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## First Word

## June 2017 Issue

Dave Osgood

We had an excellent turnout for the June meeting and it was also nice to see new potential members in attendance. During these summer months, I understand we all have a lot going on with friends and family so making it to meetings is difficult sometimes. Dean was at a tournament, but from the early tabulations, it shows Spring Fling was a success. Remember, you all made it happen with your commitment and dedication to a great Corvette Club.

Norm reminded us of the Club Picnic on July 15th. Mark it on your calendars as not to miss this event. Please update Norm if you are coming and what you might bring.

The bylaws committee has asked for some senior member participation so that we have a balance of input and opinions. Remember this just is a review and updating agenda. If any member wishes to email me with suggestions or comments on how to improve the Club, or they want to do something as a Club please feel free to do so. Your opinions matter and without you we have no Club.

Happy Summer

David Osgood President Gate City Corvette Club, Inc. is one of approximately 600 Corvette Clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Gate City Corvette Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, NH.

### Vice President Report

### Dennis Corrigan

It was good to see everyone at the meeting and I want to thank everyone again for all their help at the show. I would like to take this time to tell the members, especially the ones who have been around a long time, that the board is not looking to radically change the club's way of operating by making the bylaws shorter, but just easier to understand. We would love to have some of the members who have been around for a while, at our next board meeting, to discuss them before we discuss them at the next meeting.

By the time this is in the newsletter, we will have had our Veteran's Ice Cream Social and the Paul Masse Chevrolet show. As I have been to the last two, I have decided to go to RI for the Masse show to represent GCCC. I hope all the fathers enjoyed their Father's Day, and were able to enjoy their cars also. Save the Wave!

#### Secretary Report

Dani McLaughlin

June 9th, 2017 Meeting Minutes Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

#### **President, Dave Osgood:**

1. A "Thank you" sent out to MacMulkin for hosting our meeting and also a Thank you all for coming.

2. Spring Fling, Thank you everyone for coming. You did a WONDERFUL job.

#### VP, Dennis Corrigan:

- 1. July 15th, Bedford High School, Salute The Troops Car Show
- 2. Question was asked if any members are interested in a Cruise Night?
- 3. Blessing of the Vetts was last weekend at Corvette Mike's
- 4. Thanks everyone for a GREAT Spring Fling

#### Sectary's Report, Dani McLaughlin:

1. Motion to accept by Sue and 2nd by Norm. Passed

#### Treasurer's Report, Dean Gagne: Not Present. Presented by Dave Osgood

- 1. All bills are paid.
- 2. Dean to email out spread sheet

#### Officer at Large, Heather Shields:

- 1. North Shore Cruise Night, every Tuesday night (May-Sept) 5pm start time.
- 2. Ice Cream Social on June 17th.
- 3. 5th Annual, Ct. Vettes for Vets, Vet Home Rocky Hill, 6/10/17
- 4. RI, Cause for PAWS, looking for food donations. 6/10/14
- 5. Medfield on the Charles, Medfield Mass, 6/25/17

- 6. Paul Massie Car Show, Norwich, Ct. 6/25/17
- 7. Cruise-In, Norwich, Ct. 6/18/17
- 8. Barrett Jackson at Mohegan Casino, Ct, 6/22/17 to 6/25/17
- 9. Barrington, Mass, Cars & Coffee. 6/11/17

#### New Membership, Dave Hill:

1. Welcome Todd & Liz Stewart. They have completed the requirements for becoming a member..

2. Welcome to Bob & Paige Sucan, they have a 2016 White Z51, They live in Windham, NH.

#### Ambassador, Dan Feilder: Not Present

1. Please contact Dan Fielder for more info. Dhfeilder@gmail.com

#### News Letter, Larry Shields:

1. Please send write-ups, pictures, etc to larry.shields@comcast.net

#### Spring Fling, Dean Gagne: Not Present

#### **Old Business:**

1. The By-Law suggestions were handed out. Tabled for discussion for next month meeting. Dani to hold another By-Law meeting. An email will be sent out to the membership for another "Meet-up", all is welcome for their input.

2. Larry: Bar Harbor, Vettes of Coastal Maine, 70's theme, 7 cars from the club went with 13 people attended.

#### New Business:

Norman: Club Picnic, July 15th. 10am to 4pm. Pembroke Field. Rain or Shine. A email will be sent out for sign-ups and head counts. Please RSVP for the event. Bring a Dish to share. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Chicken will be provided. BYOD.

50/50 winner: Allie Membership Winner: Marlo, not present (\$10.00) Next Meeting: July 14th, 2017 Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Another Bar Harbor Tour

Larry Goelz

(Pictures by Larry Shields)

This was Ingrid and my 9th year attending the Bar Harbor Tour hosted by Vettes of Coastal Maine. This year's theme was the "Sensational Seventies" and most of the GCCC attendees were in costume (except me). Our first several years found us as the only GCCC attendees, but over the years we have convinced others to join in the fun. Attending with us were John Bosco/Priscilla Sleeper, Larry Shields (Heather was ill), Brad/Linda Davis, Norm/Sue Wood, Mike/Allie DeCampo, and John/Carol Slavin. We were disappointed that Heather could not attend.

