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## Officers 2015

**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

It seems like a long while ago now, but Spring Fling was just last month... and it was huge! What a way to celebrate our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the 35<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling? The weather was about as good as could be hoped for, and we had an amazing turn out. Seeing the show have such great success really gets me motivated for the rest of the Corvette season. Special thanks also go to CCRI for their special card and edible fruit arrangement to celebrate our club's anniversary. Also congratulations to the Pedersens, for a 2<sup>nd</sup> straight Best in Show win! I'm pretty sure I've eaten off of plates dirtier than the wheel wells on that car... ;)

We've also had our Summer Ice Cream Social for the veterans in Tilton, which had a great turn out. The veterans seemed to have a great day, enjoying the ice cream, singing & dancing to the music, and looking at all the great cars on display. It may seem like a little show... but it can really make a big difference in the lives for those veterans to see that people really care. Thank you to all of the clubs who sent cars over to help support our little show for the vets.

The weather has been pretty nice, so I hope everyone is getting out and hitting more of the local shows, cruise-ins, and events being put on by other clubs and organizations throughout our region. Keep an eye on the Calendar of Events, or on the club's Event list on the Facebook page (you don't have to use Facebook or have an account to see the calendar entries). Get the car cleaned up, and get out and support the many events that are helping raise money for charities, or just to have a great time hanging out with our fellow car enthusiasts.

Hopefully everyone is looking forward to our club picnic, and other events which are being cooked up by our activities committee. I hope to see everyone out & about, and enjoying their cars all summer long!

SAVE THE WAVE!

-Larry S.



Corvette Club of Rhode Island  
Best Club Participation at Spring Fling

### ***Vice President / Activities Director***

***Jim Gorman***

There is no VP report this month.

### ***Meeting Minutes – June***

***Allie DeCampo***

Dan Feidler presided over the meeting in Larry Shields absence. He opened the meeting 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 Bill and Kathy Toner to their first meeting. They have a 1999 red coupe, and learned about our club from Vettes to Vets.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the May meeting were included in the latest newsletter. Ruth made a motion seconded by Bob to accept the secretary's report. The motion carried and the secretary's report was accepted.

**Treasurer:** Dan Feidler gave a financial update. A check has been issued to the American Cancer Society with funds from the Spring Fling 50/50. The National Corvette Museum has been paid for Gate City's lifetime membership. This type of membership allows for 2 free passes for club members to visit the museum. Dan asked everyone to also consider joining the museum by purchasing individual memberships. Contact Dan for further information. He announced that he will soon have tickets for a 2015 Stingray to be raffled in September to benefit the museum. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Carol to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried and the treasurer's report was accepted.

**Officer at Large:** John Bosco mentioned that Back to the Beach is this upcoming weekend. Paul Masse (sponsor of CCRI) is having a show on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Plan to get there early if you are attending since this is a big show. Bloomington Gold is June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. He received correspondence from the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Children's Home requesting donations.

**Vice President/Activities Director:** Jim Gorman was unable to attend the meeting.

**Veterans Affairs:** John Slavin thanked everyone who participated in Ice Cream Social at the Tilton Veteran's Home. They had a good turnout and collected several donations.

**Spring Fling Update:** As many of us know, Treasurer Dan does his calculations for the club on a dinner napkin. This year he presented the financial results from Spring Fling neatly written on a paper towel! Dean stated that Spring Fling was very successful with a great turnout. We had a sufficient number of trophy sponsors. Participants appreciated the special tote bags and the glasses that they received at the show. We had the greatest number of cars in recent years. It was the biggest show ever if cars in coral parking are included in the total. There were no negative comments that we know of. There was, however, a problem with the trophy order. We ordered white trophies, but the vendor provided us with blue. In addition, there were no "runner up" trophies as ordered; instead we were provided with 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies. Fortunately, Dean was able to work a deal with the vendor to buy back trophies including the ones we had from previous years. He returned 133 trophies. (The refund we received will be set aside to purchase trophies for next year's show.) The vendor also promised to buy back any unused trophies left over from future Spring Flings.

A discussion followed regarding charitable donations for the rest of 2015. Ruth made a motion to give to Adopt-a-Family and Nashua Soup Kitchen and keep the trophy refund as slush fund. A motion was then made by Rick and seconded by Norm to contribute to Adopt-a-Family and Nashua Soup Kitchen charities (as we have done in the past) and hold on to the trophy refund to pay for next year's trophies. The membership agreed and the motion was carried.

There were no tote bags left over from Spring Fling. Unfortunately, the last cars participating in the show didn't receive bags. Members can order a bag if they would like in any available color.

The annual picnic is planned for Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am. After the picnic, we will need to clean up and vacate the area around 4:00 pm since there is a Concert in the park starting at 6:00 pm. Carol made a motion seconded by the other Carol for the club to provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The motion was accepted. Claudia offered to coordinate games.

Sue displayed samples of wine glasses etched with the club logo. The price per glass is \$4.00. She will send out an email to the membership with information. Please contact her if you wish to place an order.

