead!

I'd like to thank all of those folks who have been actively helping get us ready for Spring Fling this year. We had a kick-off meeting at the end of January and started discussing the many ideas that could help make this a special event for our club – given it will be the 35th event, and our club's 40th year. It still seems like so far away, but we're already having to get out there and sell our trophy sponsorships! Spring will be here before you know it... even if there's still snow on the ground. ;)



To keep me going through these winter months, Heather & I have recently acquired a new puppy named Dante. He's a Siberian Indian Dog, a crossbreed between a Native American Indian Dog and a Siberian Husky. He's an awesome dog, and keeping both of us rather busy and helping the time to fly by... and no, there will be no puppy riding in the 427. I may love the little guy, but let's not get crazy.

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Hopefully you're all finding things to keep your hands busy over the winter! I look forward to seeing you all at our next club meeting in March. Remember, club meetings are always on the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin.

-Larry S.

"Save the Wave!"

Vice President / Activities Director

Jim Gorman

Well I feel a little guilty writing this from sunny Florida, but the temperature here has been mostly below normal for the several weeks I have been here. Golf on the other hand has been great. I don't have anything to report on activities except my own so I will share a little of my travelogue with you. Left home on January 15 and at that time snow total was 4" for the season. My travels so far taken me to Apex, NC to visit my son and family along with a little duck hunting, with only marginal success; it seems at that time ducks were still hanging in the northern climes. Next I visited Charleston, SC where it also was cold but no snow. I had a unique experience there taking a tour of a cloistered Trappist Monastery and sitting in on one of their daily devotions. I stayed with a girl who was in our wedding over 50 years ago and had a great time. Next I went to Aiken, SC which is horse country and I mean horse country. A lot of the roads are still dirt and cars and horseback riders slowly traverse the roads as they go about their daily business. Next it was on to Madison, AL to visit my brother and his wife. Madison is right outside of Huntsville, home of one of NASA's 4 major bases. Spent a whole day touring the US Space and Rocket Center. Having been a part of the space program with Bell Aerospace and later with Textron Defense Systems in Wilmington, this was a trip back in the past.

There were exhibits of the Saturn rockets used to boost the Apollo Command modules into space. (Photo at right)



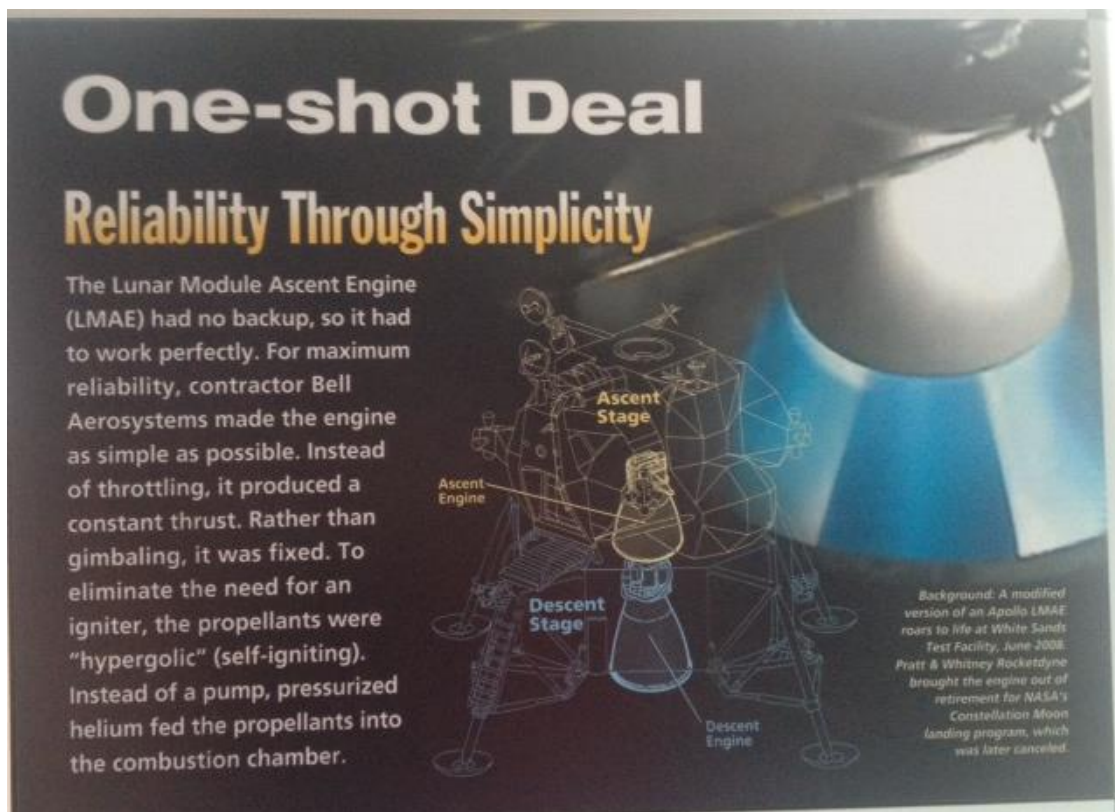
The lunar lander, the command module and the engine which boosted the astronauts off the lunar surface to rejoin the command module. Bell built that engine and it was good to see it showcased. (Photo at right)