Four cars departed from the Bonsai restaurant at 10AM Wednesday morning and headed east on Rte. 101, then north on I-95, exiting onto I-295 above Portland, picking up the Maine Turnpike and exiting onto Rte. 1 just above Freeport. We picked up Rte. 90 and stopped at our favorite diner in the area – the Rockport Diner. We left the diner and picked up Rte. 1 N and continued on to Bar Harbor. We arrived at

the Wonderview Hotel around 4:30 PM, checked in, unpacked, then all met in our room for cocktails and to pick a restaurant for dinner.

Our dinner selection was Jack Russell's which offers great seafood and steaks. All enjoyed their selections. After arriving back at the hotel all retired to our room for "conversation".

Thursday morning, we headed downtown to 2 Cats for breakfast – another favorite. After breakfast, we headed downtown, parked, and then the ladies took off to shop with the guys in tow. The guys sat on the park benches along Main Street, watched people, and waited for the ladies to move along the Main Street.

Later we cleaned cars, then all met on the "green" in front of the hotel, set out our chairs, and proceeded to imbibe and greet the attendees just arriving. This has become an annual ritual for our group the past several years. Late in the afternoon we attended the mini-Meet and Greet, and afterward we decided to head out to the Tan Turtle in Northeast Harbor for dinner. After dinner, we went back to the hotel then met in the Piano Bar at the sister hotel next door, the Blue Nose, for after-dinner drinks and to listen to the piano player.



Waiting for the Shoppers



The Greeting Crew



In Our Goody Bags!



**Dining Choices at the Tan Turtle** 

Friday, we started with the continental breakfast at the hotel, Norm again cleaned his car, then the group headed out for Cadillac Mountain where the views of Bar Harbor and outlying islands was spectacular! After the mountain run, we made a run to Asticou for some famous pop-overs, before heading back to the hotel where most ended up on the "Green" to welcome the new arrivals while continuing the ritual of enjoying our snacks and selected beverages. Later, we attended the Meet and Greet at the Bar Harbor Club where I was presented the "Sensational Groovy Celebrity of the Weekend" award, then on to Geddy's for dinner. After dinner, most again met at the Blue Nose for after-dinner drinks and listen to the piano player.



The View from Cadillac Mountain

The View at the Asticou



**Enjoying Another Meal!** 

The Asticou Gardens

Saturday morning is the Car Display on the downtown ball field. After breakfast at the hotel, we headed to the ball field where we were parked into our respective classes, and proceeded to pick our choices of best cars in the various classes. During the process, door prizes were called out, then at 11 AM sandwiches and salads were delivered to those who ordered them. The car display had to be off the field by noon so some went on the cruise of island, while others went on their own for other adventures. Our group decided to head out to see other areas of the island and ended up for lunch at the Seafood Ketch in Southwest Harbor. This was a great find and all enjoyed their lunches. After lunch, some headed back to the hotel while a few of us headed to Seal Cove to visit the Seal Cove Auto Museum. This is a small museum but the collection there is well worth the visit. After the museum, we headed back to the hotel where all were readying

themselves for the Sensational Seventies Banquet. At the banquet plaques were given out to the winners of the car show (Larry Shields, and Larry & Ingrid Goelz won plaques), cash awards for scavenger hunt items (Sue Wood got a \$12.00 gift certificate to Fiori's for finding the owl, Larry Shields got \$10.00 cash), and free room credits were won by Brad and Linda, and by Norm and Sue, and a \$25.00 gas certificate was won by John and Carol. Each Corvette Club in attendance was identified with the Allenstown, PA club having the most attendees from a club at 25 cars and 49 attendees! Well Done! All enjoyed the buffet, music, and dancing. Some from our group left and heade d back to the piano bar at the Blue Nose.



Gotta Love the Packards!



Larry S. Rockin the 70's



Award from the Car Show on Saturday



A Pair of Groovy Hippies

Sunday morning saw some of our group head out early while others packed, had breakfast, then departed. Each year we re-book the room we had to ensure we have the room again. Again, this was a great event, Bar Harbor is a beautiful area to enjoy and Acadia National Park is a great place to enjoy nature. We will be back next year and hope to have more GCCC attendees.

#### Running the Autocross

#### Larry Shields

Dave Hill & I met bright and early in the Kohl's parking lot to caravan down to North Andover, MA to join the Jaguar Association of North America (JANE) at their Spring Autocross event. We were joined by John Harrigan, a potential new member that saw our listing for the event on Facebook and wanted to join in running his C7 around the cones! The weather was overcast and seemed to threaten rain, though the forecasts said we likely wouldn't get any... I was confident enough to leave the top down on our drive!

We arrived & got our cars prepped for tech inspection, getting all the loose items out of the back of the cars, and removing the driver's side floormats. We walked around and chatted with the other drivers who started pulling in with their cars. These autocrosses always get a range of really cool cars, and this event was no exception. We had an Austin Healey 3000 that had been modified to fit a V8 Ford engine, a 2005 Morgan Aero 8, a 1964 Shelby Cobra that had been in the TV show "Honey West" (signed by Shelby on the dash and everything... amazing car), a racing badged bug-eyed Sprite, a few modern hot cars like VW GTI & Golf R, Fiat Abarth, and a Focus RS, plus our Vettes, a Viper, and a host of great Jaguars.

