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Officers 2014

President: *Larry Shields*

Vice President: *Jim Gorman*

Secretary: *Allie DeCampo*

Treasurer: *Dan Feidler*

Officer-at-Large: *John Bosco*

Membership Director: *Joe Michalik*

Immediate Past President: *N/A*

First Word

Larry Shields

With the arrival of spring this month, we are one step closer to finally getting our cars back on the road soon. The temperatures are warming up, the snow is starting to melt off... and more snow is still falling. What did we expect, really? I'm still hopeful that by mid-April we might have nice enough weather for the more adventurous to consider taking the cars out for a dust-off drive. But I'm not holding my breath at this point.

But at least there's a growing amount of great stuff to look forward to, coming our way. The calendar of events meeting has happened and we've got all the early flyers for the upcoming 2015 events. I've started updating our Facebook events calendar with all of the major events in the New England area that our club members are likely to hit. If you know of any that I've missed that you think others might like to know about, please let me know and I'll add them on. I'm still trying to track down some of the additional shows from the non-Vette groups that many club members have attended in the past, such as the Mustang and Camaro clubs all-car shows.

I've been finishing editing up my DVD of the 2014 Corvette Caravan trip, which includes lots of GoPro video footage of the drives shot from my car, plus lots of pictures taken by folks on the trip. For the 9 days of the trip down and time spent in Kentucky, plus special shorts of an NCM tour and the Sinkhole & Great 8, it runs at about an hour and 8 minutes of video. I've watched it several times through now, and I enjoy it each time. I plan on providing a copy to Randy so we can make copies available to others who might like to own a copy as a remembrance of the trip.

I hope you're all out there trying to sell some trophy sponsorships to businesses in your area. The club really needs these sponsorships to help ensure that even if we have a bad turnout year at Spring Fling

(because of weather), that the club won't lose a lot of money on the event. It helps guarantee that the event has the best chance of being profitable so that we can have more money to support our club events & charities. So please get out there and show them the trophy sponsorship information, see if they're willing to invest \$65 in our club, or donate items to our raffle table. Every little bit helps!

Until next time, here's hoping for some continued snow melt!

-Larry Shields

SAVE THE WAVE!

Vice President / Activities Director

Jim Gorman

No report for this month.

Meeting Minutes – February

Allie DeCampo

President Larry Shields opened the meeting at 7:09 pm. He began by thanking everyone for attending and MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility. He asked for a dinner count for after the meeting.

Membership Director: Joe Michalik welcomed Steve Chaplain attending his 2st meeting. Steve has a 2007 black Z06. Joe also welcomed Dennis Corrigan, owner of a 2000 silver convertible.

Secretary: Allie DeCampo thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. She brought attention to a new recipe section in the newsletter. A motion by Carol was made to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Heather and the secretary's report was accepted. The password for the website will be changed once there is an updated membership list for 2015.

Treasurer: Dan Feidler was unable to attend the meeting.

Officer at Large: 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. Eckler's name has changed to Classic Enthusiasts. For an annual membership fee of \$225.00 they will publish your club's name on their site or other sites.

Larry has posted other events on our Facebook page.

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Vice President/Activities Director: Jim Gorman stated that he is looking forward to working on activities with everyone. Contact him if you have an idea for an activity that is "Corvette friendly" or if you are interested in joining the activities committee.

Spring Fling Coordinator: Dean reminded everyone that the date of Spring Fling is May 24th with a rain date of June 7th. He is getting the necessary insurance binder. Gayle is working on getting goodie bag contents. Norm is working on purchasing the trophies (color selected is white.) Dani is gathering information on dash plaque pricing. Heather will provide her with the dash plaque information from last

year. Dani is also researching feather flags. Quotes are for 12 footers. Flags are one sided (double sided is not recommended.) Turnaround time for the ordering of flags is 5 – 7 days. Heather is working on a Spring Fling flyer that will include the names of trophy sponsors. Dean is in contact with food vendors and he is working with the town of Merrimack to obtain a waiver for non-food vendors. Contact Dean if you know of any vendors interested in having a space at the event.

Dean mentioned that consideration is being given to purchasing special tote bags to use as goodie bags. Also, work is being done to get our logo and ready to etch on special glasses to be given out at the event.