Textron Defense was also heralded for its heat shield which kept the astronauts from burning up on reentry.

I also had the opportunity to visit the Control room where NASA communicates with the international Space Station which orbits the earth every 92 minutes. Very interesting presentation, especially how waste and water are handled in space.

On leaving there I meandered to Tampa, playing golf and keeping track of snow removal at my house; from a safe distance of course. Plans for the return are iffy at the moment so turn up the heat back there. Gentlemen and Ladies start your engines. All for now.

Jim Gorman
VP



President Larry Shields opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and began by thanking everyone for coming out in the frigid weather to attend. He also thanked MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility. He asked for a count of everyone going to Applebee's after the meeting.

Membership Director: Joe Michalik welcomed Steve Chaplain attending his 1st meeting. Steve has a 2007 black Z06.

Secretary: Allie DeCampo thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. She stated that a suggestion had been made to include a recipe section in the newsletter. The secretary's report was accepted.

Treasurer: Dan Feidler gave a financial update and said that Dan Zelonis is handling our tax preparation. A question was raised as to why we are not classified as a nonprofit organization. Dan F. explained why we do pay taxes and said that he will look into what's involved in being a nonprofit organization. Larry made a motion seconded by Heather to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was carried.

Officer at Large: John Bosco read a letter from the Nashua Soup Kitchen. The NSK will be hosting the 22nd annual Run for Food and Shelter on Sunday, April 12, 2015. There is a sign-up form on their website. John also received correspondence from the Nashua Front Door Agency with a note from a recipient thanking the club for their generous gifts of toys and clothing. Heather mentioned that every child on the list who asked for a bike received one.

There will be a detailing clinic at Corvette Mike's in April. Coffee and snacks will be served, and a '69 Chevelle SS will be detailed. Contact Norm Wood for further information. (See flyer in this newsletter.)

Bloomington Gold is June 25th – 27th. Vettes of Coastal Maine will be hosting Bar Harbor Tour 2015 May 29th – 31st.

Vice President/Activities Director: Jim Gorman was not in attendance. Larry S. reiterated that we will be focusing on activities and the goal is to plan at least one per month.

President: Larry S. updated the membership on plans for the 35th annual Spring Fling scheduled for May 24th with a rain date of June 7th. (This is the club's big fundraiser and a portion of the proceeds is donated to charities.) Larry reported that there was initial meeting to plan the numerous duties involved in hosting a successful event. He announced that a decision was made to have white trophies this year. The following year we will have red, white, and blue since there are red and blue trophies left over from previous years. Dash plaques are usually about \$1.50 per plaque and there is a price break at 200. We may consider a slightly larger plaque this year and will get a price quote when the design is finalized. Other ideas presented - cloth goodie bag with club logo and sponsors listed at an estimated cost of \$6 - \$7 per bag and etched beer or wine glasses with club logo at about \$4 per glass. We would plan to get extras to sell. Once the etching is set up and running, we would then have the ability to place additional orders as requested.