The ground dried up, and while the temps stayed low (tricky getting grip from the tires on the first couple of runs), the cars started making their runs. I managed to set a new personal best on my 4<sup>th</sup> run, a time that would hold as the fastest time of the day for all the cars present, at 41.397 seconds. This was a full .275 seconds faster than my previous best – I managed to hook up a good launch at the start, and really had a smooth run through the course. I'm excited by this jump, and I'm now determined to figure out how to shave that down until I can hit a time in the 40s. The only other car close was the Viper (who is usually within a few tenths of me, either faster or just behind) at a 41.710.

The folks running the event also helped Dave & I get all 5 of our official runs in a bit early (we finished our 5<sup>th</sup>, as people were starting their 4<sup>th</sup>), so that we could go up and join the Ice Cream Social at the Tilton Veteran's Home. We managed to get there in time to park, join in the festivities, and be a part of the fun helping raise money for the veterans. The event raised just short of \$2,000 in donations, plus lots of bags of supplies for their Sunshine Cart! What a great Corvette day we had, and I can't wait to do it again!



2005 Morgan Aero8



Love the Old Jags



1964 Shelby 289 Cobra



That Poor Vette..



http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2017/06/07/accident-corvette-zr1-driver-leadspolice-on-chase-before-crashing-into-two-vehicles/ - Photo credit: Brendan Sullivan / The World-Herald

Larry Shields

This poor C6 ZR1 met a sad end after a crazy driver led the police on a high-speed chase at 130+ mph, before losing control and crashing the vehicle. His two (!) passengers were amazingly not seriously harmed in the crash, nor were those in the vehicle he ran into. He was charged with driving on a suspended license, was also wanted on a prior warrant for driving with a suspended license, and had previously been charged with "exhibition driving". Some people don't deserve these cars...

#### 2017 GCCC Activities & Events

If you plan to attend an event that isn't listed on the calendar, please let Heather Shields know and we'll have it added for the following month's newsletter. If you're willing to be a club contact for a given event, please let her know as well and we'll list you. This way others in the club who may be interested in the event know who to contact for coordinating – especially if people are going to caravan out to the event.

# **July 2017 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	ТНО	FRI	SAT
						01
						<u>Corvettes and</u> <u>Coffee</u>
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	<u>Car Nutz Car</u> <u>Club</u>				<u>Gate City Club</u> <u>Meeting</u>	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
<u>Club Corvette</u> of <u>CT 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Show</u> & Swap Meet	<u>NECC All-Car</u> <u>Charity Cruise</u> <u>Night</u>					
16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>22</b> <u>'Field of</u> <u>Dreams'' -</u>
23	24	25	26	27	28	<u>CCRI</u> 29
		NSC Loudon Speedway				
		-	y Cruise	Nights		
<u>School House</u> <u>Ice Cream</u>	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvette Club	<u>Kimball Farm</u>	<u>Cruzzin'</u> <u>Dreams</u> <u>Hotrod City</u> <u>Wings and</u> <u>Wheels</u>	<u>Kimball Farm</u> Target Cruise <u>Night</u>	

# **August 2017 Corvette Events**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
						<u>Corvettes an</u> <u>Coffee</u>
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
CCRI Corvettes by the Sea	<u>Car Nutz Car</u> <u>Club</u>				<u>Gate City Club</u> <u>Meeting</u>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						ECCC 36 <sup>th</sup> All Car Show
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				<u>Corvettes at</u> <u>Carlisle</u>	<u>Corvettes at</u> <u>Carlisle</u>	<u>Corvettes at</u> <u>Carlisle</u>
27	28	29	30	31	[Field]	[Field]
<u>Corvettes at</u> <u>Carlisle</u>						
	J <u></u>	Weekl	y Cruise	Nights	I <u></u>	
<u>School House Ice</u> <u>Cream</u>	South Shore Corvette Club	North Shore Corvette Club	<u>Kimball Farm</u>	Cruzzin' Dreams Hotrod City Wings and Wheels	<u>Kimball Farm</u> <u>Target Cruise</u> <u>Night</u>	

#### PUBLISHING INFORMATION - The next article/ad submission date is July 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 editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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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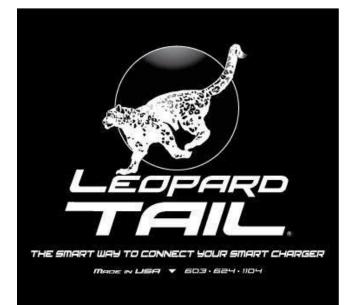
**Picture of the Month** Photo from 2011 Johnson's Ice Cream Cruise

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Ogunquit's 14<sup>th</sup> annual OgunquitFest 2017 Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Craft show, Scarecrow contest, Halloween themed events, Classic Car show, ghostly tours, pumpkin decorating, Wine and Beer tasting, great food and more!

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