President: Larry stated that the cost of NCM membership for the club is \$2450.00. The fee includes listing on the museum website, plaque, and reduced prices for of club individuals. Larry will do further research on pricing and present to the membership at the next meeting.

Dan Zelonis voiced concerns that the club spent more than it had taken in for 2014. Larry will follow-up with him to go over the exact figures.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bill Balcom, and the winner of the membership drawing was Ruth Wintle.



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This month's entry is a foreign one! This picture comes to us from the Ukraine, where a red 2008 convertible must have turned heads as a pretty rare vehicle to see cruising along. Unfortunately it would appear that the car had an ill-fated meeting with a slow moving Toyota. Both cars took some pretty serious damage, although both drivers were okay. I wonder how hard it's going to be to find C6 parts in the Ukraine?

Corvette Trivia of the Month

Dennis Granger

Question of the month: *For the 1987 model year, you could buy a Corvette without what necessary component?*

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

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

Answer: *The 1969 ZL-1 with over 500HPI. Only two 69s were known to have been built.*

Member Birthdays



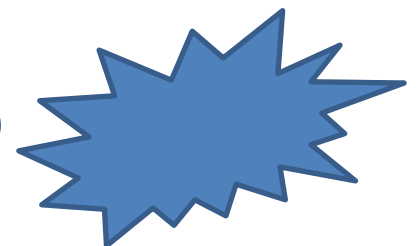
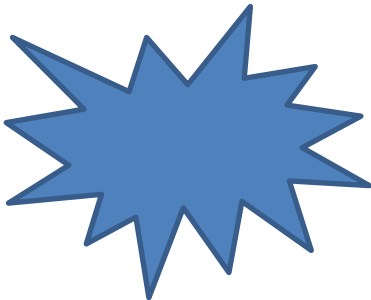
April

Brad Davis	4/5
Linda Davis	4/10
Carol Whittier	4/13
Mike Dupont	4/19
Larry Shields	4/24
Sue Wood	4/26

"OUR" POOR VETTE

By Carol Slavin

Unfortunately for us, we were at a wedding in MD spending a few days with the family and this is what we came home to. The outcome probably wouldn't have been any different if we had been home. TOO MUCH SNOW TOO FAST! I'm sure the boys at MacMulkin's will have us off and running by the time the good weather gets here.



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

Over the years I've become an avid recipe collector. Either from dinner challenges that Larry sets, or things I've read about or eating at a friend's house. I save them all. I have a huge file folder of printed versions of things, and now am slowly moving them all to 'One Note', so I have them all in one place and can just browse for what I need at any given situation. Such as, often I find with one thing or another, I don't have time to make a big complicated multi-hour meal. Like the Peas Porridge. For times like that I have a nice collection of short-cut meals. Things that either don't have more than four ingredients, don't require a lot of prep work, or even use pre-made options of leftovers.

This month's recipe corner features two of my favorite quick and easy.

Mini Chicken Pot Pies and Oreo Truffles!

Mini Chicken Pot Pies:

Now I admit, I got this one from a TV commercial of all things, but they are really good and tasty. Great use for leftover chicken from a Sunday roast, or just use a chicken breast baked off beforehand.

Another nice thing is you can mix up the vegetable mix. I've made them with just peas and carrots, as well as a mix of corn, beans, asparagus and other veggies. Start to finish takes about half an hour.



Ingredients:

2 Cups Frozen Mixed Vegetables Thawed.

(I just nuked them half the normal cooking time.)

1 Cup Diced Cooked Chicken

1 Can (10 3/4th oz.) Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup

1 Can of Pillsbury Grands Biscuits or Seamless Pastry Dough

(I use the Pastry dough, since I can use a deeper muffin tin or tart pan)

Pre-Heat the oven to 375

In a medium to large bowl mix together the Vegetables, Soup and Chicken.

Flatten Biscuits into 5 ½ inch rounds

(Or use a cutter to make whatever size you need from the seamless dough)

Place each round in a greased regular muffin tin

(Or pie pan, tart dish)

Spoon 1/3 cup of the chicken mix into each pastry cup.

Then either pull the edges of the dough over the filling to pinch into pleats, or use extra dough rounds to cover each cup.

Bake for 20-22 minutes, allow to cool for one minute then remove from pan and serve.

Oreo Truffles:

Or... Little balls of love that cause you to loose feeling in your toes!