Larry is getting estimates from Dani for 2 new banners, as well as special shirts for club members. Information regarding the judging clinic will be forthcoming. We will need everyone's help with judging.

Dan Feidler encouraged everyone to consider becoming members of the National Corvette Museum. The cost is \$50.00 per family and \$1500.00 for a lifetime membership. Gate City's membership is up for renewal. The cost is \$30.00 per year or \$120.00 for a 5 year membership. There are also other ways to support the museum. A bench at the museum can be purchased for \$5000.00. Also, the club can pay to have a club banner hanging from a light post at the museum parking lot for one year. At the end of the year the club gets to keep the banner. Randy Flock may attend one of our meetings to talk further about the museum. Larry G. made a motion to renew the club's membership for 5 years, and then to set aside \$300 a year for the next 5 years towards the lifetime membership. Rich Pratt made a motion to pay for a lifetime membership this year in celebration of the club's 40th anniversary. Cathy seconded and the motion was carried.

Larry S. talked about placing a half page ad for Spring Fling in the Calendar of Events publication. The cost for this ad is \$179.00. Rick made a motion to place the ad seconded by Larry G. The motion was carried.

Larry S. made a plea for everyone to try to get at least one trophy sponsorship this year. He will have demo pamphlets ready for the next meeting to show to potential sponsors

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Larry G., and the winner of the membership drawing was Butch N. Winnings were donated back to go towards the museum lifetime membership.

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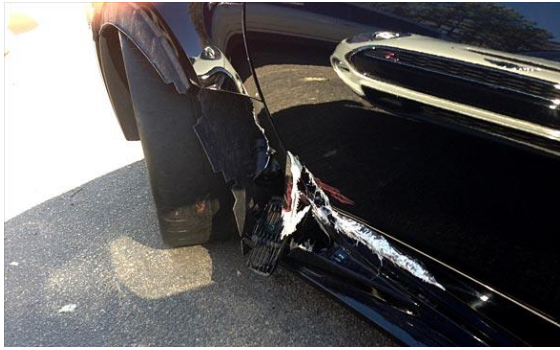
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This month's entry is a new 2015 black Z06, with less than 100 miles on it, possibly on the same day it was purchased. This poor Vette was heading down the highway with an inexperienced Vette driver, at around 80 miles an hour, in the rain... and in track mode. Driver lost control, spun it around & slammed the rear passenger wheel & body into a curb (and thankfully didn't roll it). So it's going to

be at the shop a little longer, before the driver gets a second chance to learn to drive one of these powerful cars. I'm sure he's figured out now that those Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires do a lot better on dry roads.

Corvette Trivia of the Month

Dennis Granger

Question of the month: *What was the first model year that offered an all-aluminum engine? (Answer provided in next month's Stress Kracks.)*

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

Question: *What recent movie starring Arnold Schwarzenegger featured a Corvette ZR1 which outran a helicopter?*

Answer: *"Last Stand"*



Member Birthdays



Mike DeCampo 3/13

Jim Grimes 3/24

Emile Tetu 3/27

MEMBER PROFILE

Jim & Dani McLaughlin

Jim and Dani McLaughlin have been members of Gate City Corvette Club since 2014. They are proud owners of a beautiful 1966 Sunfire Yellow/black interior roadster with 327/300 hp that they have owned for 15 years. Prior to owning the '66, they owned a 1981 coupe for 12 years. They joined the club to be around other Corvette owners and to go on cruises together.

Jim and Dani found their '66 Corvette on the internet and purchased it from the original owner. They were fortunate to also get all the car's paper work and stickers since new. Soon after taking ownership, they restored the interior and, while doing so, found a "Marine's" Zippo lighter awarded during the Vietnam War. The lighter had been lost 20 years before! They sent it back to the owner and, to say the least, he was very emotional and thankful.

Jim and Dani do a partial restoration every year to keep the car in great shape. Before joining the club, they participated in Spring Fling and won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. They also enjoy show & shines and cruise nights, and drive the car daily weather permissible. (Dani gets more waves when she drives the car.)