The winner of the membership drawing was Bill Balcom. Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

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I'm glad to say that amazingly enough, the two female teenage passengers in this white C3 convertible only had nonlife-threatening injuries as a result of this terrible accident. The big rig just wasn't paying attention to traffic stopped at a red light, locked up the breaks and skid... but ran right over the passenger side of the

car, hit the back of the Subaru in front of the Vette, which pushed the Subaru into the back of a Ford Ranger. You can't build enough safety features into a car for this kind of thing!

*Corvette Trivia of the Month*

*Dennis Granger*

**Question of the month:** *What is the longest running continuously produced car model still in production?*

**Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:**

**Question:** *What was the widest production Corvette ever produced?*

**Answer:** *The 2015 Z06 with 40mm per side wider rear quarter panels than the C7 Stingray.*



**July Birthdays**

Heather Shields	7/2
Frank Piessens	7/6
Carol Michalik	7/17
Jeff Koehly	7/27
Carol DiMeo	7/28
Marlo Koehly	7/29
Gayle Zelonis	7/31



## 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!**

### Crock-Pot Breakfast Casserole

*Submitted by Dania McLaughlin*

#### Ingredients:

12 eggs (whisked)

1/2c milk

16 oz of COOKED cubed/cut meat (ham, bacon or sausage)

26 oz of cubed Frozen Hash Browns

16 oz of shredded Cheddar cheese

Any type of veggie can be added, I used Green and Red Peppers, green onions and 1 yellow onion

Salt and pepper to taste



#### In Crockpot mix:

Spray bottom with cooking spray

Add Hash Browns, veggies, cheese and meat (mix well)

#### In a bowl mix:

Eggs, milk, salt and pepper

Pore over crockpot mixture and make sure that it is level.

Cover and cook on LOW for 6-8 hrs..

HINT: With the cheese and sausage, there was like grease pooling on top, I dabbed with paper towel to remove..

# BAR HARBOR R&R 2015

**By Larry Goelz**

This year we planned to go up to Bar Harbor one day early with another car joining us. Then as we discussed plans with others, it ended up with 5 cars heading out on Wednesday and 2 cars on Thursday. This was a RECORD for Gate City Corvette Club attendance at the Bar Harbor event. Well done members!

The weather was looking more toward showers than sun for Thursday through Sunday but Wednesday looked good.

Four of the five cars agreed to meet at the Bonsai restaurant in Manchester, then we would pick up John and Carol at the Round-A-Bout diner in Portsmouth. At 9:00 AM we were missing Ruth and Amos. Calling them did not get an answer so at 9:15 AM we departed for Portsmouth, believing we would meet up with Ruth and Amos there.

At 10:00 AM we arrived at the Round-A-Bout diner and located John and Carol, but no Ruth and Amos. Then Norm got a voice mail from Ruth saying they were on the Maine Turnpike – can you say miss-read the directions! So we did a pit stop then headed out for Bar Harbor.

Our drive would take us on the highway up to Freeport, and then we took off onto Rte. 1 along the coast. It is a slower drive than staying on the highway but the views are worth the time. In Rockport, ME we stopped at the Rockport Diner for lunch, and then we continued on to Bar Harbor, stopping for gas, National Park passes, and finally at the Wonder View Motel.



Figure 1 Wonder View Motel



Figure 2 View From The Top of a Cruise Ship in the Harbor

After everyone was checked into the motel and unpacked, found Ruth and Amos, then we gathered for refreshments and decided on McKay's for dinner.

On Thursday we met at the motel office and walked downtown to the 2 Cats Restaurant for breakfast. After breakfast we went back to the motel and picked up our goodie bags, information on the various activities, and other items. Later in the morning we again walked downtown and roamed the streets looking into all the shops and viewing restaurant menus. After tiring ourselves out, we headed back to the motel, gathered up our refreshments and staked out a grassy knoll from which to sit in the shade and watch the attendees arrive, including John and Pricilla, and Brad and Linda.



Figure 3 The "Homeless"

For dinner, we decided to go to Jack Russell's, a steak house. While dining, a thunderstorm hit and took out the power. Thankfully, the restaurant had a backup generator and we continued to enjoy our evening.



Figure 4 Table 1 Jack Russell's



Figure 5 Table 2 Jack Russell's



Friday morning we decided to have a lite breakfast as we would be having lunch at Asticou Inn, then dinner at Galyn's. The motel serves a continental breakfast so we "stayed in". Later in the morning we assembled and about 35 cars headed out for lunch. The drive was partly along the coast and was enjoyable. Lunch proved to be quite nice with "Popovers" a featured item.