This is another one that came from Larry's work place 'Snack Wednesday'.

He came home after work one day, gave me one, and said... YOU HAVE TO MAKE THESE!!!

Being the loving wife I am, I did, and have since experimented with flavors.

Ingredients;

1 Package of Oreo Cookies (15 oz. size) Any Flavor!

(The Peanut Butter ones are our favorite at the moment.)

1 Package of Philly Low Fat Cream Cheese

(Or full fat, but the low fat works just fine.)

1 to 2 bags of chocolate chips

(From experience, the peanut butter chips don't melt well. Stick with Milk, Dark, or White chocolate.)

In a large food processor, blend the package of Oreo's until they are fine crumbs.

Add in the stick of Cream Cheese and blend until it comes together in a large ball.

Scoop the dough out on to a cookie sheet covered with parchment paper.

(A teaspoon scoop yields about 40-50 truffles, a large cookie scoop about two dozen)

Refrigerate for about half an hour, to set the truffles.

Melt the chips in either a double boiler, or a microwave safe bowl.

(I like the microwave best. Nuke for 15 seconds at a time and stir till smooth.)

Cover the truffle balls in the chocolate, and return to the paper covered pan.

Refrigerate another half hour.

Then.... Eat until you lose all feeling in your toes!

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Commemorates Anniversary of Sinkhole

One year ago today, most of you were probably surprised to learn that a large sinkhole had collapsed in the Skydome of the Corvette Museum, and that eight prized Corvettes were lying in its depths.

Today, some might consider the Anniversary of the event a celebration because we have a lot to be thankful for. We are thankful no one was hurt, that Chubb Insurance has covered the bulk of the cost of repairs to the building and cars (and have been wonderful to work with), that our construction team has treated the building and the cars with love and respect - meticulously completing each step in the recovery and repair process, and we are thankful for all of you who supported us - whether you volunteered, donated, visited, promoted us or any other way you showed your support!

In a ceremony that was streamed live over the internet we were able to share a few memories from one year ago, provide updates on the construction, and unveil the Blue Devil for its official return to the Museum display floor. In case you missed it, the broadcast is available for viewing [online here](#).

You can also catch this week's Skydome construction update online here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih_2-Ve-ls&feature=youtu.be.

We posted a contest online, and that was to guess how many tons of stone it took to fill the sinkhole. The correct answer was 3,976.98... and the closest guess was 3,989 from Chris Conn. Chris scored a "Resurrection" print by Dana Forrester, autographed by our construction team.



Engine Build Experience in Full Swing

Corvette Z06 buyers now have the option to assembly their 650-hp supercharged LT4 engine at the new Performance Build Center inside the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The Engine Build Experience is selected with order code PBC and is offered on all Z06 trim levels.

The Museum handles the concierge services for Engine Build customers and coordinates many aspects of the program. We welcomed our first Engine Build customer, Henry Younger of Gurley, AL, on February 11. "Being there at the Plant makes this option much more attractive now," said Younger. "This is my second build and it was fantastic just as my first was. The LT4 is so much different than the LS7 I built first - incredible is the only way to say it, I guess, along with a big WOW, what an engine."



The \$5,000 option comes with a full day with a Performance Build Center engine assembly technician who instructs and oversees the build; a personalized engine plaque identifying the owner/builder and the date of the engine build; professional photography of the experience; piston trophy commemorating the experience and a build your own engine polo.

Skydome Construction Update

Over the past several weeks geotechnical firm Hayward Baker has been drilling micropiles in the Skydome. As of Monday, March 2 they have completed 13 micropiles. The extremely cold weather (despite being inside) has slowed progress somewhat. Drilling was originally planned to be completed by late March and the team is still hoping to hit that date. The complete restoration process is still on target to be finished by early July.



Check out Project Manager Zach Massey of Scott, Murphy, Daniel Construction's update [online here](#).

If you are planning a visit to the Museum in the next couple of months you can still observe the work being done through our Plexiglas viewing window. Additionally, we have 6 of the "Great 8" Corvettes on display in the Exhibit Hall through May 10.



Gate City Corvette Club

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(Rain Date: Sunday June 7, 2015)

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For More Information: events@gatecitycorvetteclub.com or www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

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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.)

April 10, 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 April 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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