When asked if they race the car, Jim replied, "Yes, the racing is done between my wife and I on who gets to drive it for the day!"



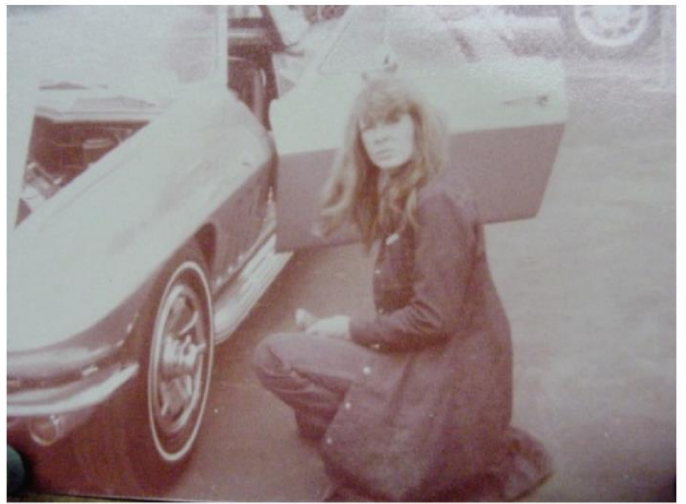
MEMBER PROFILE

Al & Carol Whittier

Al and Carol Whittier joined Gate City Corvette Club in the spring of 1981. They had just met one another and wanted to make friends with Corvettes owners, talk cars, and go on cruises together. Their work involved cars, as well, and from 1982 – 1987 they were in business as “Quality Auto Restoration.” Al had found a great partner in Carol – she even stripped some cars, too!



Carol and Al (with hair) at Spring Fling #2 at Canobie Lake Park right after they met. (They are still drinking Miller Light.)



Carol learning the ropes at their first Corvette show. Al said she spent 20 minutes trying to remove a tire plug from his tire thinking it was a black rock (rookie thing) and he was glad he caught her in time!

Currently, Al and Carol have 3 Corvettes: 1959 silver with black interior and white top, 1989 red with red interior and white top, and 2008 Z06 Atomic Orange with charcoal interior. One highlight of the '59 is that it has (2) 4 barrel carburetors and an upgraded camshaft with 57 fuel injected heads.

Al found the '59 in an Auto Hunters as a basket case fourteen years ago. “It was not in good shape – just a shell on a frame.” Al undertook all of the work himself to restore this beauty. He skillfully did a full body off the frame restoration including paint. It took 2 years and every minute of his free time to complete.

They also found the '89 in an Auto Hunters. It was in good shape and they have enjoyed driving it for 10 years. The '08 was located on E-bay and was in great shape. They purchased it from the original owner 6 years ago.

Al and Carol are true Corvette enthusiasts and have owned many Corvettes over the past 34 years. In addition to the 3 they have now, they have previously had a '56 NCRS (Top Flight) dual quad roadster, '59 NCRS (Top Flight) fuel injected roadster, '62 (World of Wheels winner) fuel injected roadster, '63

split window coupe, '65 roadster (side pipe car that Al had when he met Carol), '68 (427 tri-power) coupe that made centerfold of Vette Magazine, '68 blue on blue roadster 327/350 hp, '69 427 air conditioned roadster, '69 350-350 hp, '71 yellow on black roadster 454/390 hp with ac, '71 roadster LT-1, '74 coupe, '79 coupe (L-82, 4 speed), '80 coupe (L82), '84 coupe with Z51 package, and '93 ZR-1. Al may have forgotten to mention a couple of others!

Al and Carol prefer to drive the Corvettes whenever they have the chance. They enjoy show & shines, point shows, NCRS, cruise nights, and most anything that is car related. They have Top Flighted at the NCRS Nationals in Lake Placid and won Top Flight at NCRS Regionals in Carlisle, PA. They have both been known to race drags from time to time!



Grab Your Corvette Apron!

We all know that Corvette people also love good food. Please submit your favorite recipes to share with your fellow club members. Let us know the story behind it – if it's an old family favorite, borrowed from a friend, or your own wonderful creation!