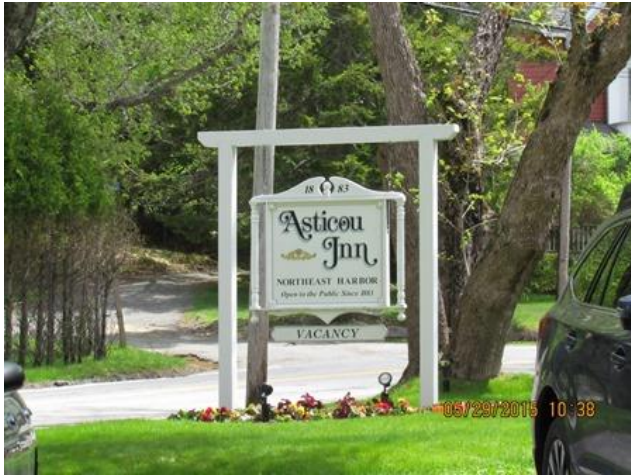


Figure 6 View From Asticou Deck

After lunch some went on a drive to the top of Cadillac Mountain and others went elsewhere. Later in the afternoon our "Homeless" group again staked out our turf and enjoyed refreshments. Later we headed downtown and had dinner at Galyn's. Dinner was enjoyed by all.



Figure 7 GCCC Plus at Galyn's

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Saturday was the car display day at the ball field downtown. There were over 80 cars on the field and participants were to select a car for each grouping (and not to choose their own) and winners would be announced at the Banquet in the evening.



Figure 8 Car Display



Figure 9 More Cars

Later in the morning, pre-ordered sandwiches were delivered, and after most consumed their lunch, we headed out for a coast line cruise to Northeast Harbor. We do this every year and it never gets old. After the cruise, most of us returned to the motel to get ready for the evening's Banquet. The theme this year was R&R and attendees were asked to dress accordingly.



Figure 10 Cars Parked at Northeast Harbor



Figure 11 Group Photo at Northeast Harbor

At 5:30 PM we boarded a bus that took us to the banquet hall. Upon going inside, a picture was taken of each attendee. As we had a large group we reserved 2 tables. There was a large screen at one end of the hall where a slide show ran all evening showing pictures from many years of the event plus ones from the current one.





Figure 12 The Banquet

On Sunday morning we awoke to threatening skies. We had breakfast at the Lookout Restaurant located on the motel property, finished packing, check out and reserved the room for next year, then headed out. As it was going to be raining we decided to take the highway back as it would take less time. We did hit some heavy rain and upon arriving home, I have never seen one of my Corvettes so "dirty" as this one was. This Bar Harbor event was our 7<sup>th</sup> and was as enjoyable as our first, and maybe more so seeing as we had 14 club members attend. The weather cooperated for the event with the only rain being on Thursday evening and on Sunday's drive home.

# Summer Picnic



Memorial Field  
Pembroke, NH  
Saturday, July 18, 2015 10:00 a.m.  
Rain or shine

Picnic area is under a covered pavilion with picnic tables.

GPS address is Memorial Field, 8 Exchange St, Pembroke and the cross street is Pleasant St.

Club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs and water. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Sue and Norm Wood if you plan to attend and to let them know what you plan to bring.

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# TILTON ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CAR SHOW

**By Carol Slavin**

We had a great day at the Tilton Veterans Home on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather couldn't have been any better.

Members from Gate City, North Shore, Great Bay, and a couple of members from Seacoast Vettes, and Vettes of Coastal Maine, along with some of John's personal friends, arrived early to transport the veterans out to the pavilion.

Volunteers did a great job in setting up the ice cream buffet and serving our friends, the veterans. Larry Shields did an outstanding job of supplying the music on his iPod, consisting of tunes from their era. We had a lot of very positive comments from the veterans, (they loved the music). I think we found the right formula of tunes. Larry Shields also did an excellent job organizing the volunteers with the parking of the corvettes. (40 plus cars) Heather was in charge of registration and tallying the votes and outdid herself, as always.

Certificates were awarded for:

VETERANS CHOICE – BOB EATON

MOST MEMORABLE – KAREN AND TONY BLANDINI

MOST LIKELY TO GET A TICKET – BILL BALCOM

They also received a bucket of car wash items. The veterans enjoyed participating in the voting and all in all had a great time.



We brought many smiles to the residents on a day that they really needed it. Besides being D-Day, one of the very active veterans passed away the day before.

Many thanks again for all the members that participated. It makes the effort all worthwhile. Hope to see you all at our December Social.

John and Carol Slavin



# SPRING FLING 2015 RECAP

**By Dean Gagne**

Well, the weather finally cooperated with us. The long stretch of sun certainly helped at Spring Fling. We had 153 cars in the show and another 65 in the coral. We had over 50% more this year than last year.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success. Other than the problem with our trophy order, things seemed to go very smoothly. The bags were a great hit and I heard people talking about them.

Corvette Club of Rhode Island had 26 cars there and got best club participation. I would like to encourage everyone to see if we can get best club participation at their show. This is 2 years in a row for them at our show!

Thanks again everyone.



*Photos courtesy of Butch Nordstrom*



## 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.)

<b>July 10, 2015</b>	
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua NH</b>
<b>Go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub">https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub</a> for a list of upcoming events.</b>	

### PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is **July 20<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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