Recipes

Contributed by Heather Shields

Key-Lime Cheesecake Bars

Larry's work does a weekly bonding session in the form of "Snack Time." (Something I think every workplace should implement!) Every few months, it is his (my) turn to create treats for the office. Last time around, Snack Wednesday fell in the middle of a rather hot summer week. Not wanting to spend the whole day with the oven going, I looked for no bake recipes.

Being a lover of all good Key-Lime desserts and cheesecake, these seemed like a no-brainer. They ended up being so good I almost kept them for myself! Later this fall, when the picnic at Castle in the Clouds rolled around; I figured this would be a perfect thing to bring. With fall well on the way and things cooling down, what else but a reminder of warm summer days or winter escapes to the Dominican and Mexico.

I've since made them on request at least twice more and have had multiple requests for the recipe. Enjoy them while you think of long hot sunny days where you crack the AC down to freezing!

Peas Porridge

With a seemingly endless winter upon us, there is nothing better than curling up with a thick bowl of soup. This recipe was given to me by a very good friend who knows how harsh winters can be, living in Buffalo NY.

For me, the key to a great Peas Porridge is a fantastic baked ham - slow baked in a low oven with the whole house smelling of cider, orange and cloves... Side note: Never use fresh pineapple on a ham. It doesn't end well, trust me!

Like a turkey, ham makes a great meal with fantastic leftovers, but soon enough you end up with the bone and small ends that just don't make a good sandwich. That's when I break out the porridge recipe and end up with a huge pot of green pea goodness that warms the heart and soul.



Key Lime Cheesecake Bars

Monday, April 07, 2014 12:50 PM

Ingredients

For the crust:

1 stick unsalted butter, cut into pieces
9 ounces of Graham cracker Crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar

For the filling:

1/2 cup fresh Key lime juice (from about 10 Key limes) or bottled Key lime juice
2 teaspoons unflavored gelatin powder (from one 1/4-ounce packet)
1/4 cup sugar
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature
1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Make the crust:

Line a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with foil, leaving an overhang.
Melt the butter in the Microwave then allow to cool.
Combine the Sugar and Graham Crackers together in a bowl, stir well.
Add the melted butter and stir till the crumbs are coated in butter.
Press the crumb mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan and refrigerate while you make the filling.

Make the filling:

Warm the lime juice in a small saucepan over low heat; whisk in the gelatin and sugar until completely dissolved, then remove from the heat and let cool slightly.

Beat the cream cheese in a large bowl with a mixer on high speed until smooth and fluffy, about 4 minutes.

Add the sweetened condensed milk and beat until smooth.

Beat in the gelatin mixture and vanilla.

Spread in the prepared crust and refrigerate until firm, at least 4 hours or overnight.

Remove from the pan using the foil handles and slice into bars.

Peas Porridge

Sunday, January 06, 2013 2:38 PM

1 lrg. ham bone with some ham still clinging, and trimmings
1 lrg. onion, chopped medium fine
2 bay leaves
4 cloves garlic, minced (or equiv. dried granulated garlic chips)
10-12 cups water, or enough to cover ham bone
2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
1/2 of a 1 lb. bag of baby carrots, each cut in half, or 4-5 large regular carrots, peeled and cut into chunks
3 cups green dried split peas (about 1 1/2 bags' worth)

Put ham, bone, trimmings, onion, bay leaves, garlic and water into kettle or large stockpot.

Let simmer at low heat for at least two hours or until ham falls off the bone.
Remove ham and bone. Set aside and let cool.

Add pepper, carrots and peas into stock.
Stir in and continue to simmer on low heat. When the ham is cool, shred or cube the meat from the bone, making sure to remove any gristle, fatty bits and rind.

Make sure to stir the soup regularly, as the peas may begin to stick as they break down and become thick.

Add water if the soup becomes too thick.

Add ham back into soup when the peas are mostly broken down, but make sure to cook enough so that texture of soup is velvety, with very little intact peas left

2015 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.)

March 13, 2015	
7:00 pm	MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua NH
Go to https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub for a list of upcoming events.